

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Wednesday 14th May 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor D W Morris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks, Mrs G Baty, Mrs Burges,
L E Taylor, A Thomas, Mrs N C Thomas and A Williams.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Sergeant C Warner

Councillor Mrs M Arnold opened the meeting with a prayer.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
70/08 Councillors: G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox and Mrs A E Harding.
Treasurer Mr J Rixon

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
71/08 None declared.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
72/08 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
30th April 2008 and statement of bank balance as at 30th April 2008 was
circulated.

Balances as at the 30th April 2008.

Current Account:	£ 1,519.50
Investment Gold Account:	£ 28,811.83
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£ 90,331.33
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 13,378.34</u>
	<u>£ 76,952.99</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.

- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of Town Council Meetings held on**
73/08 **22nd April and 6th May 2008.**
 Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Burges
 and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meetings held on
 22nd April 2008 and 6th May were confirmed as a correct record and duly
 signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meetings held on 22nd April**
74/08 **and 6th May 2008.**
 No matters arising.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
75/08 Sergeant Warner advised members on the crime figures for April, which
 showed an increase of criminal damage and dwelling house burglaries.
- Councillor Mrs M Arnold referred specifically to a recent incident involving
a dwelling house burglary and attempts made by the South Wales Police to
apprehend the offenders with the use of the police helicopter. Councillor Mrs
Arnold was concerned that this involved it flying above her property at such a
height that she perceived it might cause damage to her aerial. Councillor Mrs
Arnold also complained about the noise that the helicopter made and the
number of police that were involved trying to apprehend the offenders.
Sergeant Warner assured Councillor Mrs Arnold that the police helicopter is
not allowed to fly below a certain height, approximately 300 feet and one of
the quietest of its type. Only three officers were involved ‘on the ground’
during the operation.
Councillor J R Harris and Councillor Mrs G Baty both pointed out that the
Town Council fully supported the police in any actions they took in trying to
apprehend criminals in the area and were grateful that the resource of the
police helicopter was used in this incident.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
76/08 Sergeant Warner was requested to check if work is to commence soon on the
 damage caused to the corner of the Edmonds Arms as the temporary support
 and barriers are causing an obstruction at the junction.
- Item 8:** **Reports**
77/08 **a) Mayor**
 Friday 24th April 2008 – Councillor A Thomas and Mrs Thomas attended
 the Community Venue Guide Launch at Dinas Powys Parish Hall, hosted by
 Creative Rural Communities.
 Saturday 26th April 2008 – The Mayor and Mayoress hosted Mayor’s
 Charity Ball at the Town Hall.
 Thursday 8th May 2008 – The Mayor met visitors from Clisson.
 Monday 12th May 2008 – The Mayor attended Barry Town Council’s Mayor
 Making Ceremony at the Memorial Hall followed by refreshments in the
 Bedwas Hall.

The Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the Town Clerk and staff for their
efforts at Mayor Making. Favourable comments were received from a
number of the invited dignitaries, both on the ceremony and reception.

Item 8: Reports (Continued)

b) Town Clerk's Report

- As in previous years One Voice Wales has held a draw for Mayors/Chairmen of Town and Community Councils to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This year Cowbridge Town Council was successful and the Immediate Past Mayor, Huw Llewellyn-Morgan will be attending with his wife.
- Good Citizenship Award – an article has appeared in the Gem Newspaper and the closing date is 30th May 2008. Application forms are available from the Town Clerk's Office.
- Co-option – notification has been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising that the two vacancies on the Town Council maybe filled by way of co-option. Notices will be posted on 15th May, on the Town Council notice boards and in the Gem Newspaper. The closing date is noon on 30th May 2008. Members were reminded that the interviewing committee should comprise of the Mayor or the Immediate Past Mayor and three other councillors.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that the members to sit on the committee will be Councillor J R Harris, Councillor A Williams and Councillor A Thomas.

Resolved as proposed.

Dates for your diaries

Big Screen – 'There Will Be Blood' – Thursday, 5th June 2008

Sunday 13th July 2008 - Civic Sunday.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified, expenses totalling £11,014.84 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Williams, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 9: Report of Planning Committee held on 28th April 2008.

78/08 Planning.

Councillor A E Banks reported on the meeting held 28th April 2008.

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

Resolved as proposed.

Item 10: To appoint members to serve on the following Committee for 2008/2009.

79/08

LEISURE & AMENITIES

Cllr M Arnold
Cllr A Banks
Cllr Mrs G Baty
Cllr Mrs A Burges
Cllr A Williams

PLANNING

Cllr M Arnold
Cllr A Banks
Cllr Mrs G Baty
Cllr Mrs A Burges
Cllr Mrs S M Cox
Cllr A E Harding
Cllr N C Thomas
Cllr A Williams

Item 10: To appoint members to serve on the following Committee for 2008/2009.
(Continued)

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

Cllr G A Cox
Cllr Mrs S M Cox
Cllr L E Taylor
Cllr A Thomas
Cllr Mrs N C Thomas

TOWN HALL

Cllr G A Cox
Cllr Mrs A E Harding
Cllr L E Taylor
Cllr A Thomas

The Town Clerk referred to Standing Order, paragraph 40 that states that committees, apart from the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall have a maximum of seven other members apart from the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that the Town Clerk should be delegated to decide the composition of the committees in consultation with the Mayor and that any new co-opted members should sit on the committees that have a shortfall.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 11: **Reports of Representatives.**
80/08

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.**
No representative.

11.5 **Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
No meeting.

11.6 **Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No representative.

11.7 **Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
Councillor Mrs G Baty reported on last weekend, which was very successful, when visitors from Clisson came to Cowbridge. Events included:

- A Welcoming Reception in the Physic Garden;
- A 'Talk' on Renewable Energy with a Buffet lunch in the Town Hall;
- A 'Hog Roast' with live entertainment;
- A Dinner at the Town Hall.

11.8 **Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No meeting.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
- 11.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
No report.
- 11.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
No representative.
- 11.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
Councillor A E Banks reported on the last meeting, which included discussions on the group identity and loyalty card schemes. The Chamber of Trade is looking for a corporate sponsor for the reindeer weekend.
- 11.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
Next meeting 22nd May.
- 11.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
Councillor A Williams reported that the last meeting held 28th April was a very interesting one.
- 11.14 Best Kept Village.**
Next month, early June.
- 11.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No representative.
- 11.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
No 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'.**
Councillor Mrs A Burges reported on a meeting held 11th May at which items discussed included a trip to Duffryn Gardens and a Coffee Morning on 5th June.
- 11.20 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No meeting.
- 11.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
No representative.
- 11.22 Fair Trade Group**
Next meeting 15th May.
- 11.23 Creative Rural Communities.**
No representative.

Item 12: **To appoint Representatives to serve on various bodies for the year 2008/2009.**

81/08

One Voice Wales

Councillor Mrs S M Cox

Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.

Adjourned to next meeting 17th June.

Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.

Adjourned to next meeting 17th June.

Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.

Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, A Williams and Mrs N C Thomas (reserve).

Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.

Adjourned to next meeting 17th June.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Alan Thomas and **resolved** that Councillor A E Banks attends meetings until the representatives are settled.

Cowbridge in Bloom.

Councillors: A Williams and Mrs A Burges (reserve).

Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Panel.

Councillors: A Williams and Mrs N C Thomas (reserve).

Best Kept Village

Adjourned to next meeting 17th June.

Community Liaison Committee

Councillors: Jon Harris and Nicola Thomas (reserve)

Walled Towns Friendship Circle.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold.

Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.

Councillors: A Thomas and Mrs N C Thomas (reserve).

Age concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'

Councillor Mrs A Burges.

Creative Rural Communities Partnership Board

Councillors: Mrs G Baty and L E Taylor (reserve).

Item 13:
82/08

To approve the Meeting Dates for 2008/2009.

LEISURE AND AMENITIES

2008

2nd June

7th July

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December

2009

5th January

2nd February

2nd March

6th April

5th May (Tuesday)

1st June

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

2008

3rd June

8th July

2nd September

7th October

4th November

2nd December

2009

6th January

3rd February

3rd March

7th April

6th May (Wednesday)

2nd June

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

2008

17th June

22nd July

16th September

21st October

18th November

16th December

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty that the dates are accepted and agreed.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 14:
83/08

Youth Council.

Adjourned to next meeting.

Item 15:
84/08

Cowbridge Grammar School 400th Anniversary.

Councillor A Thomas volunteered to keep the Town Council informed of any developments.

PLANNING

2008

2nd June

7th July 28th July (Extra)

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December

2009

5th January

2nd February

2nd March

6th April

5th May (Tuesday)

1st June

TOWN HALL

2008

3rd June

8th July

2nd September

7th October

4th November

2nd December

2009

6th January

3rd February

3rd March

7th April

6th May (Wednesday)

2nd June

2009

20th January

17th February

17th March

21st April

19th May – Mayor Making

20th May - Adjourned AGM

16th June

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Item 16: Correspondence

85/08

16.1

Letter received from Welsh Assembly Government in respect of 'The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008.

It was agreed that this should be a specific agenda item for the next for the next Town Council meeting on 17th June.

16.2

Letter received from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales advising that a review of community boundaries in the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan. The Town Council is invited to suggest any changes to the boundary between it and any adjoining community and this must be done by 4th July 2008. It would be helpful for any suggestions to be shown on a map of discernable scale.

Referred to the next meeting Finance and General Purposes Committee to consider and make recommendation to Full Council.

Item 17:

86/08

Publications (All held by the Town Clerk unless otherwise stated).

None.

Item 18:

87/08

Documents for sealing.

No documents for sealing.

Item 19:

88/08

Date and time of next Meeting.

Tuesday 17th June 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor D W Morris

Mayor

Date minutes signed.