

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 5th September 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 - D W Morris and R G Jones.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor Mrs A Burges.

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 4th July 2005.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 19th July 2005.
No matters arising.

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.

- Sputnik Roundabout - The Town Clerk advised members that he has received a quotation for a replacement seat for the 'sputnik' roundabout in the sum of £24 plus carriage. The cost of fitting was quoted at £150 but the Town Clerk advised that this could be done 'in house'.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty seconded by Councillor D W Morris that an order is placed for a replacement seat only.

Resolved as proposed.

- Group swing (small multiplay unit) – An order will be placed with the Vale to replace the worn shackles and attempts will be made to source a rubber gaiter to cover the universal joint.
- Strap Swing – An order will be placed with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to replace the worn connection shackles.
- Junior Slide – The Town Clerk advised that the necessary materials have been purchased together with the paint.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.

The Town Clerk gave the report and advised on the following items:

Limes cemetery

- i) The protruding edge of the concrete path has been removed and re-laid.
 - ii) Trees (five in total) in the cemetery and extension have been stripped of their bark and this appears to have been caused by animals unknown.
- The chairman and members will take a look at the problem.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.

Limes Cemetery (continued)

iii) The Vale of Glamorgan Council who normally cuts the extension of the cemetery under contract for the Town Council was unable to gain access to it through the school having been refused entry by the caretaker. Mr James, as an emergency measure and to avoid excessive growth, mowed the extension.

The Town Clerk has written to the Chair of Governors and head teacher in order to resolve the matter now that the school has returned.

iv) Piccadilly, Llanblethian – A resident of River Cottage has contacted the Town Hall about overhanging branches into her guttering from a sapling next to her property. Members agreed that the offending branches should be removed.

v) Llanblethian Playing Fields - one sapling has been broken and has been removed.

6.1 Review of outside areas covered by the Amenities Supervisor.

Members discussed the areas covered by the Amenities Supervisor and agreed that the Limes Cemetery is far more time consuming than previous years but that the work that he has carried out has made a tremendous difference. The Town Clerk remarked on the number of written and verbal compliments received about the cemetery by persons visiting it.

Concerns were raised by the Chairman about certain aspects in the Twt play park and members discussed how these might be approached. In the short term it is **recommended** that Mr James be offered paid overtime, to be funded from the Leisure and Amenities budget.

Members agreed that next year this may possibly be included as additional to the grass cutting contract which has one more season to run and in subsequent years be included as part of that contract.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2005/2006

7.1 Limes Cemetery.

i) Boundaries.

No matters arising.

ii) Sewer.

No matters arising.

7.2 Holy Cross Churchyard.

A talk is due to be given before the next Town Council Meeting.

7.3 Twt Park.

Members discussed the hedge alongside the play area – the Town Clerk advised the matter is in hand.

Members also discussed the removal of the Chestnut palling on the boundary of the Thaw. The Town Clerk will arrange for this to be carried out.

7.4 Emms Cottage.

Councillor A Williams advised that he has been in attendance and has at the site and has kept it tidy in appearance.

Members agreed that Colin Anstee should be requested to look at Emms Cottage with a view to providing a 'low maintenance planting scheme' together with a suitable maintenance program similar to Southgate Park.

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7.5 Llanblethian Playing Fields

The Town Clerk confirmed that the beech hedge has been cut.

7.6 Southgate Park

Repairs to the damaged wall are in the process of being carried out.

7.7 Cae Rex Allotments

No matters arising.

7.8 Masonry Walls

It was agreed that this item be removed from future agendas for the time being.

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

8.1 Application received from M Harding & Sons, Memorial Masons, to place a Memorial on Cremation Plot B7.

Approved.

8.2 Application received from Mossfords, Memorial Masons, to place a memorial on Cremation Plot B11.

Approved.

8.3 Application received from Edwards Memorials to place a memorial on Grave 216.

Approved.

8.4 Application received from M Harding & Sons to place a memorial in Holy Cross Churchyard in respect of M Whittaker.

Approved.

8.5 Application received from Edwards Memorials to place a memorial on Grave No. N124.

Approved.

Item 9: Correspondence.

9.1 Received from Kompan Limited details of the Rhondda Play Seminar 2005.

Noted.

9.2 Play for Wales – Summer 2005.

Noted.

Item 10: Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Mrs G Baty referred to the planning application for the development in River Walk which appears to indicate the wall on the boundary of Twt Park is in the ownership of the developer rather than the Town Council.
Members agreed that this should be brought to the attention on the Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department.
It was agreed that this is a matter that should be discussed by the Planning Committee.

Item 11: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 3rd October 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold.

Chairman.