



Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee 6:30 pm 21st October 2025

Present in the Council Chamber: Cllr Charles Champion (Chair), Cllr Cecilia Hannigan-Davies, Cllr Danial Sami, Mayor Cllr Geraint Baty, Deputy Mayor Malcolm Wilson and Deputy Chief Officer Clair Helen Davis.

Also present was a member of the public.

Committee Members: Cllr Charles Champion (Chair), Cllr Sue Bond (Deputy Chair), Cllr Cecilia Hannigan- Davies, Cllr Terry Williams, Cllr Danial Sami, and Cllr Gareth John, Cllr Valerie Ellis.

31/L&A2025 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllrs Bond, Williams, John and Ellis.

32/L&A2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

33/L&A2025 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

34/L&A2025 MATTERS ARISING

The Limes Cemetery retaining wall the Committee recommended the cheaper of the three quotes as of the previous meeting and will go to Full Council on the 28th October 2025.

The Drainage issue at Twt Park Cllrs Champion and Wilson, together with the Chief Officer, met with a representative from Centregreat to investigate a potential drainage issue, thought to be caused by a tree root.

Centregreat have since advised that the issue is unlikely to be caused by the tree and is more likely due to inadequate drainage.

It was noted that the matter will continue to be monitored and addressed collaboratively between the Council, the landowner, and the tree owner.

35/L&A202 FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report of September 2025 was approved.

36/L&A2025 MONTHLY PARK INSPECTIONS

Members noted that both recent inspection reports for the parks indicated no issues requiring action, and that all areas were satisfactory.

It was further noted that the outstanding issue regarding the park surface remains unresolved, and the Council is awaiting Dragon Play to attend and carry out the necessary repairs.

37/L&A2025 DOG FOULING

Members were advised that a number of residents had raised ongoing concerns regarding dog fouling within the town.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council had agreed to relocate the existing waste bin from

outside the Town Hall to the Police Field, following a separate request.

Cllr Champion, in his capacity as a Vale Councillor, had discussed the matter with The Vale Officer as had Cllr Wood. It was noted that the Cricket Field is privately owned land, and therefore the Trust who are the landowners would need to be contacted directly regarding any related issues.

Adam Sargant, Neighbourhood Services Manager at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, had confirmed that additional wooden posts and signage would be installed to address the problem.

Members further noted that under the **Public Space Protection Order 2021**, made under the **Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**, it is an offence to allow a dog to foul without removal on the Rugby Pitch with a penalty of £100.

However, the current Order does not require dogs to be kept on leads; this may be considered at the next review of the Order.

38/L&A2025 THE LIMES CEMETERY

The Committee were shown a series of photographs of the cemetery provided by a resident who had expressed dissatisfaction with its condition, although it was noted that the resident had not contacted the Council directly.

Members were informed that the bank area had become overgrown with flowers following an unsuccessful trial undertaken by volunteers. The overgrowth had since been cleared by Council staff, and wildflower seeds had been sown; however, this had not proved successful, and the area had now returned to its previous condition. The Committee agreed that the photographs were not reflective of the current situation, as the issues shown had already been rectified.

Cllr Hannigan-Davies noted that the photographs had only been circulated a few hours prior to the meeting, allowing insufficient time for proper consideration.

The Chair, Cllr Champion, reminded Members to refer to the Committee's Terms of Reference and to ensure that only matters pertinent to the scope of the committee are discussed. This comment was made in connection with previous discussions regarding the submission of papers with adequate notice prior to meetings.

Resolved

Old photographs which have been dealt with, the Amenities Supervisor to clean bench and cut back stingy nettles.

39/L&A2025 RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS

Overgrowth – Millfield Drive

Cllr Ellis raised concern regarding overgrowth at Millfield Drive. Members noted that this matter falls under the responsibility of the Vale Council

Resolved

The Deputy Chief Officer has reported it to the Vale Council.

40/L&A2025 PROGRESSION OF LAND OWNERSHIP

The Council discussed the land ownership relating to the waste land affected by the tree root causing drainage issues.

Members noted that there is no progress to report at this time.

Resolved

The Council continue to investigate land ownership and report back when further information is available.

39/I&A2025 THE LIMES CEMTERY WALL (OUTSIDE)

Members discussed the ownership of the wall adjoining the cemetery. Cllr Champion provided two historical maps of the land, dating from before the establishment of the Limes Cemetery, to assist in clarifying ownership.

It was agreed that further investigation would be required before the Council commits any expenditure.

Resolved

Further investigations into the ownership of the wall be carried out prior to any

financial commitment by the Council.

40/L&A2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6:30 pm 18th November 2025