

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 20th October 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor L E Taylor
Councillors: Mrs G Baty, Mrs A Burges G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox,
Dr B A Gibbon, Mrs S Massey, D W Morris, A Thomas, N C Thomas
and A Williams.

In Attendance:

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

Revd J Jenkins opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Dr B A Gibbon to his first full council meeting.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
142/09 Councillors Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks and J Wilks.
Mrs P Prowle, Treasurer

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
143/09 Councillor G A Cox – Item 13 regarding the written resolution received from
Councillor L E Taylor in respect of Citizens Advice Bureau.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
144/09 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 30th September 2009 and statement of bank balance as at 30th September
2009 was circulated.

Balances as at the 30th September 2009.

Current Account:	£ 7,179.75
Investment Gold Account:	£ 64,028.31
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£131,208.06
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 835.08</u>
	<u>£130,372.98</u>

Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor Dr B A Gibbon,
that these reports be accepted and adopted.

Resolved: This report be adopted.

- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of Town Council Meeting held on**
145/09 **22nd September 2009.**
Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Massey and resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
146/09 **22nd September 2009.**
Item 7 – members were advised that the matter of the trees at Tyla Rhosyr has been reported to the appropriate department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council and will be assessed.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
147/09 Inspector Taylor circulated current crime figures to members and gave details to members.
Inspector Taylor reported back on enquiries made at the last meeting:
- With regard to parking issues, PCSO O’Callaghan and traffic wardens have been issuing fixed penalty notices;
 - Speeding vehicles through residential areas – Inspector Taylor explained that certain procedures have to be followed for monitoring the speed of vehicles in such areas.
- The police have had a joint operation with Trading Standards during ‘Rogue Traders’ week and another is due to take place in respect of the sale of fireworks. Additional policing is being provided for forthcoming busy periods such as Halloween and 5th November.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
148/09
- 7.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising of a proposed 50mph speed restriction to be put in place on the A48 at Pentre Meyrick, Cowbridge.
Noted.
- Item 8:** **Reports**
149/09 **a) Mayor**
Wednesday 23rd September – The Mayoress attended a Coffee Morning in support of ‘LIFT’ Self Help Group at Caer Castell, Porth y Green Close, Llanblethian.
The Mayor and Mayoress attended the showing of the film ‘Age of Stupid’ hosted by Transition Cowbridge in the Town Hall.
Thursday 24th September - The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Official Re-opening of Noah’s Place Community Facility and Café, followed by lunch.
Thursday 1st October – The Mayor attended the AGM of VCVS at Barry Memorial Hall. Refreshments preceded the meeting.
Saturday 3rd October - The Mayor and Mayoress hosted a Coffee Morning in aid of Breast Cancer Care in the Mayor’s Parlour, Town Hall.

Item 8:
149/09

Reports

a) Mayor Continued.

Tuesday 6th October – The Mayor and Mayoress attended Official Opening of the new facilities at Cowbridge Rugby Club. A Cheese and Wine Evening followed the official opening.

Wednesday 7th October – The Deputy Mayor attended the South Wales Police Competition for Primary School Children, ‘We are the Champions’ at MOD St Athan.

Friday 9th October – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Vale of Glamorgan Council Mayor’s Charity Dinner featuring a ‘Murder Mystery Evening’ at the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Barry. Proceeds in aid of the National Coastwatch Institution at Nells Point, Barry Island.

Saturday 10th October – The Mayor and Mayoress attended CAOS’ Concert entitled ‘Showboat and Nautical G & S’ at Cowbridge Town Hall.

Tuesday 20th October – The Mayor visited MOD St Athan at the invitation of Commodore King, the Commanding Officer, for briefings on current activities and the future of the site with a short tour of the facilities, followed by a light buffet lunch.

The Mayor advised that he and the Mayoress will be having a Coffee Morning on 7th November in aid of Breast Cancer Care.

b) Town Clerk

Dates for your diaries:

Big Screen Films – ‘Cheri’ – 22nd October

- ‘Is Anybody There’ (Starring Michael Caine) – 26th November

- ‘Julie and Julia’ – 10th December

Food & Drink Festival – 24th & 25th October 2009

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November 2009

Father Christmas and the Reindeer Parade – Sunday 29th November 2009

Mayor’s Charity Concert – 30th January 2010

Mayor’s Ball – 23rd April 2010.

Western Power has served notice that they will be carrying out work to trees in Westgate during the week commencing 1st November 2009.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified

Expenses totalling £9,884.29 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 9:
150/09

Reports of Committees:

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs A Burges reported on the meeting held 5th October 2009 and advised that a meeting had been held with members of the Church as referred to in Item 7.2. A number of issues were discussed regarding rat infestations and action will be taken to resolve these.

Item 10 – members of the Town Council discussed the provision of ‘dog bins’ and it was agreed that the Leisure and Amenities committee should draw up a list of where any bins were needed.

Item 9:

Reports of Committees:

a. Leisure & Amenities (Continued)

Dog fouling on pavements was also discussed and the need for public awareness to be heightened on this matter also the penalties that can be imposed. It was suggested that another campaign is undertaken by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on the meeting held on 5th October 2009. Members discussed Item 8.4 in relation to a small area of land at Llanblethian adjacent to the ford.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs N C Thomas, that the Town Council registers the land in question.

Resolved as proposed.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

c. Finance & General Purposes.

Councillor L E Taylor reported on the meeting held 6th October 2009 and highlighted a number of items.

Proposed by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

d. Town Hall.

Councillor A Thomas reported on the meeting held 6th October 2009 and drew members' attention to a number of matters.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 10:
151/09**

Reports of Representatives.

10.1

Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.

No meeting.

10.2

Evan Jenkins Charity.

Councillor J R Harris reported that a meeting was held last week at which over 100 grant applications were dealt with.

10.3

Cowbridge Institute Charity.

Next meeting 10th November.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives (Continued)**
- 10.4 One Voice Wales.**
Next meeting 26th October.
- 10.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
No meeting.
- 10.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No meeting.
- 10.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
No meeting.
- 10.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No meeting.
- 10.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
Councillor Mrs N C Thomas reported on a meeting held 24th September. Items discussed included the nomination of Chair and Vice Chair; the After School Club; New school stationery and a new school prospectus. Next meeting 9th November.
- 10.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Next meeting 23rd November.
- 10.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
Councillor Mrs N C Thomas reported on a meeting held 6th October. Items discussed included the loyalty scheme, which is to be launched soon; businesses opening on bank holidays; purchase of Christmas trees and signage for Cowbridge from the M4.
- 10.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
Councillor A Williams advised that the presentation to the prize winners is to be held on 22nd October.
- 10.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
Next meeting 26th October 2009
- 10.14 Best Kept Village.**
No meeting.
- 10.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No representative.
- 10.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Next meeting 21st October.
- 10.17 Walled Towns Friendship Circle.**
No representative.

- Item 10:** **Reports of Representatives (Continued)**
- 10.18** **Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No meeting.
- 10.19** **Age Concern ‘Good Neighbour Scheme’.**
Next meeting 21st October.
- 10.20** **Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No meeting.
- 10.21** **Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported on a meeting held in September at which various contracts were discussed.
- 10.22** **Fair Trade Group**
No meeting.
Councillor Mrs A Burges advised that there will be a Fair Trade stall at the Food and Drink Festival.
Due to increased commitment involving Age Concern, Councillor Mrs Burges advised that she will have to relinquish her connection with Fair Trade.
Councillor Mrs G Baty volunteered to carry on Town Council representation.
- 10.23** **Creative Rural Communities.**
No meeting.
- 10.24** **Food & Drink Festival Committee.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox reported that a late addition to the weekend is an ‘Oxjam’ event taking place in the Living Café on Sunday afternoon which will feature live bands.
- Item 11:** **Report of Sub Committee for Tourism and Heritage.**
152/09 No meeting.
- Item 12:** **Report on Play Equipment – Aberthin.**
153/09 Councillor D W Morris advised that the new play equipment at Downs View has been installed and there will be an ‘official opening’ on Thursday 22nd carried out by the Mayor at 4pm.
- Item 13:** **Written Resolution received from Councillor L E Taylor proposing ‘that this Council should write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as the major funder, commending the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau, welcoming the Outreach Service in Llantwit Major, and requesting that next year’s budget should, as a minimum, provide the same level of funding as this year’.**
154/09 **Proposed** by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that the motion is supported.
Resolved as proposed.

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Item 14: Correspondence.

155/09

14.1

Letter received from South Wales Police Authority enclosing a survey entitled 'Your Priorities Consultation'.

Each member of the Town Council was provided with a copy of the survey for their completion on an individual basis and should return them to the Town Clerk by Friday 23rd October to enable him to return in the provided envelope.

14.2

Document received from HM Government and Welsh Assembly Government relating to 'Low Carbon Communities Challenge', a two year programme to provide financial and advisory support to twenty 'text-bed' communities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Noted.

Item 15:

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

156/09

15.1

CPRW – Members' Bulletin - September 2009.
2008/9.

Noted.

15.2

CPRW Autumn Publication

Noted.

Item 16:

Documents for sealing.

157/09

None.

Item 17:

Date and time of next Meeting.

158/09

Tuesday 17th November 2009 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris

Mayor.

Date minutes signed.