

**Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Mayor - Cllr A Trousdell
Deputy Mayor – Cllr S Vaughan

Councillors: S Cox, Cllr G Cox, T Williams, J Wallis

In Attendance: Town Clerk – Ceri John

As Deputy Chairperson Cllr J Wallis opened the meeting

1: Apologies for absence

None

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

None

**3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2019
which are not already on the agenda.**

None

4: To Appoint a Chairman\Deputy Chairman for Finance and Governance Committee

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Cllr J Wallis is appointed as Chairperson
To the Finance and Governance Committee**

It was agreed that the appointment of the Deputy Chair would be deferred until the Committee was up to full membership.

5: To consider Terms of Reference for Finance and Governance Committee

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Terms of Reference as presented
are accepted.**

6: Monthly Accounts – June 2019

Discussion took place on the presentation of the accounts and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would review the way the figures were presented in readiness of the next meeting of the Town Council. Members asked that justification of figures in the accounts was consistent

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the monthly accounts for June 2019
are accepted .**

7: To confirm the Mayoral Allowances for the financial year 2019/20

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Mayoral Allowance for 2019/20 remains the same:

**Mayors Allowance - £2,000.00
Deputy Mayors Allowance - £200.00**

8: To amend the signatories for the Council's banking arrangements

Members were reminded that there was one less signatory following the resignation of Cllr C George

Following discussion, it was agreed that 5 signatories are sufficient.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Council does not make any additions to the number of banking signatories for the time being.

9. Letter from Kate Thomas – Chamber of Trade (referred from Full Council)

Members considered the letter in detail.

Membership

The Committee agreed that they were happy to provide support to the Chamber of Trade where possible but did not feel that membership was appropriate as it was important that Councillors should keep their independence.

Christmas Lights

The Committee noted that the Town Council already committed £2,500 toward Christmas Lighting in Cowbridge, Aberthin and Llanblethian.

Following discussion:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Town Council are happy to pay 50% of the Christmas Lighting up to £1,500 on clarification of how we pay VAT.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Town Council is provided with all financial paperwork relating to the Christmas Lights.

It was noted that the Town Council ensures that the Chamber of Trade has obtained all proper permissions from the Vale of Glamorgan Council with regard installations of the Christmas Lighting.

Reindeer Parade

The committee noted that there had been no money set aside in this year's precept for events such as this. Cllr Cox asked that it be noted that the Council may need to reconsider prioritising monies precepted under the heading projects if the Council were to give any financial support.

It was recognised that the Chamber of Trade had indicated that as a group they were experiencing difficulties obtaining grant funding. Members discussed the options of an independent Reindeer Parade Group being set up, and also suggested the Chamber of Trade approaching the Vale of Glamorgan Council for further support with the event.

Members felt that further clarification was needed as to what was required of the Town Council.

Following further discussion:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: **The Cllr Wallis and the Clerk liases with the Chamber of Trade to establish more clearly what is being asked of Council on this matter in readiness for the next meeting.**

10: Date and Time of next meeting - Tuesday 10 September at 7pm

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm