

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 17th February 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor D W Morris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Councillors: A E Banks, Mrs G Baty, Mrs A Burges, D E Magnay,
Mrs S Massey, A Thomas, Mrs N C Thomas (*arrived Item 9d*)
and A Williams.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Representative from the Glamorgan Gem Newspaper.
Inspector M Taylor
Sergeant C Warner

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Taylor to the meeting.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
17/09 Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, Mrs A E Harding, G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox,
and L E Taylor.
Treasurer Mr J Rixon

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
18/09 None.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
19/09 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 January 2009 and statement of bank balance as at
31st January 2009 was circulated.

Balances as at the 31st January 2009.

Current Account:	£ 1,558.50
Investment Gold Account:	£ 63,691.62
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£125,250.12
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 271.62</u>
	<u>£124,978.50</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.

- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of Town Council Meeting held on**
20/09 **20th January 2009.**
Proposed by Councillor Mrs S Massey, seconded by Councillor A Thomas and Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 20th January 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
21/09 **20th January 2009.**
Councillor J R Harris referred to Item 3 and advised that the investment on Money Market has been reinvested at rate of 1.29%.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
22/09 Sergeant Warner gave details of the crime figures, which showed a reduction on the same period last year. The Sergeant warned of opportunist burglaries and asked members to alert neighbours.
The following items were discussed:
- Recent damage at Old Hall and Poplars Park;
 - Damage to grass verge at Downs Garage.
- Inspector Mark Taylor introduced himself to members as the new inspector for the Rural Vale based in Cowbridge. He had previously been in Cowbridge between 1997 and 2002.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
23/09 Problems were experienced by residents of Coopers Lane whose access was temporarily blocked as the result of the recent pavement work in the High Street.
- Item 8:** **Reports**
24/09 **a) Mayor**
Tuesday 27th January – The Mayor attended the Creative Communities Launch Event for its Axis 3&4 projects at St Quentin Suite, Bear Hotel.
Thursday 29th January – The Mayor attended a Public Meeting hosted by Chairman of Dinas Powis Community Council, Councillor S Thomas at the Lee Hall, Dinas Powis regarding the future of Bryneithin Care Home.
Thursday 5th February - The Mayor and Mayoress received a visit from Cowbridge Girl Guides in the Parlour in conjunction with a tour of the Museum.
Saturday 7th February – The Mayor and Mayoress held a Coffee Morning in the Mayor’s Parlour.
Sunday 8th February – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the ‘Annual Lieutenancy’ Service at St Hilary Church followed by a reception at ‘The Cottage’, St Hilary.
Tuesday 10th February – The Mayor received a visit from Cowbridge Scouts in the Parlour in conjunction with a tour of the Museum.

Item 8: Reports (Continued)

b) Town Clerk's Report

- The funeral of former Mayor, Mrs Margaret Weston, takes place at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday 18th February at 2pm.

Dates for your diaries

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

Big Screen – ‘Easy Virtue’ – 26th February 2009.

Big Screen – ‘Mamma Mia’ – 27th 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 £11,957.52 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor A E Banks that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9: Reports of Committees:
25/09 a. Leisure & Amenities.**

Councillor Mrs A Burges reported on the meeting held 2nd February 2009.

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

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor A Williams reported on the meeting held on 2nd February 2009.

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

Resolved as proposed.

c. Finance & General Purposes.

Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held 3rd February 2009 and referred to Item 6 relating to the Sewer and gave a very brief background history. Two quotations have been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council as a result of the feasibility study carried out. The first involves repair of the existing sewer at a cost of £4,000 and the second, which involves diversion of the sewer at a cost of £21,500. The first option will result in the sewer remaining where it is and crossing the cemetery diagonally. The second option will result in more grave spaces becoming available and allow for efficient planning and maintenance of the cemetery layout in the future. Any future maintenance will not be the responsibility of the Town Council. Following discussions with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, it appears that there is CASH Grant funding of £15,000 available in the current financial year which would offset the cost of diversion of the sewer and result in the Town Council having to fund the project to the cost of approximately £6,500.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Williams, that subject to the CASH Grant application being successful, that the Town Council opts for the diversion of the Sewer and the difference between its cost and the CASH Grant is met by the Town Council's reserves.

Resolved as proposed.

- Item 9: Reports of Committees:**
- c. Finance & General Purposes (Continued)**
It was agreed that any future discussions regarding the sewer should involve either the Chairman or a member of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.
- Proposed** by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor D E Magnay that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.
- d. Town Hall.**
Councillor A Thomas reported on the meeting held 3rd February 2009.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor D E Magnay that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.
- Item 10: Reports of Representatives.**
26/09
- 10.1 Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.**
No meeting.
- 10.2 Evan Jenkins Charity.**
No meeting.
- 10.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**
Councillor Mrs G Baty reported on a meeting held on 10th February when investments were discussed.
- 10.4 One Voice Wales.**
No representative.
- 10.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
No representative.
- 10.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No representative.
- 10.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
Next meeting 25th February.
- 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 15 October 2008 are held by the Town Clerk.
- 10.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Next meeting 26th February when the new web site is to be launched.
- 10.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
Councillor A D Banks reported on a meeting held 2nd February 2009 at which traders again raised concerns about parking in the town and that they should be reviewed.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives (Continued).**
- 10.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
No meeting.
- 10.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
Councillor A Williams reported on a meeting held on 26th January at which the Police Stations in Cowbridge and Llantwit Major were discussed.
- 10.14 Best Kept Village.**
No representative.
- 10.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting.
- 10.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Councillor J R Harris reported on a meeting held 21st January 2009 at which street trading licences were discussed. The meeting was advised that by the end of February the Police Community Support Officers should be back to full strength.
- 10.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
No representative.
- 10.18 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No meeting.
- 10.19 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.**
No meeting.
- 10.20 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No representative.
- 10.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
No representative.
- 10.22 Fair Trade Group**
Councillor Mrs A Burges reported that Fair Trade Fortnight will be taking place this month and a Fashion Show is to be held in the Main Hall of the Town Hall on Saturday 28th February.
- 10.23 Creative Rural Communities.**
No meeting.
- Item 11: Report from Sub Committee – Play Equipment, Aberthin.**
27/09
Councillor D W Morris advised that some pricing for equipment has been received, but some are still outstanding. He has met with Phil Beaman who advised on a number of procedures that needed to be followed. As soon as all the information has been collated a sub committee meeting will be arranged to discuss submission of the grant application.

Item 12: Correspondence.

28/09

12.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans. The letter advised that the appraisal is to be submitted to the Cabinet in March and any further comments are required by 27th February.

Noted.

12.2 Letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government – Metrix/St Athan – Home of the Defence Technical Academy and Aerospace Park. The letter contained comments and questions raised as the result of the Community Facilities and Transport Workshops that took place on 4th and 9th December.

Noted.

12.3 Letter received from Welsh Assembly Government confirming details of interest groups being held in St Athan Community Hall (24/02/09) and RAF St Athan Golf Club (4th March). Anyone wishing to attend either workshop should reply by 20th February.

Noted.

Item 13: Publications (All held by the Town Clerk unless otherwise stated).

29/09

None.

Item 14: Documents for sealing.

30/09

Exclusive Right of Burial for Cremation Plot D13 in the Limes Cemetery purchased by Mr R Vaughan, Rock House, Westgate, Cowbridge.

Document sealed.

Item 15: Date and time of next Meeting.

31/09

Tuesday 17th March 2009 at 7.30pm.

Councillor D W Morris
Mayor

Date minutes signed.