

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 1st September 2008 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor A E Banks

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 7th July 2008.
Members of the committee discussed the cleanliness of the bus shelter in Cardiff Road and the Town Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Vale of Glamorgan Council via their Website. It was agreed that a follow-up letter should be sent to Visible Services with a copy to Vale Councillor Geoff Cox.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 22nd July 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The monthly inspection report was circulated and all equipment shown as safe to use. The Town Clerk advised members that a temporary repair has been carried out to the platform leading to the ‘tube slide’ which will allow its continued use before a more permanent repair can be effected,

5.1 Annual Playground Report.
The Town Clerk has met with Mr Hughes, the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s playground inspector who has submitted a quotation for the necessary repair work to be carried out.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Thomas, that the repair work should be carried as per the quotation of £670.55 received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
Resolved as proposed.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.
No report.
Amenities Supervisor is presently on annual leave.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2008/2009

7.1 Limes Cemetery

i) Boundaries.

No matters arising.

ii) The Town Clerk confirmed that he has requested a quotation for the painting for the gates to the cemetery,

7.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.

i) Entrance Gate and Railings.

A quotation for the re-painting of the gates is to be obtained at the same time as the gates into the cemetery.

ii) Gingko Biloba Tree

Members considered a letter written by the Town Twinning Association via Canon Derek Belcher in respect of a Ginko Bilboa Tree. The tree has been presented to the Twinning Association for the town and they are presently looking for somewhere for the tree to be planted. A similar tree has already been planted in the Physic Garden and a second is therefore not required.

Recommended that

i) Further information is obtained about the nature of the tree e.g. height etc as it is believed that it can grow up to 70-90 feet and to discover what future maintenance is likely to be required.

ii) That a letter is sent from the Town Council to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to suggest that Old Hall might be a suitable location for the tree, specifically in the area where the Town Walls are currently being restored.

7.3 Southgate Park

The Town Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to Colin Anstee the landscape contractor, who is due to meet with the tree officer from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to the boundary areas.

7.4 Twt Park

i) Members considered the response received from Centregreat and **recommends** to Full Council that they are written to and asked to confirm in writing that the purchaser of apartments overlooking the park was informed at the time of sale that there is no right of vehicular access to the apartments via the park.

ii) Confirmation received from the Tree Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council that a tree preservation Order has been placed on two magnolia trees in the grounds of the former Grammar School.

Noted.

7.5 Emms Cottage

No matters arising.

7.6 Llanblethian Playing Fields

The Town Clerk advised that in July, he spoke to the contractor and requested that the Beech hedge at Llanblethian Playing Fields be cut and that a report and recommendations on all of the trees in the playing fields submitted.

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7.7 Cae Rex Allotments

The Town clerk confirmed that he had a site meeting with Colin Anstee at the allotments to discuss a replacement for the chain link fence which is in disrepair and is waiting for a quotation from him.

Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1 'Play for Wales' Publication – Summer 2008.

Noted.

8.2 Notification received from Play Wales Cymru inviting anyone who is interested in becoming a Trustee of the organisation to submit a nomination form.

Noted.

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

9.1 Members agreed that 'grass cutting' tenders should be invited for next year's contract and that contractors are requested to make separate quotations to cover one and two year contracts dependant upon which the Town Council decides to proceed with.

9.2 Concerns have been received from a resident about a tree on land adjacent to her property and results in her gutters becoming blocked.

Recommended that a letter is sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department on behalf of the resident to see if any action can be taken to address this problem.

Additionally, that a letter is sent to Western Power requesting the company to examine whether the tree is causing any direct interference to their power lines.

9.3 **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold and **recommended** that a letter of congratulations is sent from the Town Council to the two medallists in the Olympic Games, namely Nicole Cooke from Wick and David Davies from Barry.

Item 10: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday, 6th October 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold

Chairman.