

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 17th October 2006 at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Inspector Patterson
Revd Julian Jenkins

Revd Julian Jenkins opened the meeting with a prayer.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
122/06 All members present

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
123/06 Councillor G A Cox – All Planning Items and Cowbridge Charter Trust.
Councillor Mrs S M Cox – any items relating to Y Bont Faen School,
Cowbridge Museum Trust, The South Wales Valuation Panel, Cowbridge
Charter Trust and Cowbridge Charter Trust Ltd.
Councillor Mrs L Adams – Item9c (Item 7 – Big Screen).
Councillors W H Evans and A Williams – Item 5.1 (Royal British Legion).

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
124/06 The Report was presented by Councillor J R Harris in the absence of the
Treasurer, Mrs J Tyre. The Receipts and Payments Account for the period
1st April 2006 to 30th September 2006 and statement of bank balance as at
30th September 2006 had previously been circulated.

Balances as at the 30th September 2006.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 47,169.85
Money Market	<u>£ 50,000.00</u>
Total	£ 98,669.85
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 980.14</u>
	<u>£ 97,689.71</u>

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Williams
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**
125/06 **19th September 2006.**
- Amendment to item 7 to read
‘Removal of the parking area opposite the junction of Westgate.....’
- Proposed** by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor W H Evans
and **Resolved** that the amended minutes of the Town Council Meeting held
on 19th September 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
126/06 **19th September 2006.**
5.1 To note the letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of Item 8 -
Resolution moved by Councillor L E Taylor in respect of the former Royal
British Legion Club. The letter advised that it is not appropriate for the
Council to seek to purchase the property, given the notional sale value placed
on it.
Noted.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
127/06 Inspector Patterson circulated the crime figures for September and gave
background details.
The following matters were also discussed:
- Parking on the zigzags outside the Spar supermarket.
Inspector Patterson advised that his officers issue tickets against those
who offend and confirmed previous requests for pedestrian barriers
have been rejected but that he will continue to pursue the matter.
 - The likely time scale for the removal of the parking area opposite the
junction of Westgate with the Llantwit Major Road.
 - Use of mobile ‘phones by bus drivers
 - Parking by parents on the junction of St Johns Close with Brookfield
Park Road at the start and end of the school day.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
128/06 To discuss the letter received from Dr Rogers in relation to Road Safety at
7.1 Crossways, Cowbridge.
A copy of the letter will be sent to the Operational Manager at The Vale of
Glamorgan Council and to Inspector Patterson. Inspector Patterson advised
that because of the nature of the road, policing of a speed limit is not
possible. The Inspector will discuss the content of the letter with Keith
Jones.
- Item 8:** **Reports**
129/06 **a) Mayor**
Thursday 21st September – The Mayor attended the Beecham Review
Presentation in the City Hall, Cardiff.
Saturday 23rd September - The Mayor and Consort hosted a production of
‘Trial by Jury’ by Gilbert & Sullivan, and ‘Incarcerating Acts – extracts from
‘A man for all Seasons by Roberts Bolt, in recognition of the 200th
Anniversary of the Town Hall as a House of Correction. Proceeds to The
Amelia Trust. The production was preceded by a Reception in the Parlour
for Parc Prison Director and Staff.

Item 8:
129/06

Reports

a) Mayor (continued)

Thursday 28th September – The Mayor attended the Free Affordable Warmth Action Plan Workshop at the Civic Offices, Barry.

Wednesday 4th October - The Mayor attended 'Reading Missions' Presentations at Cowbridge Library and presented certificates to children who had completed the summer reading challenge.

Thursday 5th October – The Mayor attended a private viewing of "Spirit of Place", an Exhibition of drawings and pastel paintings by Brian Gardiner at the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

Wednesday 11th October – The Mayor and three fellow Councillors attended the Sustainability Appraisal Workshop LDP in The Hub, YMCA Building, Barry.

Friday 13th October – The Mayor supported the Mayor of Llantwit Majors' Fundraising Dinner in aid of the Town youth.

The Mayor hosted the Cowbridge in Bloom winners' presentation in The Parlour.

b) Town Clerk's Report

As the result of the recent torrential rain, the lounge area of the Town Hall had suffered partial flooding problems but thanks to the work of the Caretaker and Amenities Supervisor, this did not affect any of the bookings.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 16th October – Age Concern are holding a 'drop in' session in the Robing Room between 10.30 am and 11.30am relating to benefit checks for pensioners.

Tuesday 24th October at 7.30pm - Vale of Glamorgan Fair Trade Initiative – to be held in the Lesser Hall.

Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th October - Food and Drink Festival (*Volunteers for stewarding etc are being sought*)

Thursday November 9th - 'Big Screen' - The Da Vinci Code.

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday

Thursday 23rd November - Free Screening of Cowbridge Heritage DVD.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified

Expenses totalling £9,916.56 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty seconded by Councillor J R Harris that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 9:
130/06

Reports of Committees.

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor D W Morris reported on the meeting held 2nd October 2006 and confirmed the following:

- There will be full re-instatement of the ground/areas that have been affected by the work being carried out in the Twt Park and the project manager has been made fully aware of health and safety issues surrounding the movement of plant and lorries, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. The Town Clerk will remind the project manager of half-term and the added safety required.

Item 9:
130/06

Reports of Committees.

a. Leisure & Amenities (continued).

- There are no labour costs involved with the clearance of the graveyard.

[Enquiries will be made to find out whether there are any grave stones in the graveyard covered by bequests.]

- The Vale of Glamorgan Council has been made aware of the hole in the slat on the bridge between the Twt Park and the bridge.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillor G A Cox left the meeting whilst the following report was discussed.

b. Planning.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the meeting held 2nd October 2006.

- Disappointment was expressed with the number of planning applications where the Town Council had objected but permission has been granted.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris seconded by Councillor A Williams that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs L Adams left the meeting whilst Item 7 (Big Screen) was discussed and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor H L Morgan took the Chair.

c. Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held 3rd October 2006 and explained several of the items.

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

Resolved as proposed.

d. Town Hall

Councillor W H Evans reported on the meeting held 3rd October 2006.

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

Resolved as proposed.

Item 10:
131/06

Casual Vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor that the recommendation of the cooption committee be accepted.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillors G A Cox and Mrs S M Cox left the meeting for the next item.

Item 11:
132/06

Holy Cross Church Floodlighting Project

To resolve whether permission should be granted for the project to proceed and to approve the legal agreement that has been drawn up on behalf of Charter 750.

The matter was discussed at length and the following issues raised:

- That the agreement should be between the Representative Body of the Church in Wales and the Town Council rather than Holy Cross Church.

- Item 11: Holy Cross Church Floodlighting Project. (Continued)**
- That the agreement should specify a time period after which it should be reviewed.
 - The agreement does not indemnify the Town Council against any claims arising from the installation.
 - It is a 'voluntary agreement and would be difficult to enforce.
 - Confirmation that there are no light pollution issues
 - Confirmation that installation of the lights will not be detrimental or affect wildlife
- Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor H L Morgan that any decision is delayed until the issues raised have been clarified, professional advice sought that the agreement should be re-drafted on instruction by the Town Council and the cost met by the Charter Trust.
- Item 12: Reports of Representatives.**
133/06
- 12.1 Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.**
No meeting.
- 12.2 Evan Jenkins Charity.**
Next meeting 19th October 2006.
- 12.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**
No meeting.
- 12.4 One Voice Wales.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the Conference and AGM held last Saturday 14th October 2006 at Llandrindod Wells. There were three main speakers during the morning conference with five motions put forward at the AGM in the afternoon. The Chief Executive also gave a report and funding was discussed with an increase in subscriptions agreed. This equates to 1p per household.
- 12.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
No meeting.
- 12.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No meeting.
- 12.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
Councillor Mrs G Baty advised that there is to be a Christmas Supper Dance on the 18th November and tickets are available.
- 12.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No meeting.
- 12.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September are held by the Town Clerk.
- 12.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Councillor Mrs L Adams advised that at the AGM, it was reported that use of the new all weather multi sports pitch will be administered by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Use of the facility is restricted between 4.30pm and dusk

- Item 12: Reports of Representatives (continued).**
- 12.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
No meeting.
Councillor J R Harris suggested that the Chamber of Trade is requested to confirm whether or not a representative from the Town Council is still required.
- 12.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
Councillor A Williams reported that only three members attended the meeting held on 28th September. The Mayor presented winners with their prizes last Friday 13th October in the parlour. The boxes along the riverbank are due to be cleared in preparation for the winter planting.
- 12.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
Next meeting Monday 30th October 2006.
- 12.14 Best Kept Village.**
No meeting.
- 12.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting.
- 12.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE advised that at the meeting held on 28th September there was a power point presentation on the St Athan Brief. A decision should be known by the middle of November and there is a lot of local support for the project.
- 12.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
No meeting.
- 12.18 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No meeting.
- 12.19 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.**
No meeting.
- 12.20 Vale of Glamorgan Safety Partnership.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox advised that she had attended an excellent meeting at St Donats.
- 12.21 Food and Drink Committee**
Councillor D W Morris reported that all preparations were complete and a presentation is to be made to the Events Panel this week.
- 12.22 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported that the AGM was held last week when it was decided that the in coming Chairman will be Mr Mike Meredith.

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- Item 12:** **Reports of Representatives (continued).**
12.23 **Free Affordable Warmth Action Plan Workshop**
Councillor Mrs G Baty reported on an extremely interesting workshop and advised members of a number of statistics relating to the Vale of Glamorgan. Insulation grants are available for households to improve their energy efficiency.
- 12.24** **Sustainability Appraisal Workshop relating to Local Development Plan.**
A report on the Workshop is due to be issued shortly and this will be circulated to members in due course.
- 12.25** **Report on the Presentation by South Wales Fire Authority in respect of Draft Risk Reduction Plan.**
A report prepared by the Mayor was circulated for information together with a draft letter to the Glamorgan Gem Newspaper advising of the information received from the South Wales Fire Service.
Proposed by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor H Ll Morgan that the letter with agreed amendments be sent to the Glamorgan Gem.
Resolved as proposed.
- **Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that standing orders are suspended in relation to the meeting being concluded by 9.30pm.
Resolved as proposed. **
- Item 13:** **One Voice Wales – National Training Strategy**
134/06 *To compile feedback from members.*
Response to be compiled by the Town Clerk on the basis of completed forms passed to him.
- Item 14:** **Correspondence**
135/06
- 14.1 To consider a letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Broadcasting CIC to set up a local radio station and requesting a contribution of £250.00 from all Town Councils in the Vale.
Noted.
- 14.2 To note information received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding Valeways Programme 2006 – Proposed Improvements in the Aberthin area.
Noted.
- 14.3 Consultation on Draft Guidance on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. – closing date for consultation is 29 December 2006. Additional Copies of the consultation document will be obtained and circulated to all members.
The matter will be placed as an agenda item at the next Full Council meeting.
- Item 15:** **Publications (All held by the Town Clerk).**
136/06 None

Item 16: **Documents for sealing.**
137/06 No documents for sealing.

Item 17: **Date and time of next Meeting.**
138/06 Tuesday 21st November 2006 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs L Adams
Mayor

Date minutes signed.