

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 7th July 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Vice Chairman – Councillor Mrs A Burges (arrived item 5)
Deputy Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Councillors –Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks (arrived item 5), Mrs G Baty,
Mrs N C Thomas (arrived item 5) and A Williams.

In Attendance: Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor D W Morris

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 2nd June 2008.
Members discussed a number of matters under item 10 which the Town Clerk will follow up.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 17th June 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The monthly inspection report was circulated and all equipment shown as safe to use.

5.1 Annual Report.
Members considered the Annual Playground inspection report, which highlighted a number of matters, which required attention, but all were of a ‘low risk’ factor. The Town Clerk will meet with the Vale of Glamorgan Playground Inspector to discuss the report’s findings.
A request will also be made for a table to identify where the numeric ‘risk factors’ given in the report relate to the overall scale.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.
The Town Clerk advised that refurbishment of the benches at Twt Park is continuing and planting up of the cemetery is being carried out.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2008/2009
7.1 Limes Cemetery
i) Boundaries.
The Town Clerk confirmed that the fencing along the ‘Borough Close’ boundary has been completed and also that the type of fencing was of the style recommended by the committee to Full Council.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2008/2009

7.1 Limes Cemetery

i) Boundaries. (continued)

The chairman voiced concerns about the impact of the fence and whether planting in front of it might be considered.

Members discussed the consecration of the cemetery and the Chairman advised that she thought that this has been done though if no definite evidence is forthcoming the committee agreed that the area should be consecrated when the work was completed.

b) The chairman advised that the cemetery gates and railings needed attention and the Town Clerk agreed to look into the matter.

a) Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the cemetery's boundary with the school advising that a report is to be submitted to the Cabinet by the Education Department.

Noted.

7.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.

i) Entrance Gate and Railings.

The Town Clerk is due to meet with Nick Lloyd, the Conservation Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The committee agreed that the Town Clerk should contact the church regarding Civic Sunday and the possibility of the area being used by the builders being 'tidied'.

Members also suggested a future meeting with the Rector to define the areas of ownership etc might be beneficial to both parties.

7.3 Southgate Park

The Town Clerk has been advised that Colin Anstee is due to arrange to meet with the tree officer at the planning department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

7.4 Twt Park

Councillor J R Harris advised that some re-instatement work has been carried out to the grassed area by the 'rocking rocket' by Centregreat

7.5 Emms Cottage

No matters arising.

7.6 Llanblethian Playing Fields

The Town Clerk is waiting for a report to be submitted by Mr T Garbett-Davies and will contact him again to include all of the trees within the playing fields.

Arrangements will be made for the beech hedge to be cut during August.

Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1 'ABAinfo' Publication – Spring 2008.

Noted.

Item 9: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

Members discussed and raised concerns about the new residence at the rear of the Grammar school site and the new electronic gates which have been fitted.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should investigate the costs involved for the possibility of a key controlled 'pillar' being placed at the entrance from Town Mill Road.

Item 10: Date and time of next Meeting.
Monday, 1st September 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Chairman.