

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 17th March 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, Mrs A Burges,
G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, Mrs A E Harding, D E Magnay, Mrs S Massey,
L E Taylor, 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.
Inspector M Taylor
Revd Canon D Belcher

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
32/09 Councillor A Thomas.
Mrs P Prowle, Treasurer

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
33/09 Councillor G A Cox - Item 8.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
34/09 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 28th February 2009 and statement of bank balance as at 28th February 2009
was circulated.

Balances as at the 28th February 2009.

Current Account:	£ 1,604.10
Investment Gold Account:	£ 57,657.45
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£119,261.55
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 33.64</u>
	<u>£119,227.91</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**
35/09 **17th February 2009.**
Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Massey and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 17th February 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
36/09 **17th February 2009.**
In response to Councillor Mrs M Arnold's question concerning the removal of the existing sewer (Item 9c), Councillor J R Harris advised that as previously stated, the pipe would be flushed out and as it is a clay pipe will remain in situ and be removed as and when required.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
37/09
Inspector Taylor gave recent crime figures to members, which showed a reduction of 13.5% over the same period of time last year.
Inspector Taylor outlined details of the proposed merger between E and F divisions i.e. Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend. With effect from April 2009 a Corporate Neighbourhood Model will be introduced throughout the 27 wards, each ward will have a PCSO contact and Neighbourhood Beat Manager. In each sector there will be Support Teams made up of a Police Sergeant and 5 PC's who will be responsible for specific issues. Cowbridge already has a PCSO in place.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
38/09
7.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council outlining the programme of construction work, which will be carried out to remove the existing zebra crossing outside the Town Hall, the construction of a new Pelican crossing outside 18 High Street and the relocation of the two bus stops. It is anticipated that the work should take approximately three weeks, weather permitting.
- 7.2 Councillor N C Thomas referred to the new 40mph speed limit to be introduced along the Llantwit Major Road and understood that the police did not support its introduction along the whole of its length. Inspector Taylor will make enquiries on the matter.
Councillor G A Cox advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is investigating the possibility of extending the 40mph limit and introduction of street lighting at Pen yr Heol Terrace that will result in the 30mph speed limit along that length of road.
- Councillor G A Cox left the meeting during the next item.*
- Item 8:** **The following Resolution received from Councillor A E Banks:**
39/09 *That the Town Council meets urgently with Cllr Jeff James, as the Vale Council's Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation, or his deputy, to discuss what options are available to improve the chronic shortage of car parking in Cowbridge which is causing major problems to the residents and traders of this town in these difficult economic times.*
Withdrawn.

Item 8: The following Resolution received from Councillor A E Banks: (Continued).

Amended resolution **proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor:

That the Town Council invites Councillor Jeff James as the Vale Council's Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation or his deputy plus any relevant Officers to attend a public meeting at which parking issues in Cowbridge can be discussed.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 9: Nomination of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2009/2010.

40/09 Councillor D W Morris invited members to give nominations for Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor G A Cox proposed Councillor J R Harris

Councillor J R Harris accepted the proposal.

Councillor Mrs S Massey seconded the proposal.

Councillor D W Morris asked whether there were any other nominations for Mayor.

There were no other nominations

Resolved that Councillor J R Harris is appointed Mayor for 2009/2010.

Councillor D W Morris invited members for nominations for Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor A Williams proposed Councillor L E Taylor

Councillor L E Taylor accepted the proposal.

Councillor Mrs N C Thomas seconded the proposal.

Resolved that Councillor L E Taylor is appointed Deputy Mayor for 2009/2010.

Item 10: Reports

41/09 a) Mayor

Wednesday 18th February – The Mayor attended the funeral of former Mayor, Mrs Margaret Weston, at Holy Cross Church.

Saturday 21st February – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Conferring of the Freedom of the County Borough Council to The Royal Welsh Regiment by the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan at the Civic Office Forecourt followed by a Reception at Barry Leisure Centre.

Thursday 26th February – The Mayor attended the Launch of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg's Website at an informal Reception with refreshments, at the school.

Friday 27th February - The Mayor and Mayoress attended a Reception to celebrate Llantwit Major becoming a Fair Trade Town. The Reception was hosted by Llantwit Major Town Council and the Fair Trade Forum at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

Saturday 28th February – The Mayor and Mayoress attended and participated in a Fair Trade Fashion Show at the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Item 10: Reports

a) Mayor (Continued)

Thursday 5th March – The Mayor and Mayoress attended a ‘Cheese and Wine’ Evening at Cowbridge Comprehensive School. The evening included a presentation of the new school buildings and facilities.

Saturday 7th March - The Mayor and Mayoress held a Coffee Morning in the Mayor’s Parlour in aid of Cancer Care Cymru.

Monday 9th March – The Mayor and Mayoress attended Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club’s 31st Annual Dinner at the Bear Hotel.

Thursday 12th March – The Mayor attended the Opening of ‘Chris Short – Land and Sea’ – An Exhibition of Fine Art Photography at Old Hall Gallery, Cowbridge.

Monday 16th March – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Music Service, Junior Schools’ Music Festival at St David’s Hall, Cardiff.

b) Town Clerk’s Report

Dates for your diaries

Showing of Cowbridge 400th Anniversary Grammar School Film –
Wednesday 25th March 2009

Big Screen – ‘The Boy in Striped Pajamas’ – Thursday 26th March 2009

Opening of Refurbished Cell 3 in the Museum – Saturday 4th April 2009

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

Big Screen - ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ – Thursday 30th April 2009

Mayor Making – 19th May 2009.

Adjourned AGM – 20th May 2009.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified

Expenses totalling £11,385.84 to be paid.

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

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 11:
42/09**

Reports of Committees:

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold reported on the meeting held 2nd March 2009.

Proposed by Councillor G A Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor Mrs G Baty reported on the meeting held on 2nd March 2009.

Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs N C Thomas that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

- Item 11: Reports of Committees:**
- c. Finance & General Purposes.**
Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held 3rd March 2009 and confirmed that the CASH grant application is successful though written confirmation has not yet been received. Councillor J R Harris confirmed that ownership of the sewer remains with its users i.e. those who discharge into it.
- Councillor J R Harris confirmed that Section 137(3) Local Government Act 1972 as referred to in Item 10.3 relates to 'Grant Aid'.
- Proposed** by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor A Williams that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.
- d. Town Hall.**
Councillor G A Cox reported on the meeting held 3rd March 2009. Councillor Mrs G Baty advised that the WRVS Lunch Club members were extremely grateful to the Town Council for providing new cupboards in the Lesser Hall Kitchen.
- Proposed** by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs A E Harding, that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.
- Councillors G A Cox and Mrs S M Cox left the meeting at this point.*
- Item 12: Reports of Representatives.**
43/09
- 12.1 Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.**
No meeting.
- 12.2 Evan Jenkins Charity.**
No meeting.
- 12.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**
No meeting.
- 12.4 One Voice Wales.**
No representative.
Councillor Mrs N C Thomas requested that a report on the recent Workshop in Cardiff on 30th January and Committee meeting on 26th January is made available.
- 12.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
No representative.
- 12.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No representative.
- 12.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
Councillor Mrs G Baty reported on the AGM held on Saturday 7th March when the committee were voted back in and membership fees remained unaltered. Following the meeting a 'Poems and Pints' evening was held.

- Item 12: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
- 12.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No meeting.
It was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Footpaths Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council requesting that a meeting is convened.
- 12.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
Minutes of the meeting that took place on 29th January 2009 are held by the Town Clerk.
- 12.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Councillor Mrs G Baty reported on a meeting held 26th February at which the school's new web site was launched.
- 12.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
Councillor Mrs N C Thomas reported on the meeting held on 10th March, the minutes of which are held by the Town Clerk.
- 12.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
No meeting.
- 12.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
No meeting.
- 12.14 Best Kept Village.**
Next meeting June 2009.
- 12.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting. The Town Clerk to contact the Clerk of the Trust to ascertain when the next meeting is scheduled.
- 12.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Next meeting to be held on 25th March. Councillor J R Harris is unable to attend. Councillor Mrs N C Thomas will attend in his place.
- 12.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
No meeting.
- 12.18 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No representative.
- 12.19 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.**
No meeting.
Councillor Mrs A Burges running the Llantwit Major is leaving.
- 12.20 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No representative.
- 12.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
No representative.

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- Item 12: Reports of Representatives (Continued).**
12.22 Fair Trade Group
No meeting.
- 12.23 Creative Rural Communities.**
No meeting.
- Item 13: Report from Sub Committee – Play Equipment, Aberthin.**
44/09
Members were circulated with a written report in which the committee recommends that the Town Council contribute the sum of £2,000 towards the project.
Proposed by Councillor D E Magnay, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that the Town Council contribute £2,000 towards the installation of the play equipment at Downs View Playpark, Aberthin.
Resolved as proposed.
- Item 14: Correspondence.**
45/09
- 14.1 Letter received from the Parish Office giving details of The Jeff Alden Memorial Lecture which takes place on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Holy Cross Church, cost of tickets is £5.
Noted.
- 14.2 Letter received from One Voice Wales regarding eTrading for Community and Town Councils. The letter outlined that the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery has announced extra funding to accelerate a Welsh Assembly collaborative procurement initiative named 'xchangewales'. The minister has identified Community and Town Councils and its councillors as having strong links with local economies and small businesses. Trials are to take place which if successful will allow Community and Town Councils access to better value and which may result in savings of 50% on some items.
Noted.
- 14.3 Letter received from The Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding an application for a diversion of part of Public Footpath No. 31 Llanblethian. Any comments or views should be notified by 24th March 2009.
No objections.
- 14.4 Letter from One Voice Wales regarding membership of the society for the year 2009/2010 and the benefits that can result.
The Town Council has agreed to its membership being renewed.
Noted.
- 14.5 Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the first meeting of the Town and Community Councils Planning Forum, which is to be held on 22nd April starting promptly at 6pm. The forum will provide Town and Community Councils with a short presentation on the planning service within the Vale of Glamorgan, the development control process and an update on recent initiatives relating to electronic ways of working. There will also be an update on the Local Development Plan. Town Councils are invited to send a maximum of two Members to represent them.
Councillors A Williams and Mrs G Baty will attend, with Councillor Mrs N C Thomas being the reserve.

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Item 14: Correspondence (Continued)

14.6 Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the Vale of Glamorgan Local Service Forum, which is to be held on Friday 1st May 2009 at 9.30am at The Bear Hotel and will comprise of representatives of the main public, private, voluntary and community organisations operating in the Vale. Councillor Mrs A Burges volunteered to represent the Town Council at the Forum.

14.7 Letter from Metrix giving dates of presentations to be held in the area, included is an exhibition in Cowbridge will take place on Thursday 2nd April 2009 from 15.30 to 20.00 at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.
Noted.

14.8 Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding Severn Tidal Power Phase One Consultation. The consultation is being undertaken by the Department of Energy and Climate Change in partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government. The current consultation is an interim one that seeks views on ; the process used to prepare the short list of schemes; the proposed shortlist; the issues proposed for further investigation, including the scope of the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is to prepare a formal response to the consultation and any comments for potential inclusion should be notified to Mr John Marks, Senior Planning Officer. The following links are provided for information:

<http://severntidalpowerconsultation.decc.gov.uk/>

<http://severnestuary.net/sep/resource.html>

Noted.

**Item 15: Publications (All held by the Town Clerk unless otherwise stated).
46/09**

15.1 WAG – The Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2007-2008.

15.2 Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2009.

15.3 The Clerk – March 2009.

15.4 CPRW – Spring 2009.

**Item 16: Documents for sealing.
47/09**

16.1 Exclusive Right of Burial for Grave No. N169 in the Limes Cemetery purchased by Mrs J Palmer, 36 Broadway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge.

16.2 Exclusive Right of Burial for Cremation Plot D10 in the Limes Cemetery purchased by Mrs P I Drew, 16 Church Hill Close, Llanblethian.

16.3 Exclusive Right of Burial for Cremation Plot D12 in the Limes Cemetery purchased by Mrs G M Kelly, 9 Geoffrey Ashe Court, Cardiff Road, Cowbridge.

Document sealed.

Item 17: Date and time of next Meeting.

48/09 Tuesday 21st April 2009 at 7.30pm.

Councillor D W Morris
Mayor

Date minutes signed.