

**Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting**  
**held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,**  
**on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mayor – Councillor H L I Morgan  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor D W Morris  
Councillors: Mrs L Adams, Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks, Mrs G Baty,  
Mrs A Burges (arrived item 4), G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, 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  
Inspector Patterson

**Item 1:**           **Apologies for Absence.**  
**64/07**           Councillor Mrs M Y Williams M.B.E.  
                  Treasurer Mrs J Tyre

**Item 2:**           **Declarations of Interest.**  
**65/07**           Councillor G A Cox – all planning matters and any matters relating to  
                  Cowbridge Museum Trust.  
                  Councillor Mrs S M Cox – Y Bont Faen School, Cowbridge Charter Trust,  
                  Cowbridge Museum Trust and Valuation Tribunal.

**Item 3:**           **The Treasurer's Report.**  
**66/07**           In the absence of the Treasurer, the report was presented by Councillor  
                  J R Harris. The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007  
                  to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007 and statement of bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007 had  
                  previously been circulated.

Balances as at the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 65,511.96
Money Market	<u>£ 50,000.00</u>
Total	£117,011.96
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 5,026.92</u>
	<u>£111,985.04</u>

**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor,  
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 on**  
**67/07**           **17<sup>th</sup> April 2007.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty,  
and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on  
17<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:**           **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007**  
**68/07**           No matters arising.
- Item 6:**           **Community Police Matters.**  
**69/07**           Crime figures for the month of April were circulated to members and  
Inspector Patterson gave background details and warned of the consequences  
of leaving car keys easily accessible in the home.
- Item 7:**           **Road Safety.**  
**70/07**
- 7.1               To note a letter of acknowledgement received from the Vale of Glamorgan  
Council in respect of vehicles parking on highway verges on Church Hill,  
Llanblethian.  
**Noted.**  
Inspector Patterson advised that the Community and Police Support Officers  
are dealing with the matter.
- 7.2               To note letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of  
grass verges in Cae Rex and Broadway. The letter advised that issues raised  
are currently being dealt with under the new Road/Street Works Act.  
**Noted.**
- Item 8:**           **Reports**  
**71/07**           **a) Mayor**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007** – The Mayor attended the Cardiff County and Vale  
of Glamorgan Music Service’ Wind Bands’ Festival featuring the Band of  
the Welsh Guards at the City Hall, Cardiff.  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007** – The Mayor attended a Housing Market Assessment  
Consultation Meeting held by Fordham Research on behalf of Cardiff and  
Vale of Glamorgan Councils at City Hall, Cardiff.  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - The Mayor attended a Private Viewing of an Exhibition  
by Cardiff Print Workshop at Cowbridge Old Hall.  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – The Mayor attended Llandough Community Council’s  
Civic Service at St Dochdwy’s Church, Llandough followed by refreshments  
at Llandough War Memorial Institute.  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – The Mayor attended an event hosted by the Gateway  
Club featuring ‘High Jinx’ at Ramoth Chapel.  
Deputy Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayoress Elect attended Barry Town  
Council’s Mayor Making Ceremony at the Town Council’s Annual meeting  
at the Memorial Hall Theatre followed by refreshments in the Bedwas Hall.  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Councillors G A Cox and  
Mrs S M Cox represented Cowbridge at a Commemoration of 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Treaty of Rome and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clisson-Klettgau  
(Germany) Twinning including attendance and speaking at a Conference on  
European Solidarity in Clisson.  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – The Mayor and Consort attended Cowbridge Male  
Voice Choir’s 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert with guest artiste, Paul Child, at  
Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

**Item 8: Reports (Continued)**

**b) Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk thanked the staff for their help with the arrangements for Mayor Making.

**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams that in recognition of help given at the Reception by Miss Lauren Griffin, a £15 book token is purchased for her.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**Citizen of the Year** : To arrange a date for the committee to meet and deliberate on the nominations that have been received.

**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs L Adams, seconded by Councillor G A Cox, that the committee should consist of the Mayor and the four out-going chairmen of committees.

**Resolved** as proposed.

It was arranged for the committee to meet on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at 7.00pm.

**Dates for your diaries**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – The History Boys

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 6.00pm– Vale of Glamorgan Council – ‘State of Area Debate’ at Cowbridge Comprehensive Lower School Hall.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2007 – Civic Sunday

**Payment of the accounts to be ratified**

Expenses totalling £20,991.42 to be paid.

**Proposed** by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor A Williams that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**Item 9: Reports of Committees.**  
**72/07 a. Leisure & Amenities.**

Councillor D W Morris reported on the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Item 7.1 (ii) – Councillor Morris confirmed that the sewer is private and in joint ownership between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and private residents.

Item 7.2 - Concerns were expressed that arisings should be removed from the Holy Cross Churchyard before Civic Sunday.

**Proposed** by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, that the report be accepted and adopted.

**Resolved** as proposed.

*Councillor G A Cox left the meeting for the next item.*

**b. Planning.**

Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

**Proposed** by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor A Williams, that the report be accepted and adopted.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**Item 9: Reports of Committees. (Continued)**

**c. Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Item 4.3 – Town Guide – Committee shall comprise of Councillors J R Harris (Chair), Mrs L Adams and Mrs S M Cox.

**Proposed** by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that the report be accepted and adopted.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**d. Town Hall**

Councillor W H Evans reported on the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

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

**Resolved** as proposed.

**Item 10: To appoint members to serve on the following Committees for 2007/2008.  
73/07**

***Leisure and Amenities***

Cllr Mrs L Adams  
Cllr Mrs M Arnold  
Cllr Mrs G Baty  
Cllr Mrs A Burges  
Cllr A Williams

***Planning.***

Cllr Mrs L Adams  
Cllr Mrs M Arnold  
Cllr Mrs G Baty  
Cllr Mrs A Burges  
Cllr Mrs S M Cox  
Cllr A Williams

***Finance and General Purposes.***

Cllr G A Cox  
Cllr Mrs S M Cox  
Cllr W H Evans  
Cllr J R Harris  
Cllr L E Taylor  
Cllr A Thomas  
Cllr Mrs M Y Williams MBE

***Town Hall.***

Cllr G A Cox  
Cllr W H Evans  
Cllr J R Harris  
Cllr L E Taylor  
Cllr A Thomas  
Cllr Mrs M Y Williams MBE

**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that the Members appointed to committees be as set out above.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**Item 11: Reports of Representatives.**

**74/07**

**11.1**

**Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.**

Councillor H LI Morgan reported on the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May when a report was received from the Stockbroker and grants were distributed.

**11.2**

**Evan Jenkins Charity.**

Councillor Mrs M A Arnold reported on the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April when a new chair and vice chair were appointed.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
- 11.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**  
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported that the Chairman of the Trust, Vince Donagh had died recently.
- 11.4 One Voice Wales.**  
No representative.
- 11.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**  
No meeting.
- 11.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**  
Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007 (AGM).
- 11.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**  
No meeting.  
Social Event in the form of a 'Safari Supper' is taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> June.  
Six members visited Clisson last weekend to celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 'Treaty of Rome' and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its 'Twinning with Klettgau in Germany.
- 11.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**  
No meeting.
- 11.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**  
Meeting held last week and Town Clerk is awaiting a copy of the minutes.
- 11.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**  
Councillor Mrs L Adams reported that a new headmaster has been appointed.  
**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs Linda Adams, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox that a letter is sent from the Mayor to Mr Alan Jones, the current head teacher, to acknowledge the contribution and support he has made through the school at various events held, especially Civic Sunday and Carol singing and to wish him a happy retirement.  
**Resolved** as proposed.
- 11.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**  
No meeting.
- 11.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**  
No meeting.
- 11.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**  
Next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Minutes of the last meeting held by the Town Clerk.
- 11.14 Best Kept Village.**  
No meeting.
- 11.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**  
No meeting.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives (Continued)**
- 11.16 Community Liaison Committee.**  
No representative.
- 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'.**  
A trip to meet the Lord Mayor of Cardiff at the Mansion House recently took place and at the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, arrangements were made for a coffee morning that is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> June at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.
- 11.20 Vale of Glamorgan Safety Partnership.**  
No meeting.
- 11.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**  
No meeting.  
Posters and leaflets are in circulation for the Jazz Festival and the Town Walls Group continue to meet to arrange further cleaning up of the walls.
- 11.22 Fair Trade Group**  
Councillor Mrs L Adams advised that at the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May that as part of a nationwide 'Big Picnic' an event would be staged in Cowbridge on the last Saturday in June.  
Application for 'Fair Trade' status for Cowbridge has been applied for.
- Item 12: To appoint Representatives to serve on various bodies for the year 2007/2008.**
- 75/07**
- 12.1 One Voice Wales.**  
Councillor Mrs M Y Williams and Councillor Mrs S M Cox (reserve).
- 12.2 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**  
Councillor Mrs L Adams and Councillor A Thomas (reserve).
- 12.3 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**  
Councillor A E Banks and Councillor W H Evans (reserve).
- 12.4 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**  
Councillor Mrs M Arnold and Councillor A Williams (reserve).
- 12.5 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**  
Councillor A E Banks and Councillor L E Taylor (reserve).
- 12.6 Cowbridge in Bloom.**  
Councillor A Williams and Councillor G A Cox (reserve).

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**Item 12: To appoint Representatives to serve on various bodies for the year 2007/2008.**

**12.7 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**  
Councillor A Williams and Councillor Mrs M Y Williams (reserve).

**12.8 Best Kept Village.**  
Councillor L E Taylor.

**12.9 Community Liaison Committee.**  
Councillor J R Harris and Councillor Mrs M Y Williams (reserve).

**12.10 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**  
Councillor Mrs S M Cox and Councillor Mrs M Arnold (reserve)

**12.11 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**  
Councillor Mrs L Adams and Councillor A Thomas (reserve)

**12.12 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**  
Councillor Mrs S M Cox and Councillor A E Banks (reserve).

**12.13 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'**  
Councillor Mrs A Burges.

**12.14 Creative Rural Communities**  
Councillor Mrs L Adams and Councillor Mrs S M Cox (reserve)

**Proposed** by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor A Williams, that the Members appointed as the representatives of the Town Council to serve on the various committees be as set out above.

**Resolved** as proposed.

**Item 13: Information Day.**  
**76/07** No matters arising.

**Item 14: Correspondence**  
**77/07**

**14.1** To note copy letter received from 'Keep Cowbridge Special' Group sent to the Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, relating to Cowbridge Cattle Market Development Brief.  
**Noted.**

**Item 15: Publications** (All held by the Town Clerk unless stated).  
**78/07**

**15.1** The Clerk – May 2007.  
**Noted.**

**15.2** Rural Wales – Spring 2007.  
**Noted.**

**15.3** Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2007.  
**Noted.**

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**Item 15: Publications** (All held by the Town Clerk unless stated). **(Continued)**

15.4 The Voice (Publication of One Voice Wales) – May 2007.  
**Noted.**

15.5 Vale of Glamorgan Council Scrutiny Committees' Annual Report 2006/2007  
**Noted.**

**Item 16: Documents for sealing.**

**79/07** None.

**Item 17: Date and time of next Meeting.**

**80/07** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor H Ll Morgan  
**Mayor**

Date minutes signed