

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman - Councillor J R Harris
Vice Chairman - Councillor Mrs F Blomeley
Deputy Mayor - Councillor P J Knapp
Councillors - D W Morris and Mrs S Vaughan.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr Andrew Davies

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillors: Mrs G Baty, G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox and Mrs E George.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 8th April 2014.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 22nd April 2014.
Councillor J R Harris referred to the mention of the 'conditional' grant aid payment agreed by the Town Council to the 'First Responders' towards the purchase of a defibrillator machine. Having spoken to one of the organisers, who has agreed to come and speak to the Town Council on a mutually convenient date, the purchase of new machines is an ongoing project for which funds are continually being sought. The Committee **recommends** that the grant aid payment is released to the First Responders in view of this information.

Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payments Accounts for period 1st April 2014 to 30th April 2014 and the statements of bank balances as at 30th April 2014 were circulated to members and read. **Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 23rd April – 7th May was circulated to members and read.

Item 6: Grant Aid.
6.1 Letter of application received from Bridgend Samaritans seeking financial assistance towards the costs of the organisation and to enable the continued provision of a 24 hour service for those who require it in the area.
Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor P J Knapp, that a payment of £150 is made to 'The Samaritans'.
Resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Committee approves the payment of the sum of £150 to 'The Samaritans'.

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Item 6: Grant Aid (Continued)

6.2 Letter received from 'Fforest Uchaf Horse and Pony Centre and Pit Pony Sanctuary for financial assistance towards the running of the centre.

Noted.

6.3 Letter received from Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club requesting financial assistance towards its running expenses.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a payment of £200 is made to Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club.

Resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Committee approves the payment of the sum of £200 to Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club.

6.4 Letter received from 'Menter Bro Morgannwg' requesting financial assistance to support an Annual Welsh Language Festival to be held in the Vale of Glamorgan. The Festival will include musical performances, workshops and family friendly activities.

Proposed by Councillor P J Knapp, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Vaughan, that a payment of £75 is made to 'Menter Bro Morgannwg'.

Resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Committee approves the payment of the sum of £75 to 'Menter Bro Morgannwg'.

6.5 Letter of acknowledgement received from Teenage Cancer Trust in East-South Wales thanking the Town Council for the grant aid contribution.

Noted.

Item 7: Notice Board at Aberthin.

The Committee considered information that had been circulated by the Town Clerk and it was agreed that the existing wooden notice board should be replaced with a new one of an aluminium manufacture in order that it will 'match' the adjacent notice board.

After deliberation, it is **recommended** that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, who own the bus shelter and existing aluminium notice board on the left hand side, is contacted by the Town Clerk to seek permission to replace the Town Council's wooden notice board and to find out whether that Council could supply and fit a new notice board to match the existing and if so at what cost. The Committee agreed to a maximum spend of £250.

Item 8: Standing Orders.

Adjourned to 3rd June 2014.

Item 9: Correspondence.

None.

Item 10: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

None

Item 11: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday, 3rd June 2014 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris.

Chairman.