

**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> July 2005 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Vice-chairman – Councillor G A Cox  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams  
Councillors – Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans, A Thomas  
and Mrs M Y Williams MBE.

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillor Mrs G Baty

**Item 2: Declaration of Interests.**  
Councillor G A Cox Items 6.3; 7.1; 7.2 and 7.3  
Councillor Mrs S M Cox item 7.3

**Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005 and the statement of bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.  
A list of accounts to be settled from 21<sup>st</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2005 was circulated to members and read.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005.**  
Councillor J R Harris referred to item 9 and the Town Clerk confirmed that he has written to the developer about the footpath.

The Town Clerk referred to item 8.2 and confirmed that new ribbons have been purchased and received from Fattorini Ltd and they will be available for use once the correct eyelet, compatible with the fob, has been sewn on.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**  
6.1 Application for financial assistance received from Madelaine Edgeworth from Cowbridge towards the cost of a two week trip to Sweden this summer to represent Girl Guiding Cymru at a jamboree. She is one of only twelve guides to be selected from Wales and she is required to raise £700.00 to cover the cost of the trip.  
**Proposed** by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that a payment of £50.00 be made towards the costs of Madelaine Edgeworth's trip to Sweden.  
**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 to Madelaine Edgeworth.  
*[In light of a number of recent applications from individuals, the Committee agreed that an increase in next year's Grant Aid budget is made to cover such eventualities.]*

**Item 6: Grant Aid.(continued)**

6.2 Application for financial assistance received from the 'Vale of Glamorgan 50's and Senior Citizens Forum' towards the costs of funding two public meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to raise the awareness of the "Strategy for Older People in Wales"

**Noted**

*(Councillors GA Cox and Mrs S M Cox left the Chamber whilst the following item was discussed)*

6.3 Application received from Cowbridge Charter Trust for financial assistance towards the cost of providing children's entertainment or strolling players at this year's Food and Drink Festival which is to be held the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that a payment of £100.00 be made towards the costs of providing children's entertainment at this year's Food and Drink Festival.

**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 £100.00 to Cowbridge Charter Trust.

**Item 7: Correspondence.**

*(Councillor GA Cox was not present in the Chamber whilst the following item was discussed)*

7.1 Copy letter received from Mr L S Golden sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of street lighting at Downs View and Court Close, Aberthin.

**Noted.**

Members of this Council have been made aware that whilst there are no immediate funds available to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the matter has been placed on a 'priority lighting scheme'.

It was recommended that Mr Golden's letter be acknowledged and advised that the Town Council is aware of the matter and its current status.

*(Councillor GA Cox was not present in the Chamber whilst the following item was discussed)*

7.2 Copy letter received from Chamber of Trade sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the consideration being given to introduce car-parking charges in Cowbridge. The letter complained about the lack of consultation to date and requested that full consultation is made with the Chamber of Trade and residents before the matter proceeds further.

**Noted.**

The Town Council has not yet been consulted by the Vale in this matter and no members were able to attend the public meeting as it coincided with the last Town Council meeting.

7.3 Letter received from Vale of Glamorgan Council advising that funding has become available from the FAW and UEFA to provide two 'all weather' pitches for every Local Authority in Wales. The Vale of Glamorgan Council is looking to install two pitches in areas in the Vale where there is a need and community support. Cowbridge is one of the town's in the Vale under consideration for a pitch to be provided with a possible location being close to the Leisure Centre.

Members discussed the proposal and endorsed the need for such a provision to be made in Cowbridge and an opportunity to give an extra facility to the youngsters in the area and promote and encourage their participation in sporting activities.

**Recommended** that a favourable response and a letter of support is sent.

**Item 9: Any Other Business.**

- 9.1 Councillor J R Harris advised members of the Committee that there is a requirement to review the Town Clerk's salary and conditions of service following a new national agreement. He distributed copies of relevant guidance for a decision to be made at the next committee meeting.
- 9.2 The Town Clerk confirmed that the Audit has been called for 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005 and that arrangements will be made for the Internal Audit to be carried out before this date.
- 9.3 The Town Clerk reported that consideration is being given by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to introduce alcohol free areas at various places throughout the Vale. Inspector Patterson has been consulted and is proposing to put forward the Twt Park for inclusion in the scheme.  
Members of the Committee agreed that this would be a very suitable location.
- 9.4 Councillor Mrs S M Cox advised that she has been invited to attend the 'Safer Vale Conference', to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005 between 10am and 3pm. Councillor Mrs S M Cox confirmed that she is able to attend but in the event of her being unable to do so would request that a substitute is sent.
- 9.5 Councillor J R Harris referred to the state of general untidiness of the footpath between Broadway and Cae Stumpie and questioned if this area was still on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's locations for servicing.

**Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**