

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 20th June 2006 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Deputy Mayor – Councillor H Ll Morgan,
Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, G A Cox, Mrs A Burges,
W H Evans, J R Harris, D W Morris, L E Taylor, A Thomas,
A Williams and Mrs M Y Williams M.B.E.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Treasurer Mrs J Tyre
PC N Griffin

Councillor G A Cox opened the meeting with a prayer.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
75/06 Councillors: Mrs G Baty and Mrs S M Cox
Inspector C Patterson
Revd Canon Belcher

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
76/06 Councillor G A Cox – All items relating to Planning.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
77/06 The Report was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs J Tyre. The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April 2006 to 31st May 2006 and statement of bank balance as at 31st May 2006 had previously been circulated.

Councillor J R Harris referred to contingencies shown on the Receipts and Payments Account and advised that these should now be included within the General Reserve.

Balances as at the 31st May 2006.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 37,152.07
Money Market	£ 50,000.00

Total	£ 88,652.07
Less Outstanding Cheques	£ 270.83

	£ 88,381.24

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that these reports be accepted and adopted.

Resolved: This report be adopted.

Item 4: 78/06 To confirm the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16th & 17th May 2006.

It was agreed that the minutes of the AGM held 16th May 2006 should be amended to reflect that Councillor G A Cox was present and the Deputy Mayor was Councillor H LI Morgan.

Proposed by Councillor H LI Morgan, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor and **Resolved** that the amended minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16th May 2006 and the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 17th May 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.

Item 5: 79/06 Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on 17th May 2006.
No matters arising.

Item 6: 80/06 Community Police Matters.

PC Griffin circulated details of the reported crimes for May, which totalled 5 and showed a marked decrease on the previous month.

PC Griffin advised members that he is due to take up a new post based in Barry Police Station during the next couple of weeks and the new Community Constable will be PC Claire Baxter-Lamerton.

Item 7: 81/06 Road Safety.

Councillor A Williams made reference to the number of drivers using hand held mobile telephones and asked PC Griffin how many were actually prosecuted if caught. PC Griffin advised that the police actively prosecute offenders that are caught and members of the public can report drivers they see using mobiles whilst driving but must provide a written statement to the police and be prepared to appear in court as a witness if required.

7.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in response to a letter from the Town Council, with regard to traffic congestion and parking conditions in Westgate. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has no budget for such schemes and has received similar requests throughout the Authority Area. The writer acknowledges the many varied suggestions made by residents in Westgate in response to a questionnaire sent out by the Town Council seeking their views on traffic congestion but is unable to comment on them individually.

Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that a letter is sent to the residents in Westgate enclosing a copy of the letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council for their information.

Resolved as proposed.

Proposed by Councillor H LI Morgan, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that an Officer from the Highways Department is invited to discuss the issues of traffic congestion in Westgate.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 8:
82/06**

Reports

a) Mayor

Saturday 20th May -The Deputy Mayor attended The Annual Concert of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir held at the Leisure Centre, Cowbridge.

Friday 2nd June - The Mayor welcomed the visitors from Clisson on their arrival in the town, at the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

The Mayor attended the annual Friends of the Museum meeting at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge.

b) Town Clerk's Report

Dates for your diary

Sunday June 25th – Civic Sunday.

27 June – 1 July – Cowbridge Jazz (see enclosed leaflet)

Age Concern – A 'drop-in' Centre has been arranged for Monday

26th June 2006 in the Robing Room between 10am and 12noon. (*as agreed during the last Full Council meeting*)

Payment of the accounts to be ratified

Expenses totalling £9,304.04 to be paid.

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

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9:
83/06**

Reports of Committees.

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor A Williams reported on the meeting held 5th June 2006.

Members discussed item 8, the sewer in the Limes Cemetery, at length.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that a letter is sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, with copies to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, expressing disappointment on the lack of progress in this matter and that as the sewer is not the responsibility of the Town Council, it should not be required to meet any costs involving a survey to establish its route.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillor Mrs Arnold referred to the work to the clematis, the privet and Yew tree and that the contracted landscape gardener should be requested to cut/prune them at the appropriate time.

Proposed by Councillor H Ll Morgan, seconded by Councillor A Thomas, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor Mrs L Adams reported on the meetings held on 5th June 2006.

Item 7.5 – the report be amended to read 'recommended' rather than 'agreed'.

Proposed by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that the amended report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 9:

Reports of Committees.

c. Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held 6th June 2006 and highlighted the following items:

Item 7.1 – Vacancy for Macebearer – two applications have been received.

Item 10.3 – ‘A board’ advertising – Councillor G A Cox confirmed that two businesses are presently being contacted by the Vale.

Item 11.2 – Consideration of committee structures for next year.

Item 11.3 – Budgets applications for next year should be more clearly defined.

Proposed by Councillor H Ll Morgan, seconded by

Councillor 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 6th June 2006

Item 6.1 - it was agreed that the report should not refer to the sum of £4,000 being a contingency.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE, seconded by

Councillor J R Harris, that the amended report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 10:
84/06**

Reports of Representatives.

10.1

Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.

No meeting.

10.2

Evan Jenkins Charity.

No meeting.

10.3

Cowbridge Institute Charity.

No representative.

10.4

One Voice Wales.

No meeting.

10.5

Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.

Next meeting is 29th June 2006

10.6

Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.

No representative.

The Mayor reported that progress is being made with events to mark the 200th Anniversary of the ‘House of Correction’, which will also form part of the ‘Heritage Open Day with other events the following weekend.

10.7

Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.

No representative.

10.8

Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.

No meeting.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives (continued).**
- 10.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
No meeting.
- 10.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
No meeting.
- 10.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
No meeting.
- 10.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
Councillor G A Cox advised that a meeting was held last week when finances and watering rotas were discussed. Volunteers to assist with the watering will be very welcome.
- 10.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
No meeting.
- 10.14 Best Kept Village.**
Councillor A Williams advised that a meeting was held on the 12th June 2006 when dates for the judging and dinner were discussed.
- 10.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting
- 10.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Councillor Mrs M Y Williams reported on the meeting held on the 24th May when there was a presentation by Mr Allinson on Postwatch Wales in respect of the new postal arrangements which are to be introduced on 21st August. Charges will now reflect the size as well as the weight.
- 10.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
No meeting.
- 10.18 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No meeting.
- 10.19 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.**
Councillor Mrs A Burges advised that there has been no meeting but there was a visit to the Welsh Assembly Building on 5th June.
- 10.20 Vale of Glamorgan Safety Partnership.**
No representative.
- 10.21 Food and Drink Committee**
Councillor D W Morris advised that arrangements are progressing and the main marquee is now full of exhibitors. Volunteers will be needed to act as stewards, tickets sales etc as in previous years.
- 10.22 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
No representative.

Item 11: Correspondence

85/06

- 11.1 Letter from Mr Peter Evans, Monitoring Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council in response to the letter sent from the Town Council seeking advice regarding Declarations of Interest and requesting a presentation on the subject. Mr Evans provided some points of guidance but advised that in view of the review of the Code being carried out by the Welsh Assembly Government there is no point in any training sessions being organised until such time that any revisions are confirmed.
Noted.
- 11.2 Letter received from Wing Commander Richard Read, Station Commander, RAF St Athan giving details of 'future activity and supporting management'
Noted.
Proposed by Councillor G A Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold that a letter should be sent to Wing Commander Read thanking him for his support as Station Commander and wishing him well for the future.
Resolved as proposed.
- 11.3 Welsh Assembly Government – 'Electoral Arrangements in Wales' – Discussion document requiring a response by 4th September 2006.
Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor W H Evans that a committee with delegated powers should meet at 5pm on Monday 24th July to respond to the document and any members unable to attend who wish to contribute should do so in writing before the meeting.
Resolved as proposed.
- 11.4 One Voice Wales publication – 'The Voice' – June 2006 edition.
Noted. (*Circulated to all members*)

Item 12: Publications

86/06

- 12.1 Welsh Assembly Government – National Service Framework for Older People in Wales– Executive Summary.
Noted.
- 12.2 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report 2005/6.
Noted.
- 12.3 Welsh Assembly Government – Environment Strategy for Wales.
Noted.

Item 13: Documents for sealing.

87/06

- 13.1 Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for Grave No. N152 in The Limes Cemetery by Mr Matthew Anderson, "Duckdown", Turkey Street, Llantwit Major.
Document Sealed

Item 14: Date and time of next Meeting.

88/06

7.p.m.Tuesday, 18th July 2006.

Councillor Mrs L Adams
Mayor

Date minutes signed.