

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 21 June 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor - Councillor Mrs G Baty
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Mrs L Adams
Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, W H Evans,
J R Harris, H L Morgan, D W Morris,
A Williams and Mrs M Y Williams MBE.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
The Treasurer – Mrs J Tyre
Inspector Chris Patterson

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
73/05 Councillors: G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, R G Jones and A Thomas,

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
74/05 Councillor Mrs M Arnold – item 9b -planning report (item 6.1)

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
75/05 The Report was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs J Tyre. The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April 2004 to 31st May 2005 and statement of bank balances as at 31st May 2005 had previously been circulated.

Balances as at the 31st May 2005.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 33,623.60
Money Market	£ 50,000.00

Total	£ 85,123.60
Less Outstanding Cheques	£ 1,789.59

	£ 83,334.01

Proposed by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor H L Morgan,
that these reports be accepted and adopted.

Resolved: This report be adopted.

Item 4: To confirm the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 17th & 18th May 2005.
76/05

Proposed by Councillor H L Morgan, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 17th & 18th May 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and were duly signed.

Item 5: Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on 17th & 18th May 2005.
77/05

Councillor J R Harris referred to item 7.1 under Road Safety in respect of Church Street and whether there had been any response by the Highways Department during Inspector Patterson's meeting with them. Inspector Patterson confirmed that he mentioned the possibility of Church Street remaining closed on a permanent basis which the highways department will investigate.

Councillor J R Harris referred to Item 10, which related to an 'ad hoc' committee being set up. The Town Clerk advised that the matter will be placed on the next Full Council Agenda by which time it is hoped that terms of reference will be available.

Item 6: Community Police Matters.
78/05

The Crime figures for Cowbridge for the month of May were circulated and Inspector Patterson advised members of the details. Out of the 21 reported crimes, 10 have been detected to date.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold congratulated the Police on their actions and presence in the Town during an incident on a recent Friday evening.

Item 7: Road Safety.
79/05

Councillor J R Harris referred to the use of disabled badges and if regulations allow for a person to park for an unlimited amount of time, particularly parking in a disabled bay.

Inspector Patterson will check the conditions that apply but confirmed that should an abuse of the badge be discovered it can be confiscated.

Councillor A Williams referred to the 'new' Cowbridge sign on Primrose Hill about which he has had several complaints claiming that the sign obscures the sign showing the 30mph speed limit. Councillor Williams also referred to the Cowbridge sign at the west end, beneath the flyover and wondered whether this might be re-located, as he considered that it distracted drivers while they are negotiating the bend.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that a letter is sent from the Town Council to the Highways Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council requesting that consideration is given to the signs being re-sited.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillor Mrs G Baty has been approached by drivers of buses using the bus stop at the rear of the Town Hall regarding problems, which they are having as a result of 'stretched limos' parking at the rear of the Horse and Groom

Public House. Inspector Patterson advised that he would speak to the owner.

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Item 7:

Road Safety. (Continued).

Councillor W H Evans referred to the continuing problem of vehicles parking on the Downs.

Inspector Patterson advised that resources do not allow for continued surveillance of the area and that the Vale of Glamorgan Council carries out any prosecution as it is common land. He confirmed that there is a misconception by the general public that 'common land' is open for them to use whereas in point of fact it is actually for the use of Commoners.

**Item 8:
80/05**

Reports

a) Mayor

Wednesday 25th May - The Mayor and Deputy Mayor hosted a "Pre Clisson Visit" Briefing in The Mayor's Parlour.

Saturday 28th May - The Mayor and Consort hosted a Coffee Morning in the Mayor's Parlour to welcome Rotarians from Meissen in Germany.

The Mayor and Consort attended the Annual Concert of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir at the Leisure Centre, Cowbridge.

Thursday 9th June - The Mayor and Consort attended an Exhibition of Students Artwork in Years 12 and 13 of Cowbridge Comprehensive School at The Old Hall, Cowbridge.

Saturday 18th June - The Mayor and Guest attended a performance of Cenerentola (Cinderella) by Rossini at Duffryn Gardens.

b) Town Clerk's Report

Statutory notices have been placed on the Town Council notice boards in respect of the vacancy. The closing date for electors to request for an election to be held is 30 June.

Dates for your diaries:

Sunday 26th June – Civic Sunday.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified
Expenses totalling £10,012.53 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9:
81/05**

Reports of Committees.

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold reported on the meeting held 6 June 2005.

Councillor Mrs G Baty referred to Item 8.2 and confirmed that a meeting has now been arranged for Wednesday 29th June 2005. Councillor Mrs Baty referred to Item 7.4 and thanked her colleagues, Councillor A Williams and Councillor D W Morris for their hard work in clearance of the weeds at Emms Cottage.

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

Resolved as proposed.

Item 9: Reports of Committees. (Continued).

b. Planning.

Councillor H L Morgan reported on the meeting held 6th June 2005 and referred to Item 7.1 (i). He advised that he had looked at the documentation held at the Town Hall in relation to the Twt Park which confirmed that the freehold of the Park is held by the Town Council and the only right of way, besides being a footpath, is to the residents of The Poplars.

Councillor Mrs G Baty thanked Councillor H L Morgan for his work on the matter.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Adams, 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 7th June 2005 and drew members attention to the following matters.

Item 9 – the footpath to the side of the Bridge Garage Development. Work has commenced today for the construction of the footpath using brick paviour blocks and concerns raised about the resulting width are being investigated by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Councillor Harris would like a letter to be sent to the contractor for confirmation as to when the footpath will be available for use, as recommended in the report.

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

Resolved as proposed.

d. Town Hall

Councillor W H Evans reported on the meeting held 7th June 2005.

Councillor H L Morgan referred to Item 8 concerning the use of the Town Hall to screen films and is fully supportive of the recommendation.

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

Resolved as proposed.

Item 10: Citizen of the Year.

82/05

Proposed by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that the recommendation made by the sub-committee be accepted

Resolved as proposed.

Item 11: Reports of Representatives.

83/05

110.1

Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.

Councillor H L Morgan confirmed that there has been no meeting but that the distribution of grants is proceeding.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
- 11.2 Evan Jenkins Charity.**
Next meeting 14th July when the annual review will take place.
- 11.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.4 One Voice Wales.**
Next meeting 4th July 2005 at Bridgend.
- 11.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
No meeting.
- 11.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No representative present.
- 11.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
No representative present.
- 11.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
Next meeting 21st July 2005.
- 11.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
Next meeting 20th July 2005.
- 11.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Next meeting 23rd June 2005.
- 11.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
No meeting.
Councillor Mrs G Baty advised members that there is a public meeting being held at the Bear Hotel tonight and that she has spoken to the Chairman of the Chamber advising that this clashes with tonight's Council meeting.
- 11.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
Councillor A Williams confirmed that planting had taken place on 5th June. Attempts to vandalise the displays of the boxes on the riverbank were overcome and the plants have been replanted.
- 11.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
No meeting.
- 11.14 Best Kept Village.**
Councillor A Williams confirmed that at a meeting on 8th June, the date for the dinner and judging was confirmed to be 13th July 2005.
- 11.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting.
- 11.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Councillor J R Harris was unable to attend the last meeting held on 1st June but he has received information which includes details of what action can be taken by anyone have grievance of the height of a neighbouring hedge.

A leaflet has been produced and copies will be obtained for the office.

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Item 11: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)

11.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.

No representative present.

11.18 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.

No meeting.

11.19 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'

No representative present.

11.20 Charter 750 Trust.

No representative present.

Item 12: Correspondence.

84/05

- 12.1 Received from Everett Tomlin Lloyd & Pratt, Application for Transfer of Justices Licence in respect of Spar Supermarket, 57 High Street, Cowbridge.
Noted.
- 12.2 Received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Application for occasional Public Entertainment Licence on 10th July between 3pm and 6pm, in respect of 1 Westgate, Cowbridge.
Noted.
- 12.3 Letter received from British Telecom, referring to Payphones in Cowbridge which has identified the phone box at Eastgate as being little used and therefore suitable for conversion to non-cash (i.e. phone cards or credit cards). It will still be available for emergency 999 calls.
Noted.
- 12.4 Received from Wenallt Licensing Services Application for Transfer of Justices Licence in respect of Ye Olde Masons Arms
Noted.
- 12.5 Letter received from Mr G Deaves in respect of the lack of provision by certain premises to allow disabled access.
Members discussed the content of the letter and agreed for the Town Clerk to send a suitable reply.
- 12.6 Letter received from Mr P J Beaman, Operational Manager, Parks and Ground Maintenance at the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of Old Hall Gardens and his reply to Mrs V Pearce concerning their maintenance and upkeep. The letter confirmed that as the Physic Garden develops then re-consideration will be given to improvement of the maintenance to the Gardens.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor J R Harris that a letter is sent to Vale Councillor Mrs Clay concerning Old Hall Gardens and reminding her of previous assurances that the maintenance of Old Hall was to be improved.
Resolved as proposed.

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**Item 13: Publications Received (All held by Town Clerk unless stated).
85/05**

13.1 Welsh Assembly Government – Fire & Rescue National Framework for Wales.
Noted

13.2 CPRW – Summer Publication.
Noted

13.3 The Clerk – Publication by the Society of Local Council Clerks, May 2005
Noted

**Item 14: Documents for sealing.
86/05**

None.

**Item 15 Date and time of next Meeting.
87/05**

Tuesday 19th July 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs G Baty
Mayor

Date minutes signed.