

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 20th January 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor D W Morris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks, Mrs G Baty, G A Cox,
D E Magnay, Mrs S Massey, L E Taylor, A Thomas, Mrs N C Thomas
and A Williams.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Representative from the Glamorgan Gem Newspaper.

Councillor G A Cox opened the meeting with a prayer.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
1/09 Councillors: Mrs A Burges, Mrs S M Cox and Mrs A Harding.
Inspector Clarke and Sergeant Warner
Treasurer Mr J Rixon
Revd Canon D Belcher

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
2/09 None.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
3/09 The Report was presented by Councillor J R Harris in the absence of the
Treasurer.
The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April 2008 to
31st December 2008 and statement of bank balance as at
31st December 2008 was circulated.

Balances as at the 31st December 2008.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 69,254.93
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£130,754.93
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 113.00</u>
	<u>£130,641.93</u>

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

Resolved: This report be adopted.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor G A Cox and
resolved that investments on the Money market are continued at the
expiration of the current period.

- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of Town Council Meeting held on**
4/09 **16th December 2008.**
 Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Massey and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16th December 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
5/09 **16th December 2008.**
5.1 Item 12.4 – Confirmation received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the condition of the road leading into Poplars Park. The road is not is not part of the adopted highway and therefore would not be maintained through the Highway Maintenance Budget, however it is a public right of way and the matter has been referred to the Public Rights of Way Officer, Mr Jones-Jenkins.
Noted.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
6/09 Members of the Council were circulated with crime figures for the month of December and a brief report advised that a successful campaign had been carried out over the Christmas and New Year period resulting in the both being relatively trouble free.
 Councillor Mrs G Baty expressed that the police should be congratulated in their actions.

 Members discussed recent vandalism in Poplars Park and Old Hall Gardens.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
7/09 The Town Clerk referred to the item discussed under Road Safety last meeting in respect the ‘narrowing’ of the road in Broadway. Confirmation has been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council that legal action is being taken.
- Item 8:** The following motion received from Councillor L E Taylor:
8/09 *‘Given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have decided to replace the pedestrian crossing outside the Cowbridge Town Hall by a Pelican crossing located to the west of the existing, the Town Council should write to the Chief Executive requesting that consideration be given to a new pedestrian crossing to the East of the Town Hall in the vicinity of Penny Lane where there is an existing desire line. If resources can be made available, it is requested that work should be carried out when the existing pedestrian crossing is removed’.*
 Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor A E Banks that the above motion is **resolved**.
- Item 9:** **Reports**
9/09 **a) Mayor**
 Thursday 18th December – The Mayor hosted the Launch of the Vale Counselling Service in the Main Hall in the Town Hall.
 The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended the ATC 293 Squadron’s Christmas Carol Service followed by refreshments at Holy Cross Church.

Item 9:

Reports

a) Mayor (Continued).

Friday 19th December – The Mayor and Mayoress attended a Charity Christmas Concert, hosted by Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council at the Town Hall, King Square, Barry. The concert was in aid of the British Heart Foundation, NSPCC and Southerndown Surf Life Savers.

Sunday 21st December - The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended a Candlelight Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Barry hosted by Barry Town Council, followed by a sherry reception at Town Mayor's Parlour.

Thursday 25th December – The Mayor and Mayoress visited residents at Southways Residential Home.

Monday 5th January – The Mayor and Mayoress attended Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Music Service' Youth Orchestra at Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff.

Monday 12th January – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the opening of a two-week Exhibition in remembrance of Holocaust Memorial Day in Art Central, Town Hall, Barry with the Mayor reading one of the Statements of Commitment.

Tuesday 13th January – The Mayor welcomed members of the Institute of the Blind on a visit to Cowbridge, which included the Town Hall and the Museum.

b) Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk drew members' attention to the need for apologies to be given direct to himself rather than through a third party.

The Town Clerk advised that Denny White, Senior Enforcement Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, will be holding a 'Dog Fouling' campaign outside the Town Hall on Friday 30th January 2009 to raise awareness of the anti-social effects that dog fouling has and the penalties that can be imposed.

Big Screen – 'The Duchess' – 22nd January 2009.

Presentation by Nicola Williams of Cowbridge Compost – 17th February 2009, (6.30pm).

Big Screen – 'Easy Virtue' – 26th February 2009.

The Monday Club Dinner – 9th March 2009 (Bear Hotel).

Mayor's Ball – 24th April 2009 (Bear Hotel).

Mayor Making – 19th May 2009.

Adjourned AGM – 20th May 2009.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified
Expenses totalling £9,271.83 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 10:
10/09**

Reports of Committees:

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold reported on the meeting held 5th January 2009.

Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor A E Banks, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 10: Reports of Committees: (Continued).

b. Planning.

Councillor A Williams reported on the meeting held on 5th January 2009. **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs N C Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

c. Finance & General Purposes.

Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held 6th January 2009 and referred to Item 6 in respect of the Sewer and advised members that a quotation has now been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council which will be investigated.

Councillor Harris explained the budget recommendations made by the Committee in Item 8 for an increase of 2% which will equate to an increase of 2p per week for a 'Band D' property.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

d. Town Hall.

Councillor A Thomas reported on the meeting held 6th January 2009.

Proposed by Councillor D E Magnay, seconded by Councillor G A Cox, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 11: Reports of Representatives.

11/09

11.1

Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.

No meeting.

11.2

Evan Jenkins Charity.

Next meeting 22nd January 2009.

11.3

Cowbridge Institute Charity.

No meeting.

11.4

One Voice Wales.

Councillor Mrs N C Thomas reported that there is a Climate Change meeting being held at the Temple of Peace, Cardiff on 30th January and a Regional Committee meeting is being held in Old Hall on 26th January.

11.5

Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.

No meeting.

11.6

Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.

No representative.

11.7

Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.

No meeting.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives (Continued).**
- 11.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No meeting.
- 11.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
The Town Clerk confirmed the term of the existing governor is due to expire on 8th March. This is a shared minor authority representative between this council and Llanmaes Community Council.
Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Massey, that Councillor Mrs N Thomas represents the Town Council as governor on Y Bont Faen Junior School.
Resolved as proposed.
- 11.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Next meeting 28th February 2009.
- 11.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
Councillor A E Banks reported that there had been a meeting held on 5th January but that few were in attendance. Members reported that there was a low 'footfall' as the result of extensive sales in Cardiff.
- 11.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
Next meeting March.
- 11.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
No meeting.
- 11.14 Best Kept Village.**
Councillor L E Taylor reported on the meeting held on 19th January at which last year's competition was discussed.
- 11.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Next meeting 21st January.
- 11.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
No meeting.
- 11.18 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No meeting.
- 11.19 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.**
No representative.
- 11.20 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No representative.
- 11.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
No representative.

Item 11: Reports of Representatives (Continued).

11.22 Fair Trade Group

No representative.

11.23 Creative Rural Communities.

Councillor L E Taylor reported on a meeting held on 18th December, which he had attended on behalf of Councillor Mrs G Baty at which the Rural Community Programme was discussed. There is to be a launch of a Rural Development Plan 2010-2011 on 27th January 2009 at which the Town Council will be represented by Councillor Mrs G Baty and the Mayor.

Item 12: Report from Sub Committee – Play Equipment, Aberthin.

12/09

Councillor D W Morris advised members that a pictorial exhibition is to be held in Aberthin Village Hall on 23rd and 24th January. The exhibition is for the parents and children to give their views on the examples of play equipment that may be available.

Item 13: Correspondence.

13/09

13.1

Letter received from the Independent Panel on Members' Pay and Allowances at the Welsh Assembly Government advising that an additional meeting is to be held at 10.00am on 27th January 2009 at the Celtic Suite, University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC), Colchester Avenue, Cardiff. This relates to a Public Consultation taking place on the financial support for Assembly Members.

Noted.

13.2

Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the proposed diversion of part of Public Footpath No. 37 Llanblethian, which is currently obstructed by the construction of three dwellings. Any objections to the proposal should be notified within 21 days.

Noted.

The Town Council has no objections to the proposals.

13.3

Letter received from South Wales Police Authority enclosing information and a questionnaire regarding 'Funding your Police Service' – Consultation 2009. The questionnaires have been circulated to all members of the Town Council, which they may complete and return direct to South Wales Police Authority by Monday 2nd February.

Noted.

13.4

Letter received regarding the adoption of the Charter drawn up between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Community and Town Councils and advising that consultation has been identified as one area of development. Enclosed with the letter is a leaflet which provides a general overview as to why consultation may be necessary and what to do once it has been completed.

Noted.

13.5

Copy letter from Mrs J Maddocks, sent to the Chief Executive of the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the proposed site of the Pelican Crossing.

Noted.

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Item 14: Publications (All held by the Town Clerk unless otherwise stated).

14/09

14.1 One Voice Wales – ‘The Voice’ – December 2008.
Noted.

14.2 Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2009.
Noted.

14.3 The Clerk – January 2009.
Noted.

Item 15: Documents for sealing.

15/09

None.

Item 16: Date and time of next Meeting.

16/09

Tuesday 17th February 2009 at 7.30pm.

Councillor D W Morris
Mayor

Date minutes signed.