

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 16th December 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor D W Morris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Councillors:, A E Banks, Mrs A Burges
Mrs G Baty (arrived item 6), G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, D E Magnay,
Mrs S Massey, L E Taylor, A Thomas and Mrs N C Thomas (arrived item 6).

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Sergeant C Warner
Representative from the Glamorgan Gem Newspaper.

Councillor G A Cox opened the meeting with a prayer.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
178/08 Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, Mrs A E Harding and A Williams.
Treasurer Mr J Rixon
Revd Canon Derek Belcher

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
179/08 Councillor G.A. Cox – item 12.1

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
180/08 The Report was presented by Councillor J R Harris in the absence of the
Treasurer.
The Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1st April 2008 to
30th November 2008 and statement of bank balance as at
30th November 2008 was circulated.

Balances as at the 30th November 2008.

Current Account:	£ 1,500.00
Investment Gold Account:	£ 50,632.76
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£112,132.76
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 9,553.31</u>
	<u>£102,579.45</u>

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- Item 4:** **To confirm the minutes of Town Council Meeting held on**
181/08 **18th November 2008.**
- 4.1 Item 9c (Finance and General Purposes Report) amended to read
 ...and the powers that *could be* conferred to Town and Community
 Councils.....
Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox
and **Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on
18th November 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on**
182/08 **18th November 2008.**
- 5.1 To note a letter received from Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of their
 decision regarding the Pelican Crossing.
Noted.
- 5.2 Item 12.2 – Councillor Mrs N Thomas gave a brief report on the workshop
 she attended, run by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The
 workshop were as a result of the Local Elections and focused on four
 questions, Councillor numbers to voters, clearer communications, boundaries
 and improvements.
- 5.3 Item 12.5 – Councillor J R Harris gave a report on the workshop he had
 attended held by Metrix which covered community facilities.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
183/08 Sergeant Warner gave a report on the crime figures for November, which
 showed a slight decrease to the same period in 2007. He advised that there
 are a number of operations ongoing in the Vale including the usual Christmas
 ‘Drink Drive’ campaign.
 The following items were raised:
- Increase in occurrence of dog fouling in the High Street;
 - Use of pushbikes on the Downs.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
184/08 The following items were raised:
- Cracked pavement slabs around the public toilets to the rear of the
 Town Hall;
 - Inappropriate use of disabled parking bays, especially outside Tesco;
 - Extension of gardens along Broadway leading to Bridge Road.
- The Town Clerk will follow up the previous enquiry made with the Vale of
Glamorgan Council.
- Item 8:** **Reports**
185/08 **a) Mayor**
Wednesday 20th November – The Mayor attended the 15th Annual Awards
Presentation of ‘Understanding Disability Awards Presentation’ 2008 with a
buffet lunch, at the Dunraven Suite, Future Inn Hotel, Cardiff Bay.
The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Vale of Glamorgan Women’s Forum
event entitled ‘International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against
Women’ at Art Central, King Square, Barry.

Item 8: Reports (Continued).

Saturday 22nd November – The Mayor and Mayoress attended ‘A Musical Evening’ with the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Orchestra featuring The Youth Jazz Band in aid of The Order of St John, with supper, in the Vale in the Main Hall, Cowbridge.

Sunday 23rd November - The Mayor and Mayoress held a Tea Dance in the Main Hall in aid of Cancer Care Cymru.

Monday 24th November – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Cowbridge Art Society’s Annual Exhibition in the Old Hall with the Mayor performing the official opening.

Tuesday 25th November – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the ‘Switch-On’ of the Floodlighting at the Holy Cross Church by Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards followed by refreshments in the Taynton Room in the Church.

Wednesday 26th November – The Mayor and Mayoress attended Crossroads in the Vale (EMI) Ltd AGM and Celebration of Dr. Mike Robinson’s Contribution to Crossroads, with a buffet. The meeting was at The Old School, South Road, Sully.

Thursday 27th November – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge’s Preview Evening of their Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Cross Church.

Saturday 29th November - The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Singers Finalists Gala Concert of ‘Music in the Vale’ at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morganwg, Barry.

Sunday 30th November – The Mayor and Mayoress welcomed Father Christmas and his Reindeer to the Town Hall and then welcomed Lucy, Rhodri and Gabriel Owen to the Switch-On of the Christmas Lights. The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Instrumentalists Finalists Gala Concert of ‘Music in the Vale’ at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morganwg, Barry.

Monday 1st December – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Launch Party of Karma Beauty Salon, Westgate, Cowbridge, with the Mayor officially opening the Salon.

Wednesday 3rd December – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Music Service’s ‘Christmas Showcase’ at St David’s Hall, Cardiff hosted by the Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Kate Lloyd MBE JP. The evening commenced with a Reception and the Show was followed by a buffet.

Saturday 6th December – The Mayor and Mayoress hosted a Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Care Cymru.

Sunday 7th December – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the John Begley Memorial Dance in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Tuesday 9th December – The Mayor attended a meeting of the Aberthin Village Hall Committee at the Village Hall, Aberthin.

Friday 12th December – The Mayor attended a Christmas Celebration at Longmeadow Court, Cowbridge.

Saturday 13th December – The Mayor hosted Coffee and Mince Pies in the Council Chamber for the RAF Voluntary Band who was performing Christmas Carols in front of the Town Hall.

Sunday 14th December – The Mayor and Mayoress hosted a Tea Dance in the Main Hall in aid of Cancer Care Cymru.

Item 8:

Reports (Continued).

Monday 15th December – The Mayor and Mayoress attended the WRVS Christmas Lunch at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge.

The Mayor and Mayoress attended Cowbridge Comprehensive School's Annual Christmas Concert at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended 'A Christmas Celebration' by Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Choir and Youth Orchestra at City Hall, Cardiff.

b) Town Clerk.

The Office will close at midday 24th December 2008 and re-open Monday 5th January 2009.

Councillor Mrs G Baty drew members' attention to the fact that Mr Herman, the Cleaner at the Town Hall, was currently on the sick and his duties were being covered by the remaining staff and Mrs Herman. The members agreed that in recognition of the additional work there should be some remuneration made.

Members agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Herman sending their best wishes and to thank Mrs Herman.

Dates for your diaries:

Mayor's Ball – 24th April 2009 (Bear Hotel)

Payment of the accounts to be ratified
Expenses totalling £24,475.98 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor G A Cox, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9:
185/08**

Reports of Committees:

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs A Burges reported on the meeting held 1st December 2008.

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

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

Councillor D W Morris reported on the meeting held on 1st December 2008.

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

Resolved as proposed.

c. Finance & General Purposes.

Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held 2nd December 2008

Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor D E Magnay, 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 2nd December 2008
Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor D E Magnay, that the report be accepted and adopted.
Resolved as proposed.
- Item 10: Reports of Representatives.**
186/08
- 10.1 Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.**
To consider a letter received from Cowbridge with Llanblethian United Charities.
Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that Huw Llewellyn-Morgan be appointed to Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities for a further term
Resolved as proposed.
- 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.**
Next meeting 8th January 2009.
- 10.7 Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.**
Councillor Mrs G Baty reported that the Annual Dance was held on 29th November 2008.
- 10.8 Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.**
No representative.
- 10.9 Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.**
No meeting.
- 10.10 Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.**
Councillor Mrs G Baty advised that she had attended a business meeting on 24th November, at which she was allocated responsibility for special needs.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
- 10.11 Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.**
Councillor Mrs N C Thomas reported that she had attended a meeting arranged at the last minute and therefore had poor attendance. At the meeting it was reported that the Reindeer Day had been successful though the late night opening suffered because of the weather conditions. Also discussed were the marketing campaign and web site.
- 10.12 Cowbridge in Bloom.**
No meeting.
- 10.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
No meeting.
- 10.14 Best Kept Village.**
Next meeting January 2009.
- 10.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
To consider letter received from The Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity, Ystradowen
Proposed by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs N C Thomas, that Councillor A E Banks be appointed as trustee to The Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity, Ystradowen
Resolved as proposed.

The Town Council agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr H Evans to thank him for his work as a trustee of the Charity.
- 10.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
No meeting.
- 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 reported that the Clients and Volunteers Christmas events held on 4th and 10th December respectively were both a success.
- 10.20 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No meeting.
- 10.21 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
Councillor Mrs S M Cox advised the lighting in the Holy Cross Churchyard has been completed, progress on the Town Walls is being made and further projects are being looked at.

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- Item 10:** **Reports of Representatives. (Continued)**
10.22 **Fair Trade Group**
Councillor Mrs A Burges reported on a meeting of the 'Vale Wide' group which suffered a poor turnout. There will now be a regular Fair Trade stall at the Farmers Market. Barry, Dinas Powys and Llantwit Major are working towards achieving fair trade status.
- 10.23** **Creative Rural Communities.**
Councillor Mrs G Baty advised that she is unable to attend the next meeting scheduled for 18th December in Llantwit Major, but Councillor L E Taylor agreed to attend instead.
- Item 11:** **Report from Sub Committee – Play Equipment, Aberthin.**
187/08 Councillor D W Morris advised that he had met with Jane Williams from Creative Rural Communities and with representatives from each of three play equipment companies. These are to supply suggestions for play equipment and once received will be exhibited at the Village Hall in Aberthin on a date to be decided upon.
- Item 12:** **Correspondence.**
188/08
- 12.1 Letter received from Mr J Homfray of Cowbridge Compost Limited offering to provide a speaker to give a presentation to the Town Council on proposed food waste treatment facilities at Llwynhelig Farm.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that the offer should be accepted and arrangements made for a speaker to address the Town Council either in January or February.
Resolved as proposed.
- 12.2 Letter received from the Operational Manager, Democratic Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding Channels of Communication for Town and Community Councillors.
Noted.
- 12.3 Letter received from the Independent Panel on Members' Pay and Allowances, Welsh Assembly Government regarding AM's Pay and Allowances. The letter requested any views, which the Town Council might wish to make about the financial support that Assembly Members receive and that these should be submitted in writing by 31st December. The Review Panel is to hold two public meetings, one on 5th December in North Wales and the second on 27th January in Cardiff.
Noted.
- 12.4 Copy letter received from Mrs A Roberts sent to the Operational Manager, Highway Maintenance, The Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the state of the road leading from The Limes into Poplars Park.
Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty that a letter of support is to the Vale of Glamorgan Council with a copy sent to Mrs Roberts.
Resolved as proposed.

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- Item 13:** **Publications** (All held by the Town Clerk unless otherwise stated).
189/08
13.1 Adjudication Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2007-2008.
Noted.
- Item 14:** **To consider the Presentation by Vale Councillor N Hodges, ‘Planning in**
190/08 **the Vale of Glamorgan.**
Proposed by Councillor G A Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that
Planning Committee consider the principle of public participation during
their meetings in relation to, specifically, planning applications.
Resolved as proposed.
- Item 15:** **Documents for sealing.**
191/08 Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for Cremation Plot D11 in The Limes
Cemetery, purchased by Mr N Willcox, 23 Pant Poeth, Broadlands, Bridgend.
Document sealed.
- Item 15:** **Date and time of next Meeting.**
192/08 Tuesday 20th January 2009 at 7.00pm

Councillor D W Morris
Mayor

Date minutes signed.