

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 22nd March 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor - Councillor Mrs S M Cox
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Mrs G Baty
Councillors: Mrs L Adams, Mrs M Arnold, Mrs A Burges,
W H Evans, H W Field, J R Harris, H L Morgan (*arrived Item 5*),
D W Morris and A Williams.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
The Treasurer – Mrs J Tyre
Revd Canon D Belcher
Revd D Shearn.
PC N Griffin
CSO B Froud
CSO S Treen.

Revd Canon D Belcher opened the meeting with a prayer.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
28/05 Councillors : G A Cox, R G Jones, A Thomas and Mrs M Williams MBE

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
29/05 None.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
30/05 The Report was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs J Tyre. The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April 2004 to 28th February 2005 and statement of bank balances as at 28th February 2005 had previously been circulated.

Balances as at the 28th February 2005.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£32,495.61
Treasury A/c)Money Mrkt	£50,000.00

Total	£83,995.61
Less Outstanding Cheques	£ 5,141.37

	£78,854.24

Proposed by Councillor H W Field, seconded by Councillor J R Harris,
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 31/05 22nd February 2005.

Councillor J R Harris referred to Item 7 and requested that the minutes be amended to read “and also the lines outside the school”.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor D Morris, and **Resolved** that the amended minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 22nd February 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and were duly signed.

Item 5: Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on 32/05 22nd February 2005.

No matters arising.

Item 6: Community Police Matters. 33/05

CSO Froud gave Inspector Patterson’s apologies and outlined details of the monthly crime figures, which were circulated. The figures showed a slight increase on the same period last year and CSO Froud drew members attention to the offences of criminal damage, which were graffiti related. PC Griffin advised members that an individual was due to appear in court in relation to these offences.

PC Griffin advised on a recent incident where a suspicious individual entered a residential property without permission at the west end of the town. A distinctive description was given and investigations are ongoing. PC Griffin emphasised the need for members of the public to advise the police of any incidents as soon as possible to avoid any unnecessary delay in any investigation.

Item 7: Road Safety. 34/05

7.1

Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in response to the enquiry made by Mr D Jones concerning the signage directing traffic to the M4 motorway. The letter confirmed that the most appropriate route at this time for traffic travelling from the Llandow area to the M4 is via the B4270 to Cowbridge and left onto the eastbound A48 to Culverhouse Cross. The existing signs have been examined and the writer agrees that further signs are required at the Cowbridge end of the route.

Noted.

Members drew the following road safety matters to the attention of PSO Froud:

- Councillor Mrs Baty referred to the building works on Broadway, which are continuing to cause difficulties for the local bus travelling to and from Llanblethian.
- Councillor A Williams queried enforcement against drivers who use mobile phones, whilst driving a vehicle. PC Griffin advised that he regularly issues tickets whenever he observes an offence taking place and confirmed that the law is soon to change to include penalty points on the licence. Should any members of the public report offence proceedings would be instituted but they would have to make a statement and attend any court hearing as a witness, should it be necessary.

Item 7:

Road Safety. (Continued)

Councillor H L Morgan referred to a missing manhole cover outside Anchor Cottage, on Cardiff Road and requested that the Town Clerk advise the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

PC Griffin drew members' attention to a recent problem of radios been stolen from the new model Ford Focus cars and also car bonnets been stolen from fiestas.

**Item 8:
35/05**

Nomination of Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2005/2006.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox invited members for nominations for Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor J R Harris proposed Councillor Mrs G Baty.

Councillor Mrs G Baty accepted the proposal.

Councillor H W Field seconded the proposal.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox asked whether there were any other nominations for Mayor.

There were no other nominations.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox invited members' nominations for Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs G Baty proposed Councillor Mrs L Adams.

Councillor Mrs L Adams accepted the proposal.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold seconded the proposal.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox asked whether there were any other nominations for Deputy Mayor.

There were no other nominations.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9:
36/05**

Reports

a) Mayor

Wednesday 23rd February

The Mayor and Consort attended a Centennial Dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Cowbridge at the Heronstone Hotel, Bridgend.

Monday 28th February

Councillor H W Field attended the Vale of Glamorgan Young Consumer of the Year Competition 2005 at the Civic Offices, Barry. The teams competing were from Schools in Barry, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge and the Competition was followed by a buffet supper.

Tuesday 8th March

The Mayor and Consort attended a Reception for the Vale of Glamorgan Town Mayors and Community Council Chairmen at The Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry. The Reception included a hot buffet.

Monday 14th March

The Mayor and Consort attended the Opening of the Children's Assessment Centre at Llandough Hospital. The Centre was officially opened by Dr Brian Gibbons AM.

The Mayor and Consort attended the Monday Club 27th Annual Dinner at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

Item 9:

Reports

a) Mayor (Continued)

Sunday 13th March

The Mayor started the KRUF 'Walk for Life' which started from the Town Hall.

The Mayor hosted the Charter Trust Cheese and Wine Event, in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge for Patrons, who received medallions for their assistance in the setting up of the Trust. The Day being the Anniversary of the 751st granting of the Royal Charter.

Tuesday 15th March

The Mayor and Consort attended the Junior Schools Music Festival 'Celebration of Age' Concert at St David's Hall, Cardiff preceded by a drinks reception, followed by a buffet. The event was hosted by Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Jacqui Gasson.

Wednesday 16th March

The Mayor and Consort attended the High Schools Concert at St David's Hall, Cardiff, preceded by a drinks reception, followed by a buffet.

Thursday 17th March

The Mayor hosted a coffee morning in the Parlour in support of the Cowbridge & Llanblethian Branch of the Mothers Union.

Tuesday 22nd March

The Mayor attended Year 11 Progress File Presentation and Certificate Ceremony at Cowbridge Leisure Centre with Guest of Honour, Mrs Natalie Dobson.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold thanked the Mayor for hosting the Coffee morning and thanked the Deputy Mayor for her help at the event. The proceeds from the Coffee Morning were donated to the Mothers Union.

The Mayor thanked all of the members of the Town Hall staff in their efforts to enable the Parlour to be available for the coffee morning.

b) Town Clerk's Report

Dates for your diaries:

Saturday 14th May - Mayor's Ball.

Tuesday 17th May - Mayor Making Ceremony

Wednesday 18th May - Adjourned Annual General Meeting.

The Town Clerk drew members' attention to the following items:

- The Clock in the Chamber – requires repair, the company has been contacted and a call for attendance requested.
- The well in the Mayor's Parlour has been polluted again and samples taken by the Environment Agency. Wessex Water has also been in attendance and is to investigate the main sewers. The problem appears to be ingress from the main sewer into the water table.
- A small repair is required top the clasp on the Mayor's chain and advice is being sought.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified
Expenses totalling £9,216.66 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor H L Morgan, seconded by Councillor H W Field, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item10:
37/05**

Reports of Committees.

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold reported on the meeting held 7th March 2005

Councillor Mrs G Baty asked whether any thing has been heard with regard to item 4 in respect of the drainage ditch around the rugby field and the one leading out onto Westgate. The Town Clerk advised that he had no information on the matter.

Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor Mrs L Adams reported on the meeting held 7th March 2005

Councillor J R Harris referred to item 7.1 in respect of the Institute Building and endorsed the action of the Committee. The Town Clerk confirmed that he had alerted the Planning Department at the Vale of Glamorgan who were already aware of the situation and investigating.

Councillor H W Field referred to the work being carried by a JCB to the rear of a property that backed onto the Llantwit Major Road. Members of the Planning Committee confirmed that permission had been granted for the temporary removal of the rear boundary wall to allow work to take place and agreed that the situation should be monitored. It was stipulated that the wall should be re-instated and that a time limit was given.

Proposed by Councillor H W Field, 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 8th March 2005 and drew Members' attention to item 6.1 and item 7.

Proposed by Councillor H W Field and seconded by Councillor W H Evans that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

d. Town Hall

Councillor W H Evans reported on the meeting held 8th March 2005 and updated members with the progress of several items.

Councillor Mrs Baty asked whether there had been any response about the registration of the time capsule with an American Agency. The Town Clerk reported that he had been advised that there was no equivalent agency in existence in the United Kingdom.

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

Resolved as proposed.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives.**
38/05
- 11.1 Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.**
No meeting.
- 11.2 Evan Jenkins Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.4 One Voice Wales.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox advised that she was unable to attend the last meeting but that Councillor Mrs M Y Williams was attending in her place.
- 11.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
Councillor Mrs L Adams reported on the last meeting that she had attended which discussed two matters relating to Cowbridge; land adjacent to Porth-y-Green Close and Westgate House. The Group objected to both applications.
- 11.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No meeting.
- 11.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
Next meeting 23rd March.
- 11.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
Councillor Mrs M Arnold reported on the last meeting held on Thursday 17 March in the Council Chamber. A Footpath Ordnance Survey sign has been placed at the entrance to Stalling Down. Two routes have been identified in this area suitable for disabled access but these are dependent upon the co-operation of the landowners.
- 11.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
Next meeting 14 April 2005.
The Town Clerk holds minutes of the meeting held on 27th January.
- 11.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
No meeting.
- 11.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
No meeting.
- 11.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
No meeting.
- 11.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
No meeting.
- 11.14 Best Kept Village.**
No meeting.

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- Item 11: Reports of Representatives.(continued)**
- 11.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Councillor J R Harris advised that the next scheduled meeting is to be held on the same evening as the next full Council meeting,
- 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 meeting.
- 11.20 Charter 750 Trust.**
Next meeting 24th March 2005
- Item 12: Correspondence.**
39/05
- 12.1 Letter received from ‘Calor, advising of this year’s Welsh Calor Village of the Year competition.
Noted
- 12.2 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council attaching details of the ‘State of Area’ Debates to be held on the following dates and venues:
Wednesday 13 April - Paget Rooms, Penarth
Wednesday 20 April – Memorial Hall, Barry
Thursday 28 April Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.
All debates commence at 6pm with doors open at 4.30pm for coffee and a pre-event exhibition.
- 12.3 Letter received from Vale of Glamorgan Council attaching the renewal application for the Theatre Licence for the Market Theatre, Cowbridge.
Noted.
- 12.4 Letter received from Pannone & Partners, Solicitors relating to Philip Jones Foodmarkets Unlimited and enclosing Applications for a Transfer of the Justices’ Licences in respect of Filco & Rock Bottom.
Noted.
- Item 13: Publications Received (All held by Town Clerk unless stated).**
40/05
- 13.1 NACRO Cymru – Crime and Disorder reduction booklet.
Noted.
- 13.2 Vale of Glamorgan Council – Corporate Plan 2005/2009.
Noted.

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**Item 13: Publications Received (All held by Town Clerk unless stated)
(continued).**

- 13.3 Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2005.
Noted.
- 13.4 The Clerk (Publication of SLCC) – February 2005.
Noted.
- 13.5 Tathan – RAF St Athan Magazine – March/April 2005.
Noted.
- 13.6 Rural Wales – Publication for Spring 2005.
Noted.
- 13.7 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Partnership Scheme
Annual Report 2003-2004.
Noted.

Item 14: Documents for sealing.

41/05

- 14.1 Exclusive Right of Burial for Grave No. N144 purchased by
Mr and Mrs C Williams, 20 The Verlands, Cowbridge.
Documents sealed.

Item 15: Date and time of next Meeting.

42/05

Tuesday 19th April 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox
Mayor

Date minutes signed.