

**Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting**  
**held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,**  
**on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Mayor – Councillor H LI Morgan  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor D W Morris  
Councillors: Mrs L Adams, Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks, Mrs G Baty,  
Mrs A Burges, G A Cox (arrived item 13), Mrs S M Cox (arrived item 3),  
W H Evans, J R Harris, L E Taylor, A Thomas and A Williams

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies  
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin  
Sgt Chris Warner  
Revd Canon D Belcher

**Item 1:**           **Apologies for Absence.**  
**32/08**           Mrs M Y Williams MBE.  
Treasurer Mr J Nixon

**Item 2:**           **Declarations of Interest.**  
**33/08**           Councillor A Thomas Item 12.

**Item 3:**           **The Treasurer's Report.**  
**34/08**           The Report was presented by Councillor J R Harris in the absence of the  
Treasurer.  
The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to  
29<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and statement of bank balance as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
had previously been circulated.

Balances as at the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 47,310.74
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£ 108,810.74
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 1,415.95</u>
	<u>£ 107,394.79</u>

**Proposed** by Councillor W H Evans seconded by Councillor J R Harris  
that these reports be accepted and adopted.

**Resolved:** This report be adopted.

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**Item 4: To confirm the minutes of Town Council Meeting held on  
35/08 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008.**

Item 5 – amendment to date from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**Proposed** by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor and **Resolved** that the amended minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.

**Item 5: Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on  
36/08 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008.**

Item 13.2 - The Town Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Welsh Assembly but had not received a reply.

**Item 6: Community Police Matters.**

**37/08**

Sergeant Warner outlined and gave background details of the crime figures for February.

**Item 7: Road Safety.**

**38/08**

The following concerns were brought to Sgt Warner's attention.

- The crash barrier at Geraints Way
- The difficulties experienced by buses turning from Church Hill into Bridge Road because of parked cars,

**Item 8: Reports**

**39/08**

**a) Mayor**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008** – The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended a 'Social Evening' as part of "Fairtrade Fortnight" celebrating progress being made by Barry Town Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council and other towns in the Vale towards obtaining Fairtrade Town and County status. The event was held in Barry Town Council's Mayor's Parlour.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008** – Councillor Mrs L Adams and Mr D Osborn attended the final performance of "Jekyll and Hyde" at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008** – Councillor Mrs S M Cox accepted the Fairtrade Certificate on behalf of the People of Cowbridge at a Fairtrade Market held in the Main Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008** – The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended a Reception for Vale Young Musician Winners hosted by Jane Hutt A.M. in the Oriel Section of the Senedd.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008** – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Monday Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Music Services' Junior Schools' Music Festival at St Davids Hall, Cardiff.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008** – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Lord Mayor of Cardiff's Charity Spring Showcase at St David's Hall, Cardiff.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008** – The Mayoress attended WRVS Luncheon Club for lunch and judged the Easter Bonnets.

The Mayor and Mayoress attended Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Orchestra Concert at City Hall, Cardiff.

**Item 8: Reports**

**a) Mayor (Continued)**

The Mayor read out a letter received from the Mayor of Penarth congratulating all those in Cowbridge who made it possible for the town to achieve Fair Trade Town Status.

**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Burges, that the Fair Trade committee should be commended for all their hard work obtain Fair Trade status for the town.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**b) Town Clerk's Report**

**Food for thought .....**

Enclosed with your agenda is an extract from the quarterly publication 'Clerk and Council's Direct' in which there is a very useful article by the Chief Executive of the Local Council's Advisory Service.

Advice has been received from One Voice Wales that for the purposes of the calculation of the date of the AGM, the Bank Holiday is not counted (Section 243 LGA 1972).

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008 – Mayor's Charity Ball

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 – Local Elections

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 – Big Screen – 'There will be blood'.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – Meeting to sign Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – Mayor Making.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – Adjourned AGM.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2008 - Civic Sunday

Payment of the accounts to be ratified

Expenses totalling £10,425.48 to be paid.

**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**Item 9:  
40/08**

**Reports of Committees.**

**a. Leisure & Amenities.**

Councillor A Williams reported on the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008.

**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that the report be accepted and adopted.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**b. Planning.**

Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 and referred to Item 5.6 in respect of planning application reference 2008/00184/FUL and suggested that an archaeological watching brief be included with the observations from the Town Council.

**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Department be requested to require an archaeological watching brief for planning application 2008/00184/FUL.

**Item 9: Reports of Committees.**

**b. Planning. (Continued)**

**Resolved** as proposed.

**Proposed** by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

Councillor J R Harris drew members' attention to a grant aid application, which had been received from the Cowbridge Monday Club and circulated at this evening's meeting.

**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that a payment of £100.00 be made to the Cowbridge Monday Club.

**Resolved** that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approves that the payment of the sum of £100.00 be made.

Members discussed the recommendation made in respect of item 7.1 in relation to a grant aid application made by Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, seconded by Councillor A Williams, that a payment of £100.00 be made to the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

**Resolved** that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approves that the payment of the sum of £100.00 be made.

Members discussed item 6 in respect of the sewer and agreed that the letter should also be copied to the three Vale of Glamorgan Councils for Cowbridge.

**Proposed** by Councillor A Williams, 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

Item 8 – Loop system in the Council Chamber – members agreed that further investigation should take place in order to eliminate the electrical interference which affected its users.

**Proposed** by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that the report be accepted and adopted.

**Resolved** as proposed.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives.**  
**41/08**
- 10.1 Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.**  
No meeting.
- 10.2 Evan Jenkins Charity.**  
Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- 10.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**  
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the last meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> February, at which donations were made and included £2,000 to Cowbridge Comprehensive School to enable a transitional orchestra to be formed. Two new trustees have been appointed, Mrs J Griffin and Dr A Isles.
- 10.4 One Voice Wales.**  
No meeting.
- 10.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**  
Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- 10.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**  
Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- 10.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**  
Councillor Mrs G Baty advised that the last meeting (AGM) took place on 15<sup>th</sup> March at which the committee were re-appointed.
- 10.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**  
Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- 10.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**  
Minutes of the meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> January are held by the Town Clerk.
- 10.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**  
Councillor H Llewellyn-Morgan was unable to attend the last meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> March.
- 10.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**  
Councillor A Banks reported on the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March at which new logos were discussed and arrangements for Fashion Week.
- 10.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**  
No meeting.
- 10.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**  
No meeting.
- 10.14 Best Kept Village.**  
No meeting.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
- 10.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**  
No meeting
- 10.16 Community Liaison Committee.**  
Councillor J R Harris reported on the last meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> March at which there were two presentations, one by South Wales Police and the second by a Vale of Glamorgan Officer on Service Support and Development, an initiative by Welsh Assembly Government.
- 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 on a meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> March at which forthcoming events were discussed.
- 10.20 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**  
No meeting.
- 10.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**  
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> February at which she was elected Chairman.
- 10.22 Fair Trade Group**  
Councillor Mrs L Adams reported that a leaflet has been produced listing local businesses that support fair trade and has been distributed throughout the town. Councillor Mrs Adams referred to the Fair Trade Fair and thanked those members who supported it.
- 10.23 Creative Rural Communities.**  
Councillor Mrs L Adams reported on a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February at which there was a presentation by the Monmouth equivalent to Creative Rural Communities entitled 'Adventa'. They have introduced an initiative called "Discovery Tours" which are used to 'spotlight' local villages surrounding Monmouth.  
A Chequebook is to be introduced in Llantwit Major and funding has been applied for the Cowbridge 400 website.
- Item 11: Youth Council.**  
**42/08** Councillor Mrs L Adams is to attend a seminar on 5<sup>th</sup> April.
- Item 12: Cowbridge Grammar School 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**  
**43/08** Councillor Mrs L Adams reported that at a meeting last week the website was discussed which will contain short interviews with 'Old Boys' and is being set up by media studies students from the Comprehensive School.

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- Item 13:**       **To consider the Charter between The Vale of Glamorgan Council and**  
**44/07**           **Community and Town Councils.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that  
the Town Council signs up to the Charter.  
**Resolved** as proposed.
- Item 14:**       **Correspondence**  
**45/07**
- 14.1            Invitation received from South Wales Police in respect of ‘Project Argus’  
and a workshop, which is to be held at the Paget Rooms, Penarth on Tuesday  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 between 7pm and 10pm.  
Councillor Mrs A Burges agreed to attend on behalf of the Town Council.
- 14.2            Letter received from One Voice Wales enclosing information regarding  
Community and Town Councils, Councillors and Elections.  
**Noted.**
- Item 15:**       **Publications** (All held by the Town Clerk unless otherwise stated).  
**46/08**
- 15.1            Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2008.  
**Noted.**
- 15.2            The Clerk – March 2008.  
**Noted.**
- Item 16:**       **Documents for sealing.**  
**47/07**           None.
- Item 17:**       **Date and time of next Meeting.**  
**48/08**           Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor H LI-Morgan  
**Mayor.**

Date minutes signed