

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 16th June 2009 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor L E Taylor
Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, Mrs A Burges, G A Cox,
Mrs S M Cox, Mrs S Massey, D W Morris and A Thomas.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Inspector Mark Taylor
Mrs J Isaacs - Glamorgan Gem Newspaper.

Councillor G A Cox opened the meeting with a prayer.

Councillor Harris and the members of the Town Council, wished Councillor Magnay, who is in hospital, a speedy recovery.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
89/09 Councillors Mrs G Baty, D E Magnay, Mrs N C Thomas and A Williams.
Mrs P Prowle, Treasurer
Revd Julian Jenkins

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
90/09 Councillor G A Cox item 8c – F&G report (Item 7)

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
91/09 The Report was presented by Councillor L E Taylor in the absence of the Treasurer. The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April 2009 to 31st May 2009 and statement of bank balance as at 31st May 2009 was circulated.

Balances as at the 31st May 2009.

Current Account:	£ 1,637.25
Investment Gold Account:	£ 72,603.85
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£134,241.10
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 16,688.82</u>
	<u>£117,552.28</u>

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that these reports be accepted and adopted.

Resolved: This report be adopted.

- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of Town Council Meeting held on**
92/09 **19th May and 20th May 2009.**
Proposed by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor G A Cox
and **resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on
19th May and 20th May 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and duly
signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
93/09 **19th May and 20th May 2009.**
- 5.1 Dealt with under Item 10.4.
- 5.2 Councillor Mrs S M Cox referred to Item 9D (Town Hall Report) and advised
that the Sub Committee had met and talked to outside representatives. Since
the meeting, information regarding a more appropriate scheme of funding has
being obtained.
Proposed Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor J R Harris and
resolved that the Sub Committee on signage should pursue an application
through this scheme.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
94/09 Inspector Taylor reported back on items raised at the last meeting including
parking in disabled bays and bus stops. This has been monitored closely by
Police Officers and enforcement action taken where appropriate.
Inspector Taylor presented reported crime figures for May, which showed a
50% reduction on the same month last year.
Members requested that figures relating to drugs crimes be included in future
statistics given.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
95/09 Councillors requested that Inspector Taylor investigate the following
concerns:
- Traffic congestion on Broadway caused by gardens being enlarged
onto the highway;
 - A vehicle parked partly on the pavement at Brookfield Park Road for
over a week forcing pedestrians with pushchairs onto the Highway;
 - Vehicles parking in the bus bays and along the High Street.
- Item 8:** **Reports**
96/09 **a) Mayor**
Saturday 30th May - The Mayor and Mayoress attended CAOS' Production
of 'Camelot' at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.
Thursday 4th June – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Annual
Exhibition of A, AS & GCSE work in the Art, Design and Technology
Departments at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.
Saturday 6th June – The Mayor and Mayoress hosted a Coffee Morning in
the Mayor's Parlour in aid of 'Breast Cancer Care'.
Sunday 7th June - The Mayor and Mayoress attended Porthcawl Town
Council's Civic Service at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl
followed by refreshments at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

Item 8: Reports (Continued).

a) Mayor

The Mayor and Mayoress attended a performance by Julian Lloyd Webber at Bradenstoke Hall, St Donats Castle. This was preceded by a Strawberries and Champagne Reception.

Wednesday 10th June – The Mayor visited Ms Becky Jenkins on her 100th Birthday.

b) Town Clerk

Conservation Area Appraisal forms

The time table for the distribution of the forms will be as follows:

15th June: delivery of the forms to the Town Council.

3rd July: distribution of questionnaires to be complete

24th July: end of consultation period

All members present agreed to deliver forms and it was agreed that members call at the Town Clerk's office and to collect them with details of the areas in which they are to distribute.

Members were advised that Cowbridge Charter Trust has an Exhibition in the entrance of the library with the proposals for the Old Hall Gardens Project and were looking for public support.

The Town Clerk stated that she has been advised by the Vale of Glamorgan Council that no request has been made for an Election in respect of the Casual Vacancy and the Town Council may now proceed to fill it by way of co-option.

Dates for your diaries

Big Screen - 18th June 2009 – 'The Young Victoria'.

Civic Sunday – 12th July 2009,

Open Doors – 19th September 2009,

Mayor's Ball – 23rd April 2010.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified

Expenses totalling £11,074.22 to be paid.

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

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9:
97/09**

Reports of Committees:

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold reported on the meeting held 1st June 2009.

On an unrelated matter Councillor Mrs M Arnold referred to the area along the footpath connected Broadway with Cae Stumpie, which has been cleared by a local resident. Councillor G A Cox advised that the matter had been reported to the Housing Department but before they were able to take action, intervention by a resident had taken place.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold referred to Item 8.7 in respect of the replacement fencing at on the boundary of the allotments and the recommendation made by the committee.

**Item 9:
97/09**

Reports of Committees:

a. Leisure & Amenities (Continued)

Lengthy discussion took place on the matter and it was **proposed** by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor D W Morris that it should be established whether the CASH grant application is likely to be successful. **Resolved** as proposed.

Proposed by Councillor G A Cox, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the meeting held on 1st June 2009.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Massey, that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.

c. Finance & General Purposes.

Councillor L E Taylor reported on the meeting held 2nd June 2009 and referred to Item 7 – The Sewer.

Councillor G A Cox left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

In response to questions raised regarding the sewer, Councillor L E Taylor advised that there would be an overall net gain of grave space as a result of the sewer being diverted and future discussions regarding the layout of the extension of the Cemetery would be a matter for the Leisure and Amenities Committee to prepare costs and present to Full Council.

Proposed by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.

d. Town Hall.

Councillor A Thomas reported on the meeting held 2nd June 2009 and referred to Item 7(ii) – Painting of the Mayor's Parlour. The colours have been chosen from the colour cards provided and are:

Walls – Nutmeg white; Woodwork – Timeless; Ceiling – White.

Proposed by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, that the Parlour be painted in the chosen colours.
Resolved as proposed.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.

**Item 10:
98/09**

Reports of Representatives.

10.1

Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.

Next meeting 25th June.

10.2

Evan Jenkins Charity.

No meeting.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives (Continued).**
- 10.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**
Next meeting 23rd June.
- 10.4 One Voice Wales.**
No meeting.
Councillor L E Taylor volunteered to attend the One Voice Wales Conference and AGM on 10th October which takes place in Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion at a cost of £60.
- 10.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
No representative.
- 10.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the AGM, which took place on 11th June and advised that the Officers and Trustees remained the same.
- 10.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox advised that an event is to take place on 18th July in the Physic Garden; tickets are available at a cost of £15.
- 10.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No meeting – Mr R Church will be contacted to follow up on arrangements for the next meeting.
- 10.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
No meeting.
- 10.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
No representative.
- 10.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
No representative.
- 10.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
No representative.
- 10.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
No representative.
- 10.14 Best Kept Village.**
Councillor L E Taylor reported on a meeting held 3rd June. Five villages have entered the competition; judging will take place between 22nd June and 3rd July and the Annual Dinner will take place on 8th July in The Blacksmiths.
- 10.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No representative.
- 10.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
No meeting.

- Item 10:** **Reports of Representatives (Continued).**
- 10.17** **Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
Councillor Mrs M Arnold advised that this year's symposium will be held in Osmangazi, Turkey.
- 10.18** **Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No meeting.
- 10.19** **Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.**
Councillor Mrs A Burges reported that a successful coffee morning had been held on 4th June; there is to be participation at the Victorian Fair on 20th June in Llantwit Major; there will be a summer outing to Glyndwr Vineyard on 11th July. There are currently 48 volunteers, with 7 due to join shortly and 135 clients.
Next meeting 8th July.
- 10.20** **Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No meeting.
- 10.21** **Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the last meeting in which work on the Town Walls was discussed. An Exhibition is currently on show in the Library seeking public support for the proposed improvement of Old Hall Gardens for which funding is being sought.
- 10.22** **Fair Trade Group**
Councillor Mrs A Burges reported on the group's participation in the Cowbridge Comprehensive School's cluster event in May and participation in the Vale of Glamorgan Show is still under discussion. The group have a stand at the Food and Drink Festival on 23rd and 24th October.
- 10.23** **Creative Rural Communities.**
No meeting.
- Item 11:** **Good Citizen Award.**
99/09 Councillor J R Harris reported that the Committee had met and chosen a suitable recipient who will be contacted to confirm acceptance of the nomination.
- Item 12:** **Youth Council.**
100/09 No matters arising.
- Item 13:** **Report on Play Equipment – Aberthin.**
101/09 Councillor D W Morris confirmed that investigations are being made with the Welsh Assembly Government for funding.

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Item 14: Correspondence.

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14.1

Letter received from Mrs Evans, Headteacher at Cowbridge Comprehensive School regarding a prize to be awarded in the name of the Town Council relating to citizenship.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas, that a cash prize of £50 is awarded together with a badge with a suitable crest, which would serve as a permanent recognition of the award.

Resolved as proposed.

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

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15.1

Rural Wales – Summer 2009.

15.2

VGC – ‘A Guide for Town and Community Councils.

15.3

Severn Estuary Partnership – Spring 2009.

Item 16: Documents for sealing.

104/09

16.1

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for Cremation Plot D14 in the Limes Cemetery purchased by Mrs J Thomas, Crud-y-Gwynt, St Athan Road, Cowbridge.

16.2

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for Grave No. N171 in the Limes Cemetery purchased by Mr P W Askew, Ashfield, Craig Penllyn, Cowbridge.

16.3

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for Cremation Plot D17 in the Limes Cemetery purchased by Mr C Roberts, Pleasant View, Penylan Road, Aberthin.

Documents sealed.

Item 17: Date and time of next Meeting.

105/09

Tuesday 21st July 2009 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris

Mayor

Date minutes signed.