

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 6th November 2006 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor A E Banks And H Ll Morgan.

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 2nd October 2006.
None.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 17th October 2006.
None.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The report was circulated to members and all equipment is safe to use.
The Town Clerk reported that:

- Spare parts have been ordered from Wicksteed for the junior slide and rocking rocket.
- Replacement slats are being manufactured.
- The new safety surfacing beneath the cradle swings has been installed together with the ‘grass crete’ area by the ‘Poplars’
- The damaged gaiter on the tyre swing has been replaced.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.

- The bin bay has been completed and the water tap has been moved.
- All benches have been painted in the Twt Park.

Item 7: Budget Proposals 2007/2008
Consideration to be given by members before the next meetings with costing.
Items mentioned included:

- the extension of the cemetery, to involve securing the boundaries and a decision on the sewer.
- Holy Cross Churchyard – a rolling programme of work in involving work to the graves including those enclosed by railings.

Item 8: Expenditure Forecast 2006/2007
Current expenditure details were circulated to members for their information.

Item 9: Grass Cutting Contract 2007-2008
No matters arising.
Quotes should be available by the next meeting.

Item 10: Rolling Programme 2006/2007

10.1 *Limes Cemetery*
i) Boundaries
No matters arising.

ii) Sewer
(a) Letter received from the Legal Services Department of the Vale of Glamorgan Council who are currently dealing with the matter and have requested any information that may be in the possession of the Town Council with regard to the sewer. The Town Clerk advised that there is no documentation as far as the sewer is concerned and this would presumably have been passed onto South Glamorgan Council when re-organisation took place in 1974. The Town Clerk will contact the person dealing with the matter for a progress report.

10.2 *Holy Cross Church Yard.*

(i) To consider the response received from Mr H Hailes in respect of the proposed Floodlighting at Holy Cross Church.

Matters covered in the response were:

- Clarification as to which body the Agreement should be attributed to.
- Why there is a need to have a 'time period' on the agreement and why there would be the need to have the agreement reviewed. Does it relate to the lights wiring or something else?
- Insurance cover – It will be confirmed that the contractor possesses 3rd party cover before installation takes place. Enquiries made by the Town Council confirmed that their own insurance would include any lighting at no additional premium.
- Any written agreement signed by both parties is enforceable.
- Light pollution has been investigated - only two residents may be affected and they have been contacted and both can see no problem. The lights will automatically be switched off between 11.00pm and 11.30pm. Does the Town Council require confirmation?
- Enquires were previously made with the Bat Conservation Trust who had no concerns about floodlighting as bats are partially sighted. Additionally, a survey of the churchyard carried out two years ago had concluded that there are no bats in the church and there is no reason to suppose this has changed. Does the Town Council have any other specific concerns regarding wildlife?
- There is no objection to the agreement being re-drafted provided it was approved by the church and the Trust is prepared to meet any reasonable cost.

Recommended that advice is sought from a solicitor with a view of an amended agreement to be prepared at the Trust's expense. Also for clarification to be sought from the Trust that planning permission is not required for the floodlights. Also that the Countryside Council for Wales is contacted for their view on how floodlighting may affect any swifts that might nest in the churchyard.

- Item 10:** **Rolling Programme 2006/2007**
10.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.(continued)
(ii) To consider a letter received from Mr D Daniels from Centre Great Ltd enclosing a revised layout for the 'ball court' and church access. The writer seeks comments and an indication of approval from the Town Council and is forwarding a copy to the church.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold that the access remains unaltered and the gates are not moved.
Recommended as proposed.
- 10.3 *Cae Rex Allotments*
To consider representations made by the Allotment Association made in relation to an additional storage shed as previously described. Funding for the project has been found in part with a shortfall of £330.00. On the basis that the Allotment Association finds funding for the additional shed, this will in effect mean that they will own one shed and the Town Council will own the remaining nine. The suggestion is that the funding obtained is used for the new shed with the shortfall being met by the Town Council who will then take ownership of it..
Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, seconded by Councillor A Williams that the balance of the amount required to provide the additional shed is met out of this year's Leisure and Amenities budget.
Recommended as proposed.
- 10.5 *Southgate Park*
(i) To consider a letter received from Mr D P Young in respect of two willow trees in Southgate Park, which appear to be affecting his drain. Mr Young has had problems with his drains and has had a survey carried out which has shown root damage being the cause. The report concludes that the willow trees are the likely cause.
Noted.
The Town Clerk advised that he is awaiting a report following a visit from officers from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- 10.4 *Llanblethian Playing Fields.*
The Town Clerk advised that replacement of the two benches is in hand.
- Item11: Correspondence.**
None.
- Item 12: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
Concerns were raised about the movement to and from the Grammar school site. The Town Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to the project manager about the problem and has also put the concerns of the Town Council in writing.
- Item 13: Date and time of next Meeting.**
Monday 4th December 2006 at 7.00pm.

Councillor A Williams
Chairman.