

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 18th December 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor H Ll-Morgan
Deputy Mayor – Councillor D W Morris
Councillors: Mrs L Adams, Mrs M Arnold, Mrs G Baty,
Mrs A Burges, A Thomas, A Williams and Mrs M Y Williams MBE.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Inspector S Clarke

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
148/07 Councillors: A E Banks, G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans, J R Harris
and L E Taylor.
Treasurer Mr J Nixon
Canon D Belcher

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
149/07 None

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
150/07 The Report was presented by
The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April 2007 to
30th November 2007 and statement of bank balance as at 30th November 2007
had previously been circulated.

Balances as at the 30th November 2007.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 37,106.33
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£ 98,606.33
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 745.38</u>
	<u>£ 97,860.95</u>

Proposed by Councillor A Williams seconded by Councillor A Burges
that these reports be accepted and adopted.

Resolved: This report be adopted.

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- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of Town Council Meeting held on**
151/07 **20th November 2007.**
Proposed by Councillor A Thomas seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams
and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on
20th November 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
152/07 **20th November 2007.**
No matters arising.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
153/07 Crime figures for November and the first half of December were circulated to
members. Inspector Clarke highlighted a number of the reported crimes gave
brief background details.
The inspector advised that extra staff would be on duty on key days over the
Christmas period.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
154/07 Members drew the following problems to the Inspector's attention:
- Parked cars opposite the junction of Church Hill with Broadway – this
is resulting in difficulties for bus drivers negotiating the turning,
especially as 'wider' buses are now being used on the route.
Inspector Clarke will monitor the situation.

 - Inspector Clarke advised that his Officers vigorously enforce the
illegal use of hand held mobile 'phones by drivers.
- Item 8:** **Reports**
155/07 **a) Mayor**
Thursday 22nd November 2007 – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the
Preview Evening of the Christmas Tree Festival at the Holy Cross Church.
Thursday 27th November 2007 – The Mayor attended the AGN of
Crossroads in the Vale (EMI) Ltd followed by refreshments in Lee Hall,
Dinas Powys.
Friday 30th November 2007 – The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress
attended The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Charity Dinner at
the Town Hall, King Square, Barry. The proceeds of the event to the
Mayor's chosen charities, Mencap Barry and East Vale Community
Transport.
Saturday 8th December 2007 – The Mayor hosted refreshments in the Town
Hall for a choir of children, teachers and parents from Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.
The choir sang Christmas Carols in front of the Town Hall for shoppers.
Monday 10th December 2007 – The Mayor attended WRVS Christmas
Lunch in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge.
Wednesday 12th December 2007 – The Mayor and Mayoress attended
CCVG Music Service's 'Christmas Showcase' Concert hosted by the Right
Honourable, The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Gill Bird at St Davids
Hall. The concert was preceded by a Reception and followed by a Buffet
both in the St Asaph Room.

Item 8: Reports (Continued)

a) Mayor

Thursday 13th December 2007 – The Mayor and some members of the Town Council attended the ATC Christmas Carol Service at the Holy Cross Church. The service was followed by refreshments.

Monday 17th December 2007 – The Mayor and Mayoress attended CCVG Music Service's Youth Choir and Youth Orchestra concert at the City Hall, Cardiff.

b) Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Office would be closed between Christmas Eve and Wednesday, 2nd January 2008.

Dates for your diaries

Civic Sunday - Sunday, 13th July 2008.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified

Expenses totalling £12,219.06 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9:
156/07**

Reports of Committees.

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor A Williams reported on the meeting held 3rd December 2007
Councillor Mrs Arnold mentioned item 8.2 in respect of the letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department regarding the removal of the Holm Oak tree. Councillor Mrs Arnold also made reference to the work carried out to the trees at the police station and queried whether permission had been obtained for the work to be carried out as they were in the Conservation area. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should make enquiries on the matter.

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

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor H Ll-Morgan reported on the meeting held 3rd December 2007.

- Councillor Mrs L Adams referred to item 8.2 advised that following the site meeting the planning application was passed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Committee at their meeting and that stringent conditions have been made.

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

Resolved as proposed.

c. Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE reported on the meeting held on 4th December 2007

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

Resolved as proposed.

- Item 9: Reports of Committees.(continued)**
d. Town Hall
Councillor A Thomas reported on the meeting held 4th December 2007
Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor D W Morris,
that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.
- Item 10: Reports of Representatives.**
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- 10.1 Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.**
No meeting.
- 10.2 Evan Jenkins Charity.**
No meeting.
- 10.3 Cowbridge Institute Charity.**
No meeting.
- 10.4 One Voice Wales.**
No meeting.
- 10.5 Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group.**
No meeting.
- 10.6 Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.**
No Representative.
- 10.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
No Representative.
- 10.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
Councillor A Williams reported on the meeting held 29th November 2007 and
advised that repairs and maintenance to paths were discussed.
- 10.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
No meeting.
- 10.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Councillor H Ll-Morgan reported on a meeting held 4th December.
Mr Evans, the new Head teacher, was introduced and it was reported that
there are approximately 160 students on role.
- 10.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
No Representative.
- 10.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
No meeting.
- 10.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
Next Meeting 21st January 2008.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives (continued)**
- 10.14 Best Kept Village.**
No meeting.
- 10.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No meeting.
- 10.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
No Representative.
- 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 Burges advised that there had been no meeting but a clients Christmas Party was held on 6th December and a Volunteers Lunch was held on 11th December.
- 10.20 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No Representative.
- 10.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
No Representative.
- 10.22 Fair Trade Group**
Councillor Mrs L Adams advised that a decision on the application for ‘Fair Trade Status’ will be made in the middle of February. The group are working with the Chamber of Trade to make Cowbridge ‘plastic bag free’.
- 10.23 Creative Rural Communities.**
Next meeting February.
- Item 11: 158/07 To consider the Resolution moved by Councillor Mrs L Adams in respect of the impact that future developments will have on the transport network of the rural Vale.**
It is recommended that Cowbridge Town Council writes to the Minister for Economy and Transport to express its anxiety about the impact of the following proposed developments on the transport network of the rural Vale:
- the approval of phase 1 of the Defence Training Academy at St. Athan
 - the requirement that the Vale of Glamorgan Council provide 7500 extra homes within the period of the next LDP (2011-2026)
 - the Arup study to improve access to Cardiff Airport recently commissioned by WAG
 - the vigorous promotion of the Severn Barrage
- The Town Council is seeking assurance that detailed consideration will be given to the interaction between all these projects when making a decision about any major transport schemes.

Item 11: To consider the Resolution moved by Councillor Mrs L Adams in respect of the impact that future developments will have on the transport network of the rural Vale. (continued)

Copies of the letter to be sent to the following:

Jane Hutt AM; Leanne Wood AM; Chris Franks AM; David Melding AM; Andrew R T Davies AM and John Smith MP.

Vale of Glamorgan Council : Rob Thomas, Head of Planning and Transportation; Councillor Margaret Alexander, Leader; John Maitland Evans, Chief Executive and Councillor C Williams, Mayor of The Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Robin Shaw, Director of Transport, Transport Wales
South East Wales Transport Alliance (SEWTA).

Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Adams, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that a letter is sent in respect of the motion moved.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 12: Youth Council.
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Councillor Mrs L Adams reported that she and Councillor W H Evans had met with Mrs M Evans, Head teacher of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, who was very enthusiastic about the idea of Youth Council being set up. Councillor Mrs Adams later met with members of the School Council and again the suggestion was met with similar enthusiasm. Councillor Mrs Adams outlined the role and responsibilities of the Town Council and emphasised that major powers and decisions lay with the Vale of Glamorgan Council for most matters.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Adams, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Burges that further investigations and enquiries are carried out with the Youth Services and that contact is made in areas where such ventures have been successful, in order to obtain further information.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 13: Correspondence
160/07

13.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of Premise Licence Application for Loch Fyne (formerly Mulligans), Stalling Down, Cowbridge.

Noted.

13.2 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of Local Democracy Week to thank Councillor J R Harris for his participation.

Noted.

13.3 Letter received from Llandow Newydd advising that the project has been excluded from the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that a letter is sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Planning Department requesting that they keep the Town Council informed in respect of any developments for that site.

Resolved as proposed.

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

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14.1

Adjudication Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2006/2007

Noted.

14.2

Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan – Annual Report 2006/2007.

Noted.

Item 15: Documents for sealing.

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None.

Item 16: Date and time of next Meeting.

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Tuesday 22nd January 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor H Ll Morgan

Mayor.

Date minutes signed