

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 8th November 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor J R Harris
Vice-chairman – Councillor G A Cox
Mayor - Councillor Mrs G Baty
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Councillors – Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans, L E Taylor and A Thomas

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mr. Andrew Davies

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
Councillor L Taylor item 6.1 & 7.2 (Cowbridge Bowling Club)

Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2005 to 31st October 2005 and the statements of bank balances as at 30th September 2005 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.
A list of accounts to be settled from 19th October – 8th November 2005 was circulated to members and read.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 4th October 2005.
Councillor J R Harris referred to item 6.1 and advised members that it has been confirmed that all the sheds on Cae Rex Allotments are in use with each allotment being allocated one shed. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Leisure and Amenities Committee had approved the additional unit required.
The part of the letter before the Committee at its last meeting was whether there was any possibility of a financial contribution towards the cost of the shed, which will be £780.00.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that a payment of £200.00 be made to the Cowbridge Allotment Association towards the costs shed at Cae Rex allotments
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 £200.00 be made to the Cowbridge Allotment Association towards the costs shed at Cae Rex allotments.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 18th October 2005.
Councillor Harris referred to item 3.2 and confirmed that the rate for the money market is 3.5% and £50,000.00 was therefore deposited.

Item 6: Grant Aid.

Councillor L E Taylor left the meeting whilst the next item was discussed.

- 6.1 Application received from Cowbridge Bowling Club seeking sponsorship towards its new Honours Boards. Having recently taken up occupation of a newly constructed pavilion / clubhouse, a new style of Honours Board has become necessary. Any contribution from the Town Council will be acknowledged on the board.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that a payment of £250.00 be made to the Cowbridge Bowling Club towards the costs of new Honours Boards.

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 £250.00 be made to the Cowbridge Bowling Club.

- 6.2 Letter received from Cowbridge Rugby Football Club requesting financial assistance towards the running costs of the Annual Firework Display which is run by the club at the Athletic field for the benefit of the local community. This year's event is to be held on Friday 4th November to avoid a clash with the rugby international the following day, which has a late kick off.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas, that a payment of £125.00 be made to the Cowbridge Rugby Football Club towards the costs of the Annual Firework Display.

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 £125.00 be made to the Cowbridge Rugby Football Club.

- 6.3 Letter applying for financial assistance received from Eisteddfod yr Urdd towards the running costs, which this year will be £1,300,000, towards this year's event to be held in Denbeighshire.

Proposed by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that a payment of £50.00 be made to the Eisteddfod yr Urdd towards its running costs. The basis of the proposal is that there are many local school children that travel to take part and compete in the event

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 Eisteddfod yr Urdd towards the running costs of this year's event.

- 6.4 Letter of acknowledgement and thanks received from Cowbridge & District Museum Trust in respect of the Grant aid awarded towards new display boards.

Item 7: Budget 2006/2007.

Councillor J R Harris circulated members with draft budget figures for the next financial year 2006/2007. Further figures will be circulated at the next meeting.

One outstanding item which has not been accounted for is the cost of the election held in August. The Town Clerk will follow the matter up and speak to the appropriate Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1 Letter received from Cowbridge Bowling Club concerning the observations made by the Town Council regarding the SWOT Analysis produced by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Under the heading of Leisure and Recreation Facilities reference was made based on experiences by members of the public in relation to the Bowling Club which had been conveyed to Members. The letter wished to point out that the Club endeavours to promote and encourage its use by the public and enclosed details of the Club information leaflet, which is displayed on the notice board at the Leisure Centre.

Noted.

The Town Clerk advised members of the Committee that the letter was 'tabled' at the Planning Committee meeting the previous night and outlined the response recommended by the members of that Committee.

Members of the Finance and General Purposes concurred with that recommendation which will be decided upon by the Town Council at its next meeting.

Item 9: Any Other Business.

9.1 Councillor Mrs L Adams referred to the 'Big Screen', which is to put on another film at the Town Hall in December. As the result of the last event it has been agreed that an adult audience only will be targeted. Councillor Mrs Adams asked members to consider what terms might be imposed for this event, bearing in mind the Town Council paid for the film and that no charge was made for the hall. Members debated the matter at considerable length.

Proposed by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that on this occasion, provided that sufficient takings are received, the Town Council will recoup the cost of the film (£80.00), the cost of the room hire (£45.00) and that any monies left over will go to fund the running costs of the 'Big Screen' which depends on unpaid volunteers.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday 6th December 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.