



COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
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Y BONTFAEN (Bwrdeistref Hynafol) gyda
LLANFLEIDDAN

Date 4th February 2025

Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting.

Present in Council Chamber: Cllr Wilson (Chair), Deputy Mayor Cllr Geraint Baty (Deputy Chair), Mayor Cllr Weddell, Cllr Andrew, Cllr Gwen Baty, Cllr John, Cllr Sami.

Committee Members: Cllr Wilson (Chair), Deputy Mayor Cllr Geraint Baty (Deputy Chair), Mayor Cllr Weddell, Cllr Andrew, Cllr Gwen Baty, Cllr John, Cllr Sami.

56/F&G2025 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to note.

57/F&G2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest, including the nature of the interest (members are reminded of the provisions of paragraph 11 of the Members Code of Conduct and more particularly paragraph 11.1).

Cllr Sami declared that he was a member of the St Johns Ambulance which in his report will be mentioned in 63/F&G2024 POLICIES.

Although this was not deemed to be a required declaration that was need as no benefit derives from it the committee noted the declaration.

58/F&G2025 MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

59/F&G2025 MATTERS ARISING

a) 44/F&G2024 IT SUPPORT

The Acting Town Clerk advised the committee that she had tried to get a quote from the current IT company for a retainer rather than the ad hoc system we have at present. It was agreed that she should try one more time.

60/F&G2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion was had about the timing of the meeting compared to month end, the chair Cllr Wilson agreed that the expectation to produce the management accounts in time for the committee meetings was unrealistic and the council should reconsider moving the meetings dates to the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for the next civic year. This will be considered by the Annual Meeting. Cllr Wilson **noted** that at year end the reserves should put the council in a good position with monies due to come in for the fees spent on puddle issue by Waitrose. Hopefully the Cadw grant will come to

fruition now that the town hall side rooves are due to be completed by the end of next week.

Cllr Wilson advised the committee that at present time in the accounts there was £8,000 in the current account and £175,000 in the business account.

Financial reports were approved.

61/F&G2025 BUDGET FOR 2025/26

This was noted as approved at Full council meeting in January.

The Acting Town Clerk advised that the precept request had been sent to the Vale Council.

Cllr John asked if there was a five-year plan, which is something to look at processing in the near future, with a need to consider any excess or additional resources needed and to implement the necessary steps to achieve the goals outlined in the plan.

62F&G2025 INSURANCE TENDER

Cllr Wilson was thanked by the committee for his work on the insurance report, there was discussion around the need to include cyber security, there is also the asset register that needs to be up to date.

63/F&G2024 POLICIES

During the committee meeting, Cllr Sami put forward a proposal to try to improve safeguarding representation in the town, especially for vulnerable community members, including youth and the elderly. It was suggested that figures such as the Children's Commissioner or Vale Ambassadors could play roles in this effort.

The conversation highlighted the importance of both raising awareness of rights and implementing practical measures. The establishment of a Youth Council was discussed, though engagement with schools has been challenging in the past.

Recommend delegation to Cllr Sami to engage with vulnerable and young people's groups.

64/F&G2024 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

65/F&G2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th March 2025