

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Hall Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 8th November 2005 at 8.00pm.

Present Chairman – Councillor W H Evans
Vice Chairman – Councillor A Thomas
Mayor - Councillor Mrs G Baty
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Councillors – G A Cox, J R Harris and L E Taylor

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
Councillor G A Cox item 8.2

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

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 18th October 2005.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Town Hall - Rolling Programme 2005/2006
(a) West entrance
(i) Heating
The Town Clerk advised that arrangements are in hand for the 'curtain heater' to be installed.

(b) Town Clerk's Office
(i) decoration (ii) carpet
No matters arising.

Item 6: Replacement Boiler.
The Chairman confirmed that the boiler has been commissioned.
Councillor G A Cox commented on the efficiency of the boiler and greater control of the radiators in the Lesser Hall being investigated, possibly through thermostatic valves.
Proposed by Councillor G A Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty that investigations are made to cost thermostatic valves for radiators in the Lesser Hall.
Resolved as proposed.

Item 7: Budget 2006/2007.

Members highlighted the following possibilities for further investigation:-

- Main Hall Curtains.

Members agreed that a quotations for replacement of the linings should be obtained and similarly, for the linings in the Lesser Hall. A scaffolding tower will also be required to take down the curtains and re-hang them.

- Lounge Area.

A budget figure of £1000.00 (which includes the ceiling) has been obtained in respect of the lounge area and if the kitchen area is included, this would cost a further £500.00

- Council Chamber – Lighting.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr Collier visited the Town Hall on another matter and examined the possibilities of additional lighting in the Chamber. Budget figures are awaited.

- Portable air-conditioning unit (Town Clerk's Office).

Further enquiries are to be made for the cost of a 'stand alone' unit.

- Lesser Hall Kitchen – Worktops.

Members agreed that rather than look at individual items within the kitchen that refurbishment of the whole room be looked at, to include a 'larder' fridge. This may in turn necessitate a review of the 'hatches'.

- Renewal of flags – The Town Clerk has obtained prices for replacement of the Union Jack, Welsh Dragon and R.A.F flags and requested Members to observe the current ones on Remembrance Sunday which have become faded and thread bare in places.

Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1

Letter received Centre Great Limited with a quotation of £2475.00 to put up and take down the lights for Christmas. The Town Clerk confirmed that this would represent a considerable increase in cost of the service currently provided by Floodlighting and Electrical.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams that Floodlighting and Electrical are engaged for the contract this year.

Resolved as proposed.

8.2

Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the Commercial Recycling Collection for local businesses. The letter outlined the current cost of recycling sacks (250 at a cost of £100) and blue plastic recycling boxes (the boxes are free although a small fee is incurred for it to be emptied).

Noted.

The Town Clerk advised members that the recycling bins in the Town Hall Car Park are used whenever possible and that the amount of recyclable waste varies considerably and depends entirely on the hirer.

Members agreed that at this stage the current arrangements should remain.

Item 9:

Any Other Business.

9.1

The Town Clerk advised that he has been approached by S4C to film in the cells of the Museum. The enquiry was diverted to the Curator Mrs Pamela Robson who, with the Chairman of the Museum Trust, Mr John Jones, has no objection to the filming but refers the final decision to the Town Council who own the building.

Members agreed to the filming and that should any fee being involved for the use of the building, it should be paid to the Museum Trust.

Item 10:

Date and Time of next Meeting

Tuesday 6th December 2005 at 8.00pm.

Councillor A Thomas
Chairman.