

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 6th December 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Vice-chairman – Councillor G A Cox
Mayor - Councillor Mrs G Baty
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Councillors – Mrs S M Cox, L E Taylor and A Thomas.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Mr. Andrew Davies

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillors W H Evans and J R Harris.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
Councillor Mrs S M Cox item 6.1 Grant Aid – Cowbridge Charter Trust.

Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2005 to 30th November 2005 and the statements of bank balances as at 30th November 2005 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.
A list of accounts to be settled from 23rd November – 6th December 2005 was circulated to members and read.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 8th November 2005.
Councillor G A Cox referred to item 7 in respect of the costs of the election held in August. The Town Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to the officer in charge at the Vale of Glamorgan Council but as yet has not received details. The matter will be followed up.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 22nd November 2005.
No matters arising.

Item 6: Grant Aid.

6.1 Application received from Cowbridge Charter Trust for financial assistance towards the cost of a revised survey being carried out on the Town Walls. This matter was adjourned until the next Committee Meeting in January to enable an update on the information contained within the application to be supplied.

6.2 Application received from The National Eisteddfod of Wales for financial assistance towards the running costs of this year's Eisteddfod, which this year is to be held in Swansea.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that a payment of £50.00 be made to the National Eisteddfod of Wales towards its running costs. The basis of the proposal is that there are many local members of the community who travel to see it and benefit from it when it is held in South Wales.
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 £50.00 be made to the National Eisteddfod of Wales towards the running costs of this year's event.

Item 6: Grant Aid. (continued)

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that in view of the amount set aside for this year's budget having already been exceeded, that any further applications received for financial assistance, during the current financial year may have to be unfavourably considered.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 7: Budget 2006/2007.

Draft budget figures prepared by Councillor J R Harris were circulated to members for information. Further detailed figures will be prepared for the January meeting, once budget proposals for 2006/2007 have been received from the Leisure and Amenities and Town Hall Committees.

Noted.

Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1 Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund 2004/05 Annual Report and Accounts. (Copy held by the Town Clerk)

Noted.

8.2 Consultation Paper received from the Welsh Assembly Government – 'Three Year Revenue and Capital Settlements for Local Authorities in Wales'.

The Town Clerk advised that the response to the document is required by 28 January 2006. The Town Clerk holds a copy of the document and further copies are being obtained from the Welsh Assembly for circulation to the members of the committee.

Members agreed that this should be placed on the agenda for the next Committee meeting in January.

Item 9: Any Other Business.

None.

Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday 10th January 2006 at 7.00pm.

Councillor G A Cox
Vice Chairman.