

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 21st December 2010 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor L E Taylor
Councillors: Mrs A Burges, G A Cox, Mrs E George, J R Harris,
D W Morris, Mrs N C Thomas (*arrived Item 3*) and J Wilks (*arrived Item 8*).

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies
Administrative Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin
Inspector Mark Taylor

Reverend Canon D Belcher opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reverend Canon Belcher advised members that Father Julian Jenkins would be leaving the Cowbridge Benefice on 31st December 2010 and the Members agreed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Father Julian for his involvement with the Town Council.

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence.**
171/10 Councillors: Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks, Mrs G Baty, Mrs S M Cox,
Dr B A Gibbon, A Thomas and A Williams.
Treasurer - Mr D Griffiths.

Item 2: **Declarations of Interest.**
172/10 Councillor G A Cox – Item 10d - Town Hall Committee minutes (Item 8.1 –
Letter from the Board of Trustees, Cowbridge and District Museum) and
Item 12.1 – Correspondence, Copy letter from HRT, Chartered Surveyors.

Item 3: **The Treasurer's Report.**
173/10 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 2010
to 30th November 2010 and statement of bank balance as at
30th November 2010 was circulated.

Balances as at 30th November 2010.

Current Account:	£ 7,130.70
Investment Gold Account:	£ 34,834.92
Money Market	<u>£ 60,000.00</u>
Total	£ 101,965.62
Less Outstanding Cheques	<u>£ 750.25</u>
	<u>£101,215.37</u>

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris,
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 16th November 2010.**
174/10 **Proposed** by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, and **resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16th November 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
- Item 5:** **Matters arising from Town Council Meeting held on 16th November 2010.**
175/10 **2010.**
No matters arising.
- Item 6:** **Community Police Matters.**
176/10 Inspector Taylor circulated the crime figures for the Cowbridge area for the month of November and gave members some background information. He advised that the Reindeer Parade on 28th November went well from a policing point of view and without incident.
Local Officers have been deployed to assist with the ongoing investigation in the Cardiff area, following the counter terrorism arrests.
- Item 7:** **Road Safety.**
177/10 Inspector Taylor advised that he would report back to the Town Council in January with regard to the monitoring of speed of traffic through Aberthin village.

Inspector Taylor advised members that ‘sector policing’ has recently been introduced and has already proved to be beneficial to the area.
- Item 8:** **Penarth Youth Action.**
178/10 The members of the Town Council discussed at length youth provision within Cowbridge. There was some concern expressed at the proposal to use the Youth Club premises as the ‘Youth Referral Unit’ for the Vale of Glamorgan during the day time which it was understood may have an impact on its current use as the Youth Club during the evening, although the final decision on this change is yet to be made and the youth club will remain operational until the end of March for the time being. Members also expressed concern that by asking the young people how the Town Council could help them, any aspirations could well prove to be beyond the means of the Town Council.
Proposed by Councillor J Wilks, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Burges, that the ‘draft’ letter circulated should be redrafted before being sent out by the Town Clerk and should modify the reference made to the project that has taken place in Penarth.
Resolved as proposed.

**Item 9:
179/10**

Reports

a) Mayor

Thursday 25th November – The Mayor and Councillor Mrs A Burges attended the Christmas Tree Festival Preview Evening at the Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

Sunday 28th November – The Mayor greeted Father Christmas and his Reindeer to the Town Hall on his visit to Cowbridge, followed by the ‘Switch-On’ of the Christmas Lights in the town.

The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended the Instrumentalists Concert of ‘Music in the Vale’ Competition Gala Concert at Ysgol Bro Morganwg.

Saturday 4th December – The Mayor hosted a coffee morning in the parlour with the kind assistance of the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress.

Thursday 9th December – The Mayor and Councillor D W Morris attended ‘Creative Rural Communities Celebrates’ at Bradenstoke Hall, St Donats Castle. The Event celebrated and showcased all the achievements and success of projects supported by Creative Rural Communities since 2008 and included refreshments.

Friday 10th December – The Mayor attended the ‘All Wales Core Programme Quiz 2010/11 Crime Prevention Regional Final’ at Police Headquarters, Bridgend. The team from Cowbridge Comprehensive School achieved third place.

Monday 13th December – The Mayor and Councillor Mrs E George attended Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Choir and Youth Orchestra’s “A Christmas Celebration” Concert at City Hall, Cardiff.

Tuesday 14th December – The Mayor accompanied by Councillor Mrs N Thomas, attended Cowbridge Comprehensive School’s Annual Christmas Concert in the Main Hall of Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

The Mayor confirmed that the Mayor’s Ball due to be held in 2011, has been cancelled.

b) Town Clerk’s Report.

An engineer from Smith of Derby has attended the Town Hall to examine the clock in the tower and has submitted a report to the Town Council of his findings. The costs involved to carry out the necessary repairs and restore the clock’s ‘hourly strike’ amount to £1,185.00.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor G A Cox and **resolved** that instructions are given to Smith of Derby for the work to be carried out.

The Town Clerk expressed his thanks to Mr James and Mr Herman for their attendance at the Town Hall over the weekend to deal with a burst pipe in the in the Boiler House on Sunday. The problem was swiftly resolved which enabled a hirer to proceed with their booking in the Main Hall as planned.

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 29th January 2011.

Mayor’s Charity Concert at Cowbridge Comprehensive School featuring Cowbridge Male Voice Choir and the School Jazz Band.

b) Town Clerk's Report.

Dates for your diaries (continued)

The Town Clerk's Office will close at 12 noon on Christmas Eve and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday 4th January 2011.

Payment of the accounts to be ratified
Expenses totalling £12,751.86 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs N C Thomas, seconded by
Councillor J R Harris, that the payments of the accounts be ratified.

Resolved as proposed.

**Item 10:
180/10**

Reports of Committees:

a. Leisure & Amenities.

Councillor Mrs A Burges reported on the meeting held on 6th December 2010 and the following items were referred to:

Item 8.2 – The Town Clerk confirmed that the gates and railings at the Holy Cross Church are 'listed' and permission will have to be sought before being painted. Councillor G A Cox advised that in the absence of a Conservation Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the matter would best be referred to Cadw.

Item 8.6 – The replacement of the bent goal post at Llanblethian Playing Fields was an item raised in the Annual Independent Playground Inspection Report.

Councillor J Wilks suggested that Leisure and Amenities Committee should consider ways of attracting greater use of the playing fields by the local community.

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

Resolved as proposed.

b. Planning.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee, Councillor L E Taylor reported on the meeting held on 6th December 2010.

Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor J Wilks, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

c. Finance & General Purposes.

Councillor J R Harris reported on the meeting held 7th December 2010. Members discussed Item 9 (Waitrose development), and the Town Clerk advised that in order for the planning application to be dealt with by the Town Council as a whole, a summons will be issued accordingly. Members are and will be reminded of the importance of looking at the planning application before the date of the meeting although the application has not yet been submitted.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris seconded by Councillor Mrs E George that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 10: Reports of Committees (continued)

d. Town Hall.

Councillor D W Morris reported on the meeting held on 7th December 2010 and referred to item 7 and the recommendation made by the committee for the Town Council to submit an application under the 'Inspire Grant' scheme relating to 'Enterprising Community Buildings'

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor J Wilks that the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 11: Reports of Representatives.

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11.1

Cowbridge and Llanblethian United Charities.

Councillor D W Morris reported that at the last meeting of the charity it was agreed that donations to the 'needy and elderly' should remain at the same amount as has previously been paid and that a payment of £5.00 should be made to each of the residents of 'Southway' residential home.

11.2

Evan Jenkins Charity.

No meeting

11.3

Cowbridge Institute Charity.

No representative.

11.4

One Voice Wales.

No meeting.

11.5

Conservation Area Advisory Sub-Group

No representative.

11.6

Cowbridge and District Museum Trust.

No representative.

11.7

Cowbridge Town Twinning Association.

No representative.

11.8

Joint Liaison Association on Footpaths.

No representative.

11.9

Governing Body of Y Bont Faen Primary School.

No meeting.

11.10

Governing Body of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

No representative.

11.11

Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.

No minutes have been received from the last meeting.

11.12

Cowbridge in Bloom.

No meeting.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives. (continued)**
- 11.13 Rural Vale Police/Community Consultative Group.**
No meeting.
- 11.14 Best Kept Village.**
Next meeting 17th January.
- 11.15 Ystradowen Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity.**
No representative.
- 11.16 Community Liaison Committee.**
Minutes of the last meeting are held by the Town Clerk.
- 11.17 Vale of Glamorgan Buildings Preservation Trust.**
No representative.
- 11.18 Age Concern 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.**
Councillor Mrs A Burges reported that Christmas parties had been held on 2nd and 3rd December for the 'clients' and 'volunteers' respectively and both had been very successful.
- 11.19 Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership.**
No representative.
- 11.20 Cowbridge Charter Trust.**
No representative.
- 11.21 Fair Trade Group**
No representative.
- 11.22 Creative Rural Communities.**
No representative.
The Mayor reported that the presentation/function held by Creative Rural Communities at St Donats Castle which concentrated on the various successful projects over recent year's around the 'rural' Vale was well attended and in his view, was very successful.
- Item 12: Correspondence.**
182/10
- Councillor G A Cox took no part in the following item.*
- 12.1 To consider copy letter received from HRT Estate Agents regarding Cowbridge Livestock Market. The letter requests the Vale of Glamorgan Council to consider retaining the 'livestock market' whether on a long, medium or short term basis and that it reconsiders its decision to shut the livestock market at the end of the current lease.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs N Thomas, seconded by Councillor J R Harris and **resolved** that a letter is sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council with a copy to HRT, stating that that the Town Council fully supports the views of the letter, is strongly against the loss of the Livestock Market which should be retained as it represents one of only three left in Wales and forms a very strong part of the character of the town and is one of its tourist attractions.

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Item 13: **Publications** (All held by the Town Clerk unless otherwise stated).
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13.1 Walled Town Friendship Circle – Newsletter November 2010.
All publications noted.

Item 14: **Publicity (Newsletter).**
14/11

Item 15: **Documents for Sealing.**
15/11 None.

Item 16: **Date and time of next Meeting.**
16/11 Tuesday, 25th January 2011 at 7.30pm.

Councillor L E Taylor
Mayor.

Date minutes signed.