

**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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman - Councillor J R Harris  
Mayor - Councillor Mrs S M Cox  
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Mrs G Baty  
Councillors – G A Cox, W H Evans and Mrs M Williams MBE.

**In Attendance:**  
Town Clerk - Mr. Andrew Davies

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors H W Field and A Thomas

**Item 2: Declaration of Interests.**  
None.

**Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and the statement of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.  
A list of accounts to be settled from 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 was circulated to members and read.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**

6.1 Application for financial assistance received from the Vale of Glamorgan Crime Prevention Panel towards the running costs of operating their Mobile Display Unit at local events.

**Noted.**

6.2 Letter received from the Bridgend Branch of the Samaritans towards the running costs of the organisation, which helps many individuals throughout the Vale of Glamorgan Council, including Cowbridge.

**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor G A Cox, that a payment of £150.00 be made towards the local costs of 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 £150.00 in respect of the Samaritans.

6.3 Letter received from Mrs Barbara Lewis, Secretary of Cowbridge Senior Citizens Association acknowledging the Grant Aid payment of £150.00 made by the Town Council towards their running costs.

**Noted.**

**Item 7: Correspondence.**

- 7.1 Letter received from Jane Hutt AM confirming that the funding promised to One Voice Wales by the Welsh Assembly Government for the financial year 2004/2005 has now been paid.  
**Noted.**
- 7.2 Notification received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council of next year's Non-Domestic Rates for the cemetery (£126.30) and the Town Hall (£9893.50), which represents an increase of 14%.  
**Noted.**  
A representative of the Valuation Office Agency has visited the Town Hall after the first floor offices shown in the recent valuation were queried and adjudication on the matter is yet to be received. Members agreed that the Town Clerk should follow up the matter in order to establish when a reply is likely.
- 7.3 Membership renewal form received from One Voice Wales advising that this year's membership fee will be £401 based on the number of chargeable dwellings.  
**Recommended** that membership is continued.
- 7.4 Letter received from Audit Commission in Wales and Wales Audit Office advising on changes for Audit arrangements for Town and Community Councils coming into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005.  
**Noted.**
- 7.5 Letter received from Kenrich Publications in respect of the next publication of the Town Guide. The letter advised that extra copies of the guide could be purchased at a cost of £245.00 per thousand copies with a delivery charge of £200 per one thousand copies to all residential properties in the Town Councils area (approximately 1900). Three thousand free copies are produced and it was agreed that before making any decision on extra copies, it should be determined what proportion of free copies will come to the Town Council and how many copies have been purchased in the past.

**Item 8: Any Other Business.**

- 8.1 Councillor J R Harris advised members that the three-month investment period of the £50,000 placed on the money market has now been completed and interest of £461.10 has accrued.  
**Proposed** Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor W H Evans that subject to availability and confirmation of a favourable interest rate, a similar amount from the Town Council reserves is placed on the money market.  
**Recommended** as proposed.
- 8.2 The Town Clerk advised members that enquiries about repairs to the Mayor's chain are proceeding and it is hoped that the work can be carried out locally. Councillor Mrs S M Cox advised that the ribbons used for the pendant are showing signs of wear and it was agreed that enquires are made about the cost of replacing them.

**Item :9 Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**