

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 23rd January 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Deputy Mayor – Councillor H LI Morgan
Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks, Mrs A Burges,
G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans, J R Harris, D W Morris, A Thomas,
A Williams and Mrs M Y Williams MBE.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Treasurer - Mrs J Tyre
Sergeant S Trigg

Councillor G A Cox opened the meeting with a prayer.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
01/07 Councillors Mrs G Baty and L E Taylor
Inspector Patterson

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
02/07 Councillor G A Cox – All Planning Items and Correspondence (item 12.1)
Councillor Mrs S M Cox – any items relating to Y Bont Faen School,
Cowbridge Museum Trust, The South Wales Valuation Panel, Cowbridge
Charter Trust and Cowbridge Charter Trust Ltd.
Councillor Mrs L Adams – planning report 9b (item 5.6)

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
03/07 The Report was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs J Tyre. The Receipts and
Payments Account for the period 1st April 2006 to 31st December 2006 and
statement of bank balance as at 31st December 2006 had previously been
circulated.

Balances as at the 31st December 2006.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 59,240.69
Money Market	<u>£ 50,000.00</u>
Total	£110,740.69
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 2,249.00</u>
	<u>£108,491.69</u>

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris seconded by Councillor G A Cox,
that these reports be accepted and adopted.

Resolved: This report be adopted.

- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on**
04/07 **19th December 2006.**
Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas,
and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on
19th December 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
05/07 **19th December 2006.**
No matters arising.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
06/07 The crime figures for December 2006 were circulated by Sergeant Trigg who
then gave background details. Out of the 16 reported crimes, 9 have been
detected.
- Sergeant Trigg advised that the exclusion zone for the Twt Park, prohibiting
the consumption of alcohol, should be coming into force during February and
will be enforced by the police, once the required signage is in place.
It is understood that wording for the signs is subject to confirmation by the
Welsh Assembly Government.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
07/07 Sergeant Trigg advised of last month's speed reduction figures for three areas
around Cowbridge, which netted 51 offenders.
- 7.1 Response received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council to the letter sent
from the Town Council regarding the designated parking area at the top end
of Westgate. The letter refers to the 'Limited Waiting Bay', which is
governed by a traffic regulation Order and was implemented in 1972. The
bay is referred to by its location, 40 metres South East of the junction of
Westgate with the Llantwit Major Road and surveys carried out have
revealed that it is little used. Removal of the bay would require a lengthy
legal process and have resource implications. The implementation of waiting
restrictions to replace the bay would be difficult to justify because of the
absence of safety issues or obstruction to through traffic and therefore any
scheme to remove the bay cannot be considered at this time.
- Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris seconded by Councillor A Williams that a
reply is sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council and that photographs are
enclosed of the designated parking area which might hopefully clarify the
exact nature of the problem and also expressing concern that it is understood
that removal of the parking area has previously been put forward by Inspector
Patterson on the very grounds of safety and obstruction.
- Resolved** as proposed.
- Sergeant Trigg will speak to Inspector Patterson and ask if he will write to
the Town Council in support of their request for the designated parking
area/bay to be removed and for parking restrictions to be extended along that
part of the highway.

Item 8:
08/07

Reports

a) Mayor

Friday 22nd December – The Mayor visited the Residents at Southways Home.

Thursday 11th January – The Mayor hosted a meeting on ‘Fair Trade’ in the Mayor’s Parlour.

Saturday 13th January – The Mayor and Consort attended a concert featuring the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Orchestra and the Debbie Chapman Dancers at St David’s Hall, Cardiff.

Saturday 20th January – The Mayor hosted a Coffee Morning in the Lesser Hall. Proceeds to Fair Trade.

b) Town Clerk’s Report

Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 22nd March 2007: Big Screen – ‘The Queen’ – tickets cost £3.00 and are available from the Town Clerk’s Office.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified

Expenses totalling £9972.87 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris seconded by Councillor A Williams that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 9:
09/07

Reports of Committees.

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor A Williams reported on the meeting held 8th January 2007.

Item 7.1 – The Town Clerk advised members that as a result of the meeting at Y Bont Faen School, an arboriculturist will visit the site to examine the trees on the boundary and prepare a report. In addition, the Estates Department will examine the original deeds to establish responsibility for the original boundary, i.e. the tree line. With regard to the sewer, information from the Vale of Glamorgan Council is awaited following the meeting between the Legal and Engineering Design Departments.

Item 8 – It was emphasised that this will be an investigation exercise only in the first instance and that involvement of voluntary bodies may be a means of obtaining funding which is not available for public bodies.

Proposed by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillor G A Cox left the meeting whilst the planning reports were discussed.

b. Planning.

Councillor Mrs L Adams reported on the meeting held 8th January 2007 and drew member’s attention to item 8 in respect of suggested areas to be put forward to the Vale of Glamorgan Council who had invited ‘candidate development sites’ to be submitted in relation to the Local Development Plan.

Item 9: Reports of Committees.

b. Planning. (Continued)

Members resolved that in addition to the areas referred to in the report, the areas of Darren Farm and the Thaw Valley should also be included.

It was also agreed that reference to the 'rugby field' in the report should be amended to read the 'playing fields'

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox seconded by Councillor A Williams that the amended report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the meeting held 19th December 2007.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris seconded by Councillor A Williams that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

c. Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held on 9th January and explained the budget recommendation made by the Committee for an increase of 5.5% which will equate to an increase of 4.9 pence per week for a 'band D' property.

Proposed by Councillor A Williams seconded by Councillor G A Cox that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

d. Town Hall

Councillor W H Evans reported on the meeting held 9th January 2007.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

10/07

10.1

Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.

No meeting.

10.2

Evan Jenkins Charity.

Councillor J R Harris reported that a meeting was held on 18th January when minor matters were discussed.

10.3

Cowbridge Institute Charity.

No meeting.

10.4

One Voice Wales.

Next meeting 29th January 2007

10.5

Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.

Councillor Mrs L Adams was unable to attend the last meeting but the group was made aware of the observations made by the Town Council.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
- 10.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No meeting.
Councillor Mrs S M Cox wished to place on record the immense contribution that Bruce McGovern had made to the Museum Trust and to many other groups in Cowbridge, including the Charter Trust
- 10.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
No meeting.
- 10.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No meeting.
- 10.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November are held by the Town Clerk.
The next meeting is 1st February.
- 10.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Next meeting 30th January, 2007
- 10.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
No meeting.
Councillor J R Harris has been advised that the reindeer have been booked for the last Sunday in November 2007.
- 10.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
No meeting.
- 10.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
Councillor Williams reported on the meeting he attended on 22nd January at which the crime figures for the area were discussed and Government targets that were set for the Crown Prosecution Service.
- 10.14 Best Kept Village.**
Last meeting was held on 25th January.
- 10.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting.
- 10.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Meeting clashes with tonight's Council meeting.
- 10.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
No meeting.
- 10.18 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No meeting.
- 10.19 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.**
Councillor Mrs A Burges reported that there was a meeting held on 8th January at which the success of the Christmas party was discussed and arrangements made for a coffee morning to be held on 7th June 2007

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
10.20 Vale of Glamorgan Safety Partnership.
No meeting.
- 10.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported that the AGM is due to be held in February.
- 10.22 Fair Trade Group**
Councillor Mrs L Adams reported that there had been a coffee morning held on 20th January, which had not been well supported. A Fair Trade Market is being held on 3rd March with dinner in the Duke of Wellington in the evening for which tickets are available at a cost of £22.50.
- Item 11: Consideration of ‘A Good Practice Guide for Community and Town Councils’.**
11/07
Members of the Finance and General Purpose and Town Hall Committees are yet to consider the matter and this item stands adjourned until next Full Council meeting on 20th February.
Discussions show a general agreement of members to heighten the profile of the Town Council and to investigate more ‘partnership’ ventures with other bodies, which may lead to greater access to funding.
- Item 12: Correspondence**
12/07
Councillor G A Cox left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.
12.1 Response received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding Cowbridge Cattle Market advising that whilst the Council has resolved to dispose of the site, Officers are at an early stage of this process and comments made by the Town Council will be taken into consideration at the appropriate time. A development brief will be prepared and will address some of the issues raised. As a land owning/management function, the Vale of Glamorgan Council has separate statutory and fiduciary obligations.
Proposed by Councillor H L Morgan, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that a request is made for details of the timescales involved in the process and when Town Council input will be appropriate and emphasising the very strong community interest in the site.
Resolved as proposed.
- 12.2** Letter from the Parish Office, Holy Cross Church regarding the water supply to the church. Permission is sought from the Town Council to reinstate the water supply to the church, which will follow as near as is possible, the same route as the old supply. The church will restore the ground to its original state once the work has been completed.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that the Town Council gives permission for the work as long as reinstatement work is carried out and also pointing out that the strip of ground next to the path leading to the Taynton Room is in need of re-seeding after previous work carried out.
Resolved as proposed.

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- Item 12: Correspondence (Continued)**
12.3 Letter received from Kidney Wales Foundation in respect of the Annual Walk for Life on Sunday 11th March 2007. The letter requests support from the Town Council and points out that help is needed in Cowbridge and asks if there is any chance of assistance.
Investigation will be carried out by Councillor W H Evans regarding this matter.
- Item 13: Publications (All held by the Town Clerk).**
13/07
- 13.1 The Insolvency Service News – December 2006 edition.
Noted.
- 13.2 Clerks and Council Direct – January 2007.
Noted.
- 13.3 The Clerk – January 2007.
Noted.
- Item 14: Documents for sealing.**
14/07
- 14.1 Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for Cremation Plot B20 in The Limes Cemetery purchased by Mrs B M Powditch, 15 St Bleddian Close, Cowbridge.
Document Sealed.
- Item 15: Date and time of next Meeting.**
15/07 Tuesday 20th February 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs L Adams
Mayor

Date minutes signed