

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 4th July 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Vice Chairman – Councillor A Williams
Mayor – Councillor Mrs G Baty
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Councillors - Mrs A Burges and D W Morris.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor R G Jones.

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 6th June 2005.
3.1 In relation to item 9.1 regarding the Birchgrove Wood Conservation Group, the Town Clerk advised that he has invited a representative to speak to all members of the Council before the next Council meeting on 19th July and is awaiting confirmation of their availability.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 21st June 2005.
Councillor Mrs M Arnold referred to item 9a and advised that the meeting arranged with Canon Belcher was cancelled, as Canon Belcher was unavailable.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The playground equipment maintenance report was circulated to all members, which confirmed that all equipment is safe to use.
Repairs to the damaged platform on the ‘hanger’ slide are dependant upon a supply of hard wood to the Vale of Glamorgan Council and will be carried as soon as it becomes available.
The Town Clerk advised that the ‘roller slide’ has been re-installed but that it has since been interfered with resulting with the loss of one roller. Steps were taken by the Amenities Supervisor to make the slide safe and Printmet Ltd carried out repairs and as a result the slide remains operational and safe to use.
The Town Clerk thanked Mr Billy James for his work to ensure the safety of the slide safe and the prompt action of Printmet Ltd in carrying out the necessary repairs.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.
The Town Clerk gave the report and advised on the following:
Limes Cemetery.
i) The planter has been constructed and planted up.
ii) A water butt has been purchased in order to provide an alternate water supply on the far side of the Cemetery and will be sited shortly.
Twt Park.
i) A temporary access restriction was placed on the roller slide to maintain its safety.
ii) A further temporary repair carried out to the platform of the hanger slide.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report. (Continued).

Cae Rex Allotments.

i) Water meter reading 592.

Llanblethian Playing Fields.

i) Repair to bench.

Councillor Mrs G Baty and Councillor A Williams commented on excellent the job that Mr James had made on the construction of the planter. The Town Clerk advised that busy lizzies were planted rather than geraniums as spare plants were available and offered by Mr James.

Members discussed the use of Mr James' personal trailer whilst carrying out council work. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should confirm that adequate insurance cover is in force for its use in the course of his duties and also suggested that some form of recompense is made to allow for wear and tear.

Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a nominal amount (to be confirmed) is paid to Mr James for use of the trailer and that the difference in his motor insurance to extend cover for his trailer should be paid for by the Town Council.

Recommended as proposed.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold advised the committee that she has concerns about various aspects of the Cemetery and suggested that during the summer break members of the Committee meet on site to discuss. It was agreed that this should take place on Monday, 25th July, immediately following the Planning meeting at 6pm.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2005/2006

7.1

Limes Cemetery.

i) Boundaries.

No matters arising.

ii) Sewer.

No matters arising.

iii) Additional water supply.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a water butt has been purchased and is due to be installed shortly.

7.2

Holy Cross Churchyard.

Members agreed that a further meeting should be arranged with Canon Belcher and Wednesday 27th July at 10 am was put forward which the Town Clerk will put forward.

Members discussed the shrubs in the churchyard and it was agreed that Blades Landscapes should be approached to carry out the work.

Councillor Mrs Arnold referred to the amount of clover in the grass in the churchyard and that the grass-cutting contractor is requested to treat it. (Members agreed that they should inspect it before making the request and they can look at it when they meet on 25th July.

7.3

Twt Park.

No matters arising

(Members agreed that Blades should be asked to quote to cut the hedge running along side the play area)

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2005/2006. (Continued)

7.4

Emms Cottage.

Councillor A Williams advised that he had recently been to Emms Cottage and that that a small amount of tidying up is required as well as a light trim of the hedging and bushes. Councillor D W Morris volunteered to have a look at the area this week as the unavailability of members prevented a working party being arranged.

7.5

Llanblethian Playing Fields

Councillor Mrs M Arnold referred to the beech hedge and the need for it to be cut at the end of August. The Town Clerk confirmed that Blade Landscapes carried out the work last year. Members agreed that the company should be asked to carry out the work this year.

7.6

Southgate Park

Councillor Mrs M Arnold advised members that the crack in the boundary wall of the park, caused by an unknown vehicle, has been inspected by Mr Jim Jones of Andrew James Partnership. He is currently obtaining a quotation for the necessary repairs to be carried out.

The Town Clerk advised that last Friday afternoon he received information about the vehicle involved in the incident and is making enquiries to obtain relevant insurance details so that a claim may be submitted.

7.7

Cae Rex Allotments

No matters arising.

7.8

Masonry Walls

Councillor Mrs M Arnold confirmed that there had been a meeting with the Contractor and Mr Jim Jones of Andrew James Partnership. Present at the meeting besides herself was Councillor Mrs G Baty, Councillor Mrs L Adams and the Town Clerk. Mr Jim Jones of Andrew James Partnership confirmed that he would issue a certificate of completion once the contract has concluded to his satisfaction.

Item 8: The Limes Cemetery Cowbridge. (Memorial applications.)

None.

Item 9: Correspondence.

9.1

Publication of Association of Burial Authorities.

Noted.

Item 10: Any Other Business

Members discussed the following matters:

- The Town Clerk advised members that he has recently spoken with Inspector Patterson who informed him that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is giving consideration to 'alcohol free' areas in the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Inspector will recommend the Twt Park being suitable for consideration and asks whether there are any other areas Members wish to be put forward.

Members welcomed the proposal and hoped that if successful might help prevent the amount of bottles and cans that have to be cleared from the area.

Members were circulated with a letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising that funding has become available from the FAW and UEFA for each Unitary Authority in Wales to provide two mini football pitches. The Vale of Glamorgan Council is currently looking at possible locations in the Vale and Cowbridge is one possibility. One possible site being investigated is close to the Leisure Centre.

Item 10: Any Other Business (Continued)

Members agreed that this would be an excellent leisure facility for the town and that the Town Council should support it.

- Concerns have been raised about the grass cutting being carried out on behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and it is understood that the problems that have arisen are in the process of being addressed.

Item 11: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 5th September 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold.

Chairman.