

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 18th May 2004 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mayor - Councillor H W Field
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs S M Cox
Councillors: Mrs L Adams, Mrs M Arnold, G A Cox, W H Evans,
V W Eveleigh, J R Harris, J L Jones, and Mrs J Williams.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Treasurer – Mrs Jane Tyre
Police Inspector - Chris Patterson
Community Support Officer – Brian Froud

Revd Canon D Belcher opened the meeting with a prayer.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
64/04 Councillors: Mrs G Baty, H L Morgan and A Williams

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
65/04 Councillor G A Cox, Finance and General Purposes minutes, item 6.6
(Cowbridge in Bloom) and all Planning matters.
Councillor Mrs M Arnold, Finance and General Purposes minutes, item 6.6
(Cowbridge in Bloom).
Councillor Mrs S M Cox, Cowbridge Charter 750 and Y Bont Faen School.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
66/04 The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April 2004 to
30th April 2004 and statement of bank balances as at 30th April 2004 had
previously been circulated.

Balances as at the 30th April 2004.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 58,022.61

Total	£ 59,522.61
Less Outstanding Cheques	£ 286.81

	£ 59,235.80

Mrs Tyre enquired whether a decision had been made on savings interest rates. Councillor J R Harris advised that the matter has been adjourned until after 10th June, for the new Committee to decide.

Proposed by Councillor J L Jones, seconded by Councillor V W Eveleigh,
that these reports be accepted and adopted.

Resolved: This report be adopted.

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- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held
67/04** **20th April 2004.**
Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor G A Cox and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 20th April 2004 was confirmed as a correct record and was duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on 20th April 2004.**
68/04 No matters arising.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
69/04 Inspector Patterson introduced Brian Froud, the Community Support Officer, who gave an outline of his duties and the areas he covered in the Vale.
- The crime figures for April were circulated to members and showed a 50% reduction on the previous month. Inspector Patterson gave a brief outline of the details.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
70/04 Inspector Patterson referred to points raised at the previous meeting.
- Hanson lorries – enquiries reveal that the contract is due to run until September and involves 50 runs per day between 7.30am and 4.00pm. The route has been stipulated by the contractors whom Inspector Patterson will contact shortly.
 - The Limes – Inspector Patterson confirmed that the area has been patrolled with regard to illegal parking and is being monitored.
 - Erosion of the verge at the top of Constitution Hill down to St Quentin’s Castle. Inspector Patterson has seen the problem but there is little the Police can do. With regard to the speed of vehicles, the area does not lend itself to the use of enforcement equipment.
- Inspector Patterson advised that the speed reduction team are operating in the area with new personnel.
- Item 8:** **Reports:**
71/04 **a) Mayors Report :**
Saturday 8th May - The Mayor and Mayoress hosted the Mayor’s Ball in aid of Cowbridge Charter Trust in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.
- Councillor G A Cox congratulated the Mayor and Mayoress on the success of the Ball but that it was disappointing that the event was not better supported by members of the Council.
The Mayor wished his thanks to be recorded for the extra work and assistance provided by Mr Billy James over the weekend.
- b) Town Clerk's Report**
Preference forms for committees and representatives will be sent out with the agendas for the meeting to be held on 15 June.
- Green Waste – Free collection of green waste is being provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The collection day for Cowbridge is Friday and you are required to ‘phone up and advise that you have bags for collection. The bags should be used for grass and shrub cuttings, hedge clippings leaves, leaves, plants & flowers weeds only. (telephone no.02920673000)

Item 8:

Reports:

b) Town Clerk's Report (Continued)

Dates for Your Diary

- Tuesday 18th May - Talk by Mr D Clayton Jones at 6.30pm (*prior to Ful Council*)
- Thursday 10th June - Town and Community Council Elections
- Tuesday 15th June - Town Council meeting – To sign Declarations of Office and nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
- Tuesday 22nd June - Mayor making.
- Wednesday 23rd June - Adjourned AGM
- Sunday 4th July - Civic Sunday

Councillor Mrs S M Cox suggested that the Adjourned AGM be held on the Thursday following Mayor Making to allow for any absences of Vale Councillors and/or guests who are required to attend the Vale of Glamorgan Council AGM on the Wednesday night.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that the matter be referred to the next Finance and General Purposes meeting for their consideration.

Resolved as proposed

Payment of the accounts to be ratified
Expenses totalling £6,570.02 to be paid.

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

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9:
72/04**

Reports of Committees.

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold reported on the meeting held 4th May 2004. In addition, to the report, Councillor Mrs Arnold drew members' attention to the fact that the current contractor cutting the grass for the Town Council is no longer able to carryout that function and there is a need to put contingency measures in place until such time that a permanent solution is found.

Proposed by Councillor H W Field, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that the Vale of Glamorgan Council be approached in particular with regard to Llanblethian Playing Fields to see if they would be willing to cut the grass in the interim.

Resolved as proposed.

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

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor Mrs L Adams reported on the meeting held 4th May 2004. Councillor Mrs J Williams referred to item 7.4 and confirmed that the house owner had been granted temporary access but understands that an application to make it permanent is to be made.

Members agreed that the situation requires close monitoring.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor V W Eveleigh, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 9: Reports of Committees. (Continued)

c. Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor H W Field reported on the meeting held 5th May 2004.

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

Resolved as proposed.

d. Town Hall

Councillor J L Jones reported on the meeting held 5th May 2004 and also drew members' attention to the following matters:

- There are new regulations pertaining to asbestos, which must be adhered to.
- As well as the crack in the ceiling in the strong room, there is also a crack in the ceiling of one of the cells.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor G A Cox, that in order to maintain continuity, any retiring Chairmen be invited to attend the first Committee meeting of the new term.

Resolved as proposed.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs J Williams, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 10: Creative Rural Communities (Article 33 Funding)

73/04

10.1

Two letters received from Creative Rural Communities in respect of Article 33 Funding. The letters advised that the applications for Holy Cross Church and the Millfield Drive Playscheme were considered on Friday, 30th April. Neither application has been prioritised by the Partnership for further work at this time and the current round of Article 33 Funding was heavily oversubscribed and only the strongest applications further developed for submission. Should any problems arise with the prioritised applications there maybe an opportunity to revisit applications in the future.

Noted.

Councillor H W Field advised members that the application for new signage on the approach roads to the town has been short-listed.

10.2

Received from Creative Rural Communities - Community Audit of the Rural Vale. A copy of the overview and executive summary relating to the survey was circulated to members.

Noted.

The Town Clerk advised that the full document is available in the Office comprising of 100 pages.

Item 11: Reports of Representatives.

74/04

11.1

Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.

Next meeting, Monday 24th May 2004.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives. (Continued).**
- 11.2 Evan Jenkins Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.4 One Voice Wales.**
Councillor J L Jones reported that he had attended the inaugural meeting held at Llandrindod Wells at which there was enormous enthusiasm and 300 plus Councillors were present, although a north south divide was clearly evident. The meeting was addressed by Sue Essex A.M. who advised that there would be an extra £100,000 funding available.
Councillor David Street is the Acting Chairman and a steering group was appointed. The next stage is the setting up of area committees.
Councillor H W Field thanked Councillor J L Jones for attending the meeting and the commitment he has given.
- 11.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
Councillor Mrs J Williams advised that a meeting had been held but there were no items on the agenda relating to the Town Council area.
- 11.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
Councillor J L Jones advised that the AGM is to be held on 27 May at 7.30pm
The position of Curator is still vacant but reassured members that the museum will remain open and the number of volunteers has increased.
- 11.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox advised there had been a recent meeting at which the final arrangements for the visit from Clisson. There will be two functions held in Cowbridge over the weekend. The theme of the weekend is Disability and Access supported by European Funding.
- 11.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No meeting.
- 11.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
Next meeting 20th May 2004.
- 11.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Councillor Mrs L Adams advised that the last meeting was held on 26th April to approve the budget and the next meeting is to be held on 26th June.
- 11.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
Councillor Mrs J Williams advised that she attended a meeting held on 11th May when the following matters were discussed:-
- Celebrity Golf Day (25.8.04) proceeds to four charities.
 - Celtic Food and Wine Festival (6.11.04) to be held at the Duke, the Bear plus a marquee on the Bear Field. The WDA have awarded the Festival £10,000.
 - Christmas Festivities – initial discussions took place for the festive period.
 - Letter received from Nick Boyden of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, in respect of ‘A’ Boards.
 - AGM 8th June.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives. (Continued).**
- 11.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
Councillor Mrs M Arnold advised she attended a meeting on Thursday, 13th May. Money is being collected from traders in the town towards the cost of the Summer plants. There is a desperate need for volunteers to assist with the watering of the plants throughout the Summer.
- 11.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
The Town Clerk reported on behalf of Councillor Mrs Baty in her absence.
- The new 'Airwaves' Radio/Mobile system is now out on test and a demonstration given by Chief Inspector Watson from the MOD Police.
 - Mr Miles Punter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council sent a letter advising that they are the leading Authority to provide 20mph road signs. Councillor Mrs Baty brought up again the speed limit on the Llantwit Road.
- 11.14 Best Kept Village.**
No representative.
- 11.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
No meeting.
- 11.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
No meeting. Councillor Mrs S M Cox indicated that enquiries are being made with regard to possible funding for the restoration of the Town walls.
- 11.18 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No meeting.
- 11.19 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox advised that meetings are ongoing to arrange further events. Some of those include Jazz events, a School Play and Open day at the Tennis Club as well as the Celtic Food and Wine Festival to be held in November.
- Item 12: Good Citizenship Award.**
75/04 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May were circulated.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs J Williams, seconded by Councillor G A Cox, that the minutes be accepted.
Resolved as proposed.
- Item 13: Correspondence.**
76/04
- 13.1 Letter received from Cardiff University, enclosing survey of service provision in Town and Community Councils.
Noted
Several Councillors agreed to complete the form and pass it to the Town Clerk by Friday (21 May) at the latest. The Town Clerk would collate and transfer the responses onto one form prior to submission.

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- Item 13: Correspondence.(continued)**
- 13.2 Letter received from The Vale of Glamorgan to advise that the ‘In Bloom’ competitions are to be staged this year and that an advertising campaign should start in late May with judging to take place in late July.
Noted
- 13.3 Received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council – Health Social Care and Well-being Strategy for the Vale of Glamorgan.
The letter advises of the opportunity to be involved in further consultation.
Noted
Members agreed that the Town Council should register their interest in the consultation process.
- Item 14: Publications Received (All held by Town Clerk unless stated).**
77/04
- 14.1 Road Safety Wales – Annual Report.
Noted
- 14.2 Local Council Review – May 2004.
Noted
- 14.3 Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2004.
Noted
- Item 15: Documents for sealing.**
78/04
None.
- Item 16: Date and time of next Meeting.**
79/04
Tuesday 15th June, 2004 at 7.30pm.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox
Mayor

Date minutes signed.