

**Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 3rd June 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Mayor – Councillor A T Trousdell
Deputy Mayor – Cllr S Vaughan
Councillors: Mrs G Baty BEM, J H Wallis, H Wright, B Saidi

In Attendance: Town Clerk – Ceri Anderson.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor, Councillor A T Trousdell

Item 1: Appointment of Chairman & Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Proposed by J H Wallis and Seconded by Cllr A T Trousdell that Councillor H Wright is appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillor H Wright took the chair.

Appointment of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year

Proposed by Councillor H Wright, seconded by Cllr Mrs G Baty that Councillor J H Wallis is appointed as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 2: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor N Thomas – Health
Councillor R Spencer-Downe - Holiday

Item 3: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 7th May 2019, which are not already on the agenda.

The Clerk advised that as there was IT work being carried out in the day, she had been unable to produce the monthly accounts for June however assured the Committee they would be presented at the July meeting.

Item 5: Mr Morgan – Sensory Play Equipment, Twt Park

As agreed at the previous meeting Mr Morgan resident living in close proximity to Twt Park was invited to speak to the meeting. Mr Morgan explained in detail his concerns about the noise emanating from the two new pieces of sensory play equipment at the Twt Park.

It was agreed that Cllr H Wright would liaise with Mr Morgan next week regarding this matter and would report back to Council accordingly.

The Town Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Environmental Health

Department with a request that a noise monitor is attached to the wall alongside Mr Morgan's property to establish whether the play equipment sound could be categorised as noise pollution. In addition, the clerk had searched for alternatives to the original beaters and confirmed that she would be purchasing "Drum stick silent tips" at a cost of £8.00 to see if these would improve the situation.

Mr Morgan said that he understood that there could be a cost of re-siting the equipment and was prepared to make a contribution towards these costs if necessary.

Mr Morgan thanked the Town Council for giving him the opportunity to speak and thanked the Town Clerk for her endeavours in trying to resolve the matter.

Item 6: Maintenance Contract – works update

Members were informed that maintenance works were on-going and that the preferred contractor had been working at Llanblethian, the Twt Park and Southgate Park. The Clerk took the opportunity to mention that complaints had been received about the poor condition of the path at Southgate Park and concerns that it was becoming a health and safety matter. The Clerk further advised that she had put temporary measures in place to include signage and cones for the interim period.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: THAT THE CLERK OBTAINS QUOTES FOR A REPLACEMENT PATH.

Item 7: Bench Survey

Members were reminded that the Committee had previously agreed to carry out Bench survey to establish the condition of all the benches in the ownership of the Town Council and produce a report listing those in need of urgent repair, those that need replacing and those that need to be monitored.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: THAT CLLRS H WRIGHT AND CLLR A TROUSDELL CARRY OUT THE BENCH SURVEY AND REPORT BACK TO THE NEXT APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE MEETING,

Item 8: Limes Cemetery – Planters and Competition

The Clerk advised members that she had seen an article in "The Clerk" magazine advertising a competition for Town Council cemeteries. Members were advised that the newly appointed contractor had been informed and was happy to work try and get the cemetery to competition standard.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTERS THE COMPETITION AS ADVERTISED

The committee were informed that the planters outside the cemetery needed replacing. Members felt that it was important that they had sight of up to date accounts before making any decisions about purchasing new planters.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: THAT THE CLERK GETS SOME DETAILED COSTS FOR LOCALLY SOURCED PLANTERS IN READINESS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

Item 9: Weed Spraying – High Street Cowbridge

The matter was brought forward from a previous meeting following complaints received about weeds on the High Street.

Following discussion:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Clerk contacts the Vale of Glamorgan asking them to provide details of when the three-weed spraying treatments take place in the year.

Item 10: Correspondence – Mr Townend, overgrown hedgerow

Following discussion:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Town Clerk passes Mr Townend's concerns on to the Vale of Glamorgan Council

Item 11: Leisure and Amenities - Terms of Reference Review

The Clerk advised the committee that the External Auditor wanted To review all Terms of Reference this year as part of the audit process; It was agreed that the Committee members would end in any comments they have about the terms of reference to the Town Clerk so she could include them for consideration at the next meeting. It was further agreed that a map of all land in the ownership of the Town Council should be attached to the terms of reference

Item 12: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 2 July at 7.00 pm

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm