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<b>Date</b>	<b>World War II years, Cowbridge</b>	<b>Source</b>
1938, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Air Raid Precautions – the Fire Brigade need to get a new bell or improve the audibility of the current bell, in order for it to be heard all over the Borough.	BCm
1938, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Air Raid precautions - The Home Secretary has urged all authorities to make arrangements to recruit volunteers as soon as local courses of instructions have been organised. The County Air Raid Precaution Officer to be invited to a special meeting of the council, plus others representing the Police, the Water Board, Gas works and South Wales Electric Power Company.	BCm
1938, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Council asked by County Air Raid Precautions Officer to submit names of persons competent to give short talks or appeals during intervals at places of entertainment and to address public meetings.	BCm
1938, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	National Rat Week has been fixed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for this year from 7 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> November. The Ministry will loan free of charge a silent version or a sound version of a cinematograph film on the subject. Lantern slides with lecture are also available.	BCm
1938, 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Representation be made to Mid Glamorgan Water Board with regard to the maintenance of the water supply for domestic purposes during air raids. To re-instate hand pumps at the various wells in the Borough in case of water mains being put out of action or reservoirs being contaminate.	BCm
1939	Councillor Mrs G Tilley responsible for a scheme to recruit volunteers for the Women’s Land Army (Countess of Plymouth writing to encourage the Council). Also a Local Fuel Overseer to be appointed (Mines Department recommendation) regarding the rationing of the consumption of coal gas and electricity by domestic and small industrial consumers in the event of war – Town Clerk appointed to this task.	BCm
1939, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Letter to be sent to the Minister of Health expressing the Council’s opinion that this area is unsuitable for receiving evacuees. It is too close to the Military Aerodrome at St Athan and the Arsenal at Bridgend.	BCm

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1939, 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<p>Letter received from Chief Education Officer for Birmingham seeking certain information and reporting that this area has been allotted to Birmingham for the reception of evacuees. Official communication awaited from the Ministry of Health before any response given.</p> <p>Letters received from Ministry of Health and Glamorgan County Council – scheme to receive three hundred evacuated persons.</p> <p>Several mobile units of the Army will be passing through Cowbridge on 13<sup>th</sup> June on a recruiting march. The Mayor to take a salute at the Town Hall, but as he is away the deputy will take his place and hopefully the Councillors will be there in their robes.</p>	BCm
1939, 20 <sup>th</sup> April	The Sanitary Inspector to write immediately to the County air raid Precautions Officer about the early supplying of anti-gas masks. Branch of Women's Voluntary Service to be established in the area, organised by Miss Ackland Allen (of St Hilary).	BCm
1939, 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Alderman T.J. Yorwerth appointed as Billeting Officer	BCm
1939, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr Robert Thomas builder to be consulted regarding the question of any damage to houses as a result of war operations (Circulars 1810 and 1848). South Wales Electric Power Company to be asked to paint their poles abutting the pavement in the town so that they would be seen in the present black-out – approximately only 6 poles. Several sandbags erected outside the Town Hall had been deliberately cut by pupils of the Grammar School.	
1939, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	South Wales Electric Company offering a reduction of costs per lamp for public lighting during period of current restrictions.	BCm
1939	Many buildings in the Borough are listed for their railings to possibly be removed for the war effort. The ones in Church St. at the Grammar School Fives Court, and opposite at the West Playground, are included in the listing, plus those in Mill Road at the newly built school gymnasium.	Borough Defence Regulations
1939/40	£157.18s sent to Lord Mayor of Cardiff's Spitfire Fund	BCm
1940, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries had written regarding the provision of war time allotments. The Ministry of Home Security had written regarding the restoration of some form of street lighting.	BCm

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1940, 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Town Clerk to place notice on the Town Hall board requesting further volunteers for the Women's Land army, having received a letter about this need from the Countess of Plymouth.	BCm
1940, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	No further slaughtering in the Borough until further notice, due to the Government Meat Rationing Scheme	BCm
1940, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Salvage – certain waste materials are required to be returned to industry. Handbills to be issued to households with particulars of arrangements for collection. The Roadman to collect one day each week and be paid 5s. extra for this work. South Wales Electric Power Company has arranged for a demonstration of A.R.P. street lighting to be held at 7.45pm on March 8 <sup>th</sup> . Council members invited to attend. Professor of Zoology at University of Wales (on behalf of County agricultural Committee) to try to exterminate the rat menace in Three Ashes Quarry by using poison gas.	BCm
1940, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Collection of salvage in the Borough has been arranged, in conjunction with Mrs L.E. W. Williams (of the Verlands), in accordance with the Government Scheme for the collection of waste paper and other salvage. No. 12 The Limes to be used as a store. Mrs Davies in Eastgate St. not being given council funding towards her hospital costs.	BCm
1940, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Messrs. Arthur Jones & Sons to remove the sandbags outside the Town Hall, and deposited on the Council ground at the rear. Cost £2.10s.	BCm
1940, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	The sand has been removed from around the Town Hall. Black-out precautions throughout the whole of the Town Hall have been attended to. A new lock has been fixed to the west door to facilitate ARP precautions.  At the request of Government circulars and the Police, several notices bearing the word 'COWBRIDGE' have been taken down and others have been painted over. It has also been necessary to fill in with keen cement the stone notice on the bridge.  Several ARP Shelters have been inspected in Cardiff – they will accommodate approximately 100 each. Plans have been drawn up of a similar design to accommodate 50 persons and tenders are awaited from local builders.	BCm

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1940, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Allotments – the Council has power to cultivate lands in their own occupation. The ground in the Stumpy to be offered as allotment plots to tenants in the Broadway housing and the Council will plough up the ground if there is sufficient take up.	BCm
1940, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	A nibbling machine from Messrs Edward Thompson & Son, Cardiff, has been given to Edward John & Son and could be disposed of for the Spitfire fund. The old Booking Office at the railway station – negotiations with Great Western Railway Company – use as mortuary. The Education Authority to be asked yet again to improve facilities for education for evacuated children.	BCm
1940, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade was storing demonstration incendiary bombs in one of the Town Hall cells. Requesting a licence under Explosives Act. Suggested the bombs be stored in the small building formerly used in connection with the Town Hall cottages.  Great Western Railway Company's tenancy of old railway station – to be used as a mortuary. To be referred for approval of Welsh Board of Health. (3 <sup>rd</sup> October – the roof of the old booking office ideally needed repairing before any agreement signed for mortuary use).	BCm
1940, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Several special committees set up – Rating and Valuation, Swimming Bath, Health visitors, Joint Fire Brigade, Housing, Rating and Valuation Sub-Committee, Evacuation. Appeals Committee to be set up under the evacuation regulations. Need for the building of a new post for the ARP Warden so the Lesser Hall can be freed up entirely for the Fire Brigade. An air raid shelter to be erected on the Council's land in the Limes for use of the Rescue Party and Decontamination Squad. Nominal rent to be paid of one shilling a year.	BCm

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1940, December	<p>The Mayor has received £500 so far for his Spitfire Fund, and progress being made with the Mayoress's Service Comfort Funds. Preliminary discussions on a Community Feeding Centre in Cowbridge. A meeting to be called to discuss entertainment and hospitality for the Troops during winter months.</p> <p>Mid Glamorgan Water Board is unable to instal a softening plant at their sources of hardwater supply.</p> <p>London County Council is asking for evacuated children in the Borough to have a Christmas treat, and a grant might be available towards the costs. A sub-committee set up to plan a Christmas party. All the school children in Cowbridge and Llanblethian to be included.</p> <p>Waste paper and scrap metal collection – in addition to the money raised by the selling of waste paper by the lady helpers, cheques have been received from the sale of scrap metal.</p>	BCm
1941- c1943	British Restaurant installed in 91 Eastgate (see 'research' document on that property for fuller details– <i>chs03714</i> )	BCm
1941, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The hydrants have been given a coat of white paint; the ARP shelters are now practically complete (Mr R Thomas, contractor, paid £369)</p> <p>Only one of the tenants of the Broadway council housing properties has so far come forward about taking on Council land for a kitchen garden. The land is being offered at 6 pence per perch. If there are sufficient applicants the Council will plough the land prior to letting.</p> <p>Discussion on Community Feeding – to establish a Reserve Food Store in the Borough, and the Divisional Food Officer to be asked to advise on establishing a Community Feeding Centre. Will possibly use the Grammar School's newly built dining hall and gymnasium in Mill Road for this purpose.</p>	BCm

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1941, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<p>Alterations to Fire Station and Lesser Hall to go ahead.</p> <p>The War Agricultural Committee has written about the cultivation of spare plots of land – the large garden in Mill Road has remained uncultivated for two or three years; the owner to be given notice to cultivate the land. Also, the Stumpy Field should not be ploughed up but plots offered to residents of the Borough rent free for three years unless the land was required prior to that date for building.</p> <p>The Home Guard have agreed to pay 7s.6d. a week for light used by them from the date of occupation to the date of installation by them of a separate meter. The Office of Works to take over the heating meter of the Council Chamber and Mayor’s Parlour.</p> <p>An Information Centre to be established for persons made homeless by enemy action (following circular from Ministry of Health). Committee to run it to be established.</p> <p>No Communal Feeding Centre to be established in the Borough however.</p>	BCm
1941, 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<p>A notice has been erected on the Stumpy land offering the land free of rent for one year and in the event of sufficient applications being obtained, that the land be ploughed.</p>	BCm
1941, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<p>The Air Raid Shelters to be opened during alert periods. Keys to be kept at the Fire station and at Mr F John’s premises in Church Street. Electric light and benches to be provided at each shelter. The Council to invest £250 in a Government Security selected by the Mayor for Cowbridge &amp; District War Weapons Week which begins April 29<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The ARP post at the Town Hall was not occupied until July 1940 (prior to that date it had been at the house of the head warden). ARP Controller argues they should not be liable to pay fire and lighting costs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March therefore.</p> <p>The shop premises owned by Mr Jacob (<i>91 Eastgate</i>) be placed upon the Central Register as a Community Feeding Centre.</p> <p>Agreed payment of £4 to Great Western Railway Co. as one quarter of the rent for using the Old Hall Booking Office as a mortuary.</p>	BCm

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1941, 14 <sup>th</sup> February	A bag of sand has now been delivered to every house in the Borough, and some 400 more are being placed at other vantage points as suggested. A considerable number of lamps are having to be replaced in the Town Hall, possibly because of increased hours of burning or the use of the siren.	BCm
1941, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	The two public air raid shelters are complete ( <i>behind the Town Hall</i> ) and are locked up. Is it the Council's intention to furnish them and make arrangements for unlocking them during an air raid? At present the keys are kept hanging up in the Fire Station (housed within the rear of the Town Hall). Wardens, known as Shelter Marshals, are given responsibility for ensuring availability in larger towns. Treatment and disposal of foodstuffs contaminated by poison gas – the Ministry of Food will soon be requiring the formation of a number 2 Squad for the decontamination of food (entirely separate from number 1 Decontamination Squad).	BCM
1941, April	Air Raid Shelters to be opened during Alert periods. Keys to be kept at the Fire Station and at Mr F John's premises in Church St respectively. Electric light to be provided in each shelter and benches be supplied. The sum of £250 be invested in a Government Security selected by the Mayor during the Cowbridge & District War Weapons Week. A bag of sand has now been delivered to every house in the Borough and in addition some 400 more are being placed at other vantage points as suggested in a list we had from the police. The Town Clerk had sent an account to the A R P Controller in respect of fire and light at the A R P Post, Town Hall for the period of 1 <sup>st</sup> October 1939 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March ultimo, but he had been informed the Post as not occupied until July 1940. Prior to this the Post had been at the head warden's house.	BCm
1941, May	Mr Jacob to be interviewed about using his shop ( <i>91 Eastgate</i> ) for a Community Feeding Centre. One mid-day meal a day planned. A cook to be appointed, with one or two helpers. Apparatus for 200 people to be installed, but the likelihood is it would be no more than 100.  Reprodex has asked whether the Council wish to have any of their deeds, documents, ledgers etc. photographed with a view to having a record in case of destruction by enemy action. The cost would be £6 for 100 exposures – offer refused.	BCm

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1941, June	<p>All children to be invited to be immunised – leaflets sent to schools. First injection given at the Town Hall on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May by our Medical Officer of Health and his assistant. 90 children were attended to. The second injection will be given on June 28<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The death announced of Pilot Officer Roy Watts on active service, son of Councillor and Mrs D C Watts</p> <p>The boys, whose names appear on the Police Report as causing public damage in the town, were brought before the Council with their parents and received a warning – any future cause for complaint would be dealt with more drastically. The boys expressed regret and gave assurance they would behave better in future.</p> <p>Both Porthcawl and Cowbridge Borough Councils are writing to the Minister of Health complaining that the billeting allowance for evacuees is insufficient.</p>	BCm
1941, July	<p>The Home Guard is to stop using the west door of the Town Hall as the MOH's First Aid Post is there and he finds it inconvenient. South Wales Electric Power Co. to be asked whether it intends to reinstitute the subdued form of public lighting in the Borough next winter.</p>	BCm

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1941, August	<p>A flag day to be arranged for the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Stress Fund.</p> <p>The Home Guard using the Town Hall should be prohibited from using the west entrance, but they can access the public lavatory free of charge (the key to be given to the Chief ARP Warden on duty). The lavatories at the north end of the Town Hall and next to the First Aid Post to be reserved for ladies of the First Aid Post only. Black-out to be erected at the lavatory.</p> <p>The old iron gates which have been removed from the east corner of the Town Hall were now on the adjoining land where they will probably be lost – to be stored somewhere by the Sanitary Inspector.</p> <p>The Mayor's Parlour to stop being used for sleeping accommodation for ambulance drivers (they can use the Council Chamber) as black-out arrangements in the Mayor's Parlour and the adjoining lavatory are imperfect.</p> <p>The wheeled bier will be kept at the mortuary.</p> <p>The Town Hall will house an Information Centre (request from the Welsh Board of Health). The Town Clerk will compile an Information Booklet.</p> <p>Those children who had received their first inoculation, but who had not been able to attend for the second, to be notified by the Sanitary Inspector to attend for the second one.</p>	BCm
1941, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<p>South Wales Electric Power Co. has not received any information as to whether modified street lighting was allowed this winter in towns within 12 miles of the coast.</p> <p>The Welsh Board of Health is asking the Council to make a survey of available accommodation in the Borough for evacuated persons.</p> <p>A British Restaurant had now been established. A special sub-committee will supervise the running of it.</p> <p>The public shelters to be provided with electric light, seating accommodation, buckets and sanitary paper.</p>	BCm

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1941, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	The Ministry of Supply is requisitioning all unnecessary iron and steel railings in the country for scrap for use in iron and steel works and foundries. The Council decided to reply that no good purpose could be served by removing the small quantity of railings in this area.	BCm
1941, November	<p>The British Restaurant to be used for emergency feeding following heavy air raids.</p> <p>Railings assessment for the Ministry of Supply – all iron and steel railings and posts, chains, bollards, gates etc. with the following exceptions: No. 1 High St, the new gymnasium buildings at the Grammar School in Mill Rd, the gates to the monumental yard of Mr Mills in High St, the gate being built in the archway of Graig House and all houses in the Borough containing forecourts.</p> <p>First Aid at the Town Hall – Mrs Brown (the caretaker) to use a room at her house (within the Town Hall) on the west side of the entrance door for VAD personnel on night duty. If this is not available, the detachment to erect a rail with removable curtains at the Council Chamber.</p> <p>Rotary pumps at the wells in the Borough to be fixed as agreed – immediately, and not when an emergency arises. The necessary repairs to the Silver Well be carried out.</p> <p>Requisition of railings – the Ministry of Supply has not accepted the Council’s response and requests that the Council act accordingly. A survey to be made of railings in the district, but first the Council will wait for appeals and will convene a special meeting.</p>	BCm

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1941, December	<p>The clothing of the Decontamination Squad was deteriorating due to being kept at the mortuary – alternative accommodation should be found. Cowbridge RDC offices (79 Eastgate) are suggested, could be kept together with similar clothing already in their charge.</p> <p>The Home Guard to pay £50 towards the cost of damage to heating apparatus in the Town Hall. If they refuse, they will be charged for rent as well as for the damage. (The Adjutant 10<sup>th</sup> Home Guard later wrote that he was unable to forward this request for payment – Colonel Gaskell to be asked to discuss with the Mayor and Town Clerk).</p> <p>Applications to use the Town Hall for dances have been received from – the Officer commanding ROAC, Penlline Court (Mr J W Brown) on behalf of the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Home Guard, from the Officer commanding the Pioneer Battalion R.E at 44 High Street, and from Mr C H Symonds on behalf of the Fiore Brigade. Agreed they can all use the Town Hall on payment of lighting, heating and hall-keeper’s fees only. Also agreed that Mrs Davies of Dynevor can use the Town Hall for a Children’s Party and the opening of Dr Barnado’s collecting boxes.</p> <p>A grant has been offered from the Evacuating Councils for Christmas entertainment for evacuated children. All children attending Pontfaen School to be included, and those in Cowbridge and Llanblethian.</p>	BCm

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1942, January	<p>The <i>Daily Express</i> and the <i>Daily Herald</i> had written in their newspapers that Cowbridge Borough Council was not taking steps to organise the collection of waste paper – had confused the Borough Council with the Rural District Council.</p> <p>Proposal to have the HQ of the Home Guard in part of Old Hall, providing a Fire Watching party.</p> <p>Three Ashes quarry (used for disposal of Borough household waste) has rat problem despite baits being set. The Council to approach the RDC about sharing their use of their Llanmihangel refuse tip.</p> <p>The Town Hall to be used by the Home Guard at £1 per week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. Tenants to pay light and heat.</p> <p>Apart from historical records, the Town Clerk to dispose of all the Council's books and papers prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1936, and account books prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1931.</p> <p>The Comforts Fund – 88 boys and 3 girls from the Borough who were on active service will each receive 10 shillings as a Christmas gift. The Fund had £15 in hand.</p>	BCm
1942, February	<p>The ante-room at the Town Hall to be fumigated for safety reasons as the Home Guard had removed all blankets, bedding etc.</p> <p>A waste paper competition to be considered – suggested by the Minister of Supply.</p>	BCm
1942, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<p>Collection of railings – the Council are concerned about liability if a pedestrian has an accident because railings have been removed. Assured by the Ministry of Works that an owner of property where railings have been removed would not be liable 'except in exceptional circumstances.' The Council seeing clarification about these circumstances. The railings of Pontfaen School to be retained.</p> <p>An accident had occurred at the river entrance adjoining the British Restaurant where a white rail had been erected on top of the railings. It was decided that the railings be fixed adjoining the pavement to prevent any pedestrian stepping down into the approach of the river. These railings to be painted white.</p>	BCm

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1942, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Refuse disposal – Ushers Quarry considering being used, but meantime suggested that Borough refuse be tipped in his field adjoining the road on Brynhyfryd hill in a small quarry there, on condition the Council make a gateway into the field and take regular steps to lay rat baits. The ground probably sufficient for a year.	BCm

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1942 April	<p>Fire watching – three posts to be established. One in a room in Old Hall (permission given by the Grammar School governors) to start on the 13th, one in a room in the RDC offices in Eastgate, already started, and the third in the Council Chamber from the 6<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>The telephone will be left in the Mayor’s Parlour.</p> <p>The question of the cost of light and heat to be used at the Fire Post be left to the Mayor and the Town Clerk.</p> <p>Decontamination of foodstuffs – the southern portion of the market to be kept for decontamination, at a rent of £5 per annum.</p> <p>Town refuse disposal – the RDC are not happy about the Borough using the Llanmihangel refuse dump. The Borough to interview the owner of Ushers quarry about using that. (By August, the RDC were agreeing that the Borough could use their site, but under supervision of the Sanitary Inspector and at a cost).</p> <p>Warships week – suggestion to adopt ‘H.M.S. Gardenia’ and an exchange of plaques.</p> <p>Provision of a mortuary to serve both authorities to be looked into – cost to be borne by the Borough and the R.D.C.</p> <p>The Sanitary Inspector was on duty recently at the Fire Station and was called away for most of the day and night to Llansamlet. Wishes to obtain a certificate from the Council preventing him in future from having to go outside a three-mile radius.</p> <p>Water economy – the Silver Well and the well in Westgate Street to be tested for their quality for public to use.</p> <p>As it was essential to save as much paper as possible, it was agreed that the monthly report of the Sanitary Inspector should in future be read out and not printed and circulated. Members of the Council to return the envelopes addressed to them containing copies of the minutes of Council meetings.</p> <p>Premises to be found for the amalgamation of the Food Offices of the Borough and the RDC.</p>	BCm

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1942, May	<p>The Fire Brigade to dig over the ground at the rear of the public conveniences for the sum of £2. The salvaged tins placed at the rear of the Town Hall be removed to 12 The Limes for storing tins.</p> <p>On the occasion of a recent air raid warning, the MOH's First Aid personnel could not get into the Town Hall as it was being used for dancing. Also, the public are making use of the MOH's First Aid Post. The rooms for the First Aid Post to be locked and kept exclusively for that purpose.</p> <p>The Town Clerk to write to the Western Welsh Omnibus Company requesting they mark on the pavement at the bus stops the position of the head of the queue, and to request their drivers to stop the buses at such point so that the persons who are first in the queue shall be first on the buses.</p> <p>The Regional Fire Officer had responded to the Council's offer to hand over the keys of the public lavatories and allow them to be used at 5 shillings a week, by saying no payments should be made to local authorities for the use of their own premises. The Council to point out the amount of public money spent at the Cowbridge Fire Station.</p>	BCm
1942, June	<p>Decided that the Borough property, other than the council houses, to be painted green and buff.</p> <p>Removal of railings for the war effort – those at the Grammar School's west playground gate be left, and also the east side rail of No 25. High Street</p>	BCm
1942, July	<p>A considerable sum is being spent on baits for the destruction of rats. Decided that a Hydro Cyanide Pump be bought for 37 shillings – cheaper in the long run.</p>	BCm

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1942, August	<p>Concern expressed that Irish cattle were being held too long in the market before the sale. Due to wartime shipping difficulties, on one occasion they had arrived two days early. An extra charge of ten shillings to be imposed whenever this happens.</p> <p>Mrs Winston Churchill is appealing for funds for Medical Aid for Russia – dances and whist drives to be held for four nights during the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>Alderman Johnson Miles’s son Wilfred has been taken prisoner of war in Libya.</p>	BCm
1942, October	<p>Damage has been done when railings in the town have been removed. The Ministry of Supply to be notified and sent a list of the damage; in future it is hoped the Sanitary Inspector will be contacted first before more railings are removed. The list submitted by the sub-committee be approved, but the gates marked for removal be allowed to remain – agreed.</p> <p>The Ministry of Supply information films can be shown in the Town Hall.</p> <p>Mrs Watson of The Manse will take on the role of Billeting Clerk for evacuees (from Mrs Knights).</p>	BCm
1942, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<p>The Home Guard have been told that the hall will not be let in future if they continue with their ‘certain form of dancing’. Too much damage has been caused to the floor.</p> <p>The sanitary Inspector to attend a film and lecture in Cardiff, put on by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, on rat destruction.</p> <p>Evacuated children and the children in their households where they are billeted in Cowbridge and Llanblethian will be given Christmas entertainment along the lines of the previous year – up to one shilling a head allowed by the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>Fuel and Lighting Order - Mr Whone has been appointed to oversee the amalgamation of the Borough and Rural District Councils for this purpose.</p>	BCm

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1942, December	<p>The following recommendations have been made for the payment of Old Age Pensions - £3 per week for married couples, £1 per week for single persons. No means test.</p> <p>Queuing stands by the Town Hall to be painted with luminous paint.</p> <p>A Military Whist Drive to be held in the Town Hall to raise funds to send to each person in Cowbridge serving in the Forces a Christmas gift of 10 shillings.</p>	BCm
1943, January	<p>The Home Guard wish to use the Council Chamber every Tuesday evening, but are only to be allowed to use it on a Tuesday if the Council do not need it themselves. They will be charged 10 shillings a night to cover light, heat and cleaning, subject to the replacement of any damage. The charge was later reduced to 2 shillings and 6 pence.</p> <p>The corners of all kerbs projecting on the pavements to be painted white (as railings have been removed).</p>	BCm
1943, February	<p>Mrs Watson is Billeting Officer for the Borough. The Welsh Board of Health is unable to pay her continuing employment, but the Council cannot see how they can terminate this post and seeks further discussion on the matter.</p> <p>A conference is to be held in County Hall, Cardiff on wartime food production (allotments and private gardens). Two representatives to attend.</p>	BCm
1943, March	<p>The Handicraft Class which had been set up in a room of the Y.M.C.A. for evacuated mothers is to be ended, as the room rent is costly and there are very few evacuated mothers in the Borough.</p>	BCm
1943, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<p>The 'Wings for Victory Week' has been fixed for 22-29 May. The target is £125,000.</p>	BCm
1943, May	<p>The Welsh Board of Health request the appointment of a Health Visitor and the setting up of a pre-natal clinic - possibly to go ahead jointly with the RDC.</p> <p>The billeting scheme for evacuees to be transferred to the RDC.</p> <p>The Red Cross can publish posters to invite assistance.</p>	BCm

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1943, June	<p>The British Restaurant (<i>in 91 Eastgate</i>) – Mrs Wilson is prepared to run the restaurant without the services of Mrs Carter if two girls were left on the staff. This would save the sum of £1.5s per week. Neither Mrs Wilson or the staff were willing to work longer hours than at present. It was decided that there was no hope of continuing the restaurant as a self-supporting proposition and therefore recommended it should be closed. The Town Clerk to first inform the Ministry of Food. Final decision not yet taken.</p> <p>Proposal to merge with the RDC in the administration of Maternity and Child Welfare work and in establishing a clinic in the Borough.</p> <p>Evacuation – need for a survey of accommodation to be carried out. Handing over to the RDC the work of bringing up to date all the records, as the Billeting Officer’s Clerk now has another job at the Food Office.</p> <p>47 High Street to be used as a Rest Room for troops – detachment of Red Cross has applied for this.</p> <p>The south entrance to the Town Hall to be efficiently blacked out by erection of partitions.</p> <p>The Council Chamber to be offered to the Food Executive Officer for the distribution of ration books. Salvage collection for the Council – thanks extended to Mrs L E W Williams (<i>of the Verlands</i>) and her committee of ladies for this work.</p> <p>Venereal disease – following a conference in Cardiff, establishing a committee to consist of the headmasters of two schools in the Borough, Ministers of Religion and representatives of the youth services, with power to co-opt. The MOH to put up posters on the subject.</p> <p>Arthur Jones &amp; Sons to renew the black-out of the Town Hall.</p> <p>Ration books to be issued from the Council Chamber.</p> <p>Clerical staff using the gas stove in the Medical Officer’s room to pay 2 shillings.</p>	BCm

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1943, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The British Restaurant – the Director of Wartime Meals Division had expressed regret at the decision to close the restaurant and urged the Council to re-consider. After discussion, it was decided to proceed with closure because of the losses sustained by the Council. Mr Charles Davies was thanked for his work with the restaurant.</p>	BCm
1943, July 1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>The analysis of water taken from the public mains was satisfactory, so all pumps should be put into working order immediately.</p> <p>All milk sold within the district should be sampled to check for tuberculosis.</p> <p>Evacuation – the Mayor has handed over all books and papers to the RDC, and he and his helpers were attempting to bring the survey of accommodation up to date.</p> <p>Discussion as to whether the Athletic Club field could be used for recreation – to be investigated.</p>	BCm
1943, August	<p>The Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic (joined with the RDC) will be held in the Mayor’s Parlour and the adjoining ARP room, using the cupboard in between, one day a month. They will also use the gas stove. The rent to be 7s and 6d.</p> <p>A sub-committee will consider whether the Athletic Club field, or part of it, might be used as a playground for children of the town.</p> <p>The British Restaurant at 91 Eastgate will close on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The Ministry of Food has been asked to take responsibility for the building equipment as from the date of closure and to have the inventory examined with a receipt given.</p> <p>The Fire Service (Regional Commissioner) is seeking to adapt 56 High Street as a Fire Station, and to erect static water tanks at the Broadshoard and also at the west side of the railway station.</p>	BCm

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1943, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<p>The Welsh Board of Health has set out steps that local authorities can take during the present concentration of labour and materials for war purposes - repairing existing houses to bring into use additional suitable housing. The properties at 63 Eastgate and The Druids are to be examined for this purpose.</p> <p>The greater part of the blankets and beds loaned to this Council for evacuation purposes can no longer be accounted for. The Council to enquire about missing items.</p>	BCm
1943, 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<p>Arrangements are now made for a joint Maternity and Child Welfare clinic in the Borough (<i>i.e. joined with the RDC</i>), with the first sessions to be held on September 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. The RDC had asked the Borough Council about passing similar resolutions with regard for reduced fees for dental and orthopaedic care. The Borough Council agreed, except that no deposit to be asked from expectant mothers going to hospital for confinement.</p> <p>Battle of Britain Sunday – there will be a celebration on the 26<sup>th</sup> by Civil Defence Units together with members of the Council</p>	BCm
1943, November	<p>Consideration was given to providing evacuated children with a Christmas treat as in previous years.</p> <p>All people looking after evacuated children are to be asked to return any equipment in their possession – Miss Warfield to receive it and issue receipts.</p> <p>Mrs Jacob of the British Restaurant (<i>91 Eastgate</i>) is asking for the rent due to her – the Divisional Food Controller to be asked the position of liability for rent. If this lies with the Council, it will be paid accordingly.</p> <p>Post War Reconstruction – six representatives to be appointed to future meetings of the Mid Glamorgan Constituent Local Authorities on the question of post war reconstruction.</p>	BCm
1943, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<p>The Council refused permission for the Local Rabbit Keepers Association to hold a rabbit show in the Town Hall – it could be held in the market instead, free of charge.</p>	BCm

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1943, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>All present stood in silence to mark the death in action in Italy of John David Gwyn, the only son of the Town Clerk and Mrs Gwyn.</p> <p>Influenza – the MOH is to adopt methods of assistance to homes where influenza was prevalent suggested by the Ministry of Health.</p>	BCm
1944, 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<p>Fire watching – the names of those who have registered have been tabulated and parties formed, but 52 persons in the Borough who were liable to register had not done so. They are to be contacted and asked to enrol, or otherwise face possible prosecution.</p>	BCm
1944, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<p>Representatives of the council had attended a conference in County Hall on the care of illegitimate children – submitting a report.</p> <p>Nurse Rawnsley is asking for a sturdy table in the baby clinic for weighing the babies – agreed.</p> <p>Lieutenant Prosser asks to use the Town Hall one evening a week for training Home Guard cadets - refused as the Home Guard already had use of the hall on four nights of the week.</p> <p>The Welsh Board of Health has written about the Council being ready at the end of hostilities to begin immediately with any works for providing water or sewage disposal. Applications can be made for a loan.</p>	BCm

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1944, March	<p>The following equipment has now been received from homes where evacuated children were billeted – 120 blankets, 10 mattresses and 40 camp beds. The Welsh Board of Health had been concerned about the Council’s missing equipment.</p> <p>Repairs needed to the street channels. Recommended that pre-cast cement be placed in them. Discussion as to whether the Council should contribute costs towards this – not decided.</p> <p>A conference to be convened for all Welsh local authorities regarding the acute housing shortage.</p> <p>The plaque presented by the Council to <i>H.M.S. Gardenia</i> (returned after it was sunk) is to be placed on the wall of the Council Chamber below the list of Mayors and Freemen.</p> <p>The Mid Glamorgan Water Board is unable to instal softening plants at the hard water sources during the war. Post-war, a softening plant for the Schwyll source is included in their scheme but not necessarily one for the Pwllwy source.</p> <p>Steps to be taken to discontinue depositing house refuse at Three Ashes quarry, and to use the Llanmihangel quarry agreed with the RDC.</p> <p>The Red Cross Victory Gardens Week requests that a Fete Week be held in the summer. A week had not been set aside for this last year.</p> <p>The Lesser Hall to be used by the Decontamination Squad and their equipment as soon as the premises are vacated by the National Fire Service.</p>	BCm
1944, May	Concern for the low take up of children in the Borough to be vaccinated	BCm
1944, June	<p>All possible steps have been taken to notify parents of the importance of having their children immunised.</p> <p>The school canteen at the British Restaurant (<i>91 Eastgate</i>) is infested with rats – steps taken to try to eliminate them as soon as possible.</p>	BCm
1944, July	Only the hall keeper’s fees will be charged to hire the Town Hall during the ‘Salute the Soldier’ week	BCm

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1944, September	<p>Battle of Britain Sunday will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup>. A combined service to be held as usual.</p> <p>The Ministry of Supply is asking for books for the Forces – a notice to be put up on the notice board outside the Town Hall.</p> <p>The ARP Officer is to give a demonstration to each local authority on the danger of phosphorous. To be held at the cattle market on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>The Welsh Committee of the Communist Party are urging the government to maintain its ownership and control of all factories in Wales after the war, and to make immediate plans to adapt them for peace production. Agreed by the Borough Council - Alderman Johnson Miles appointed a representative.</p>	BCm
1944, October	Increase introduced in permissible standard of street lighting, and a new standard light erected outside the Town Hall – the Electricity Board to be asked to erect this fitting to every pole formerly fitted for normal street lighting.	BCm
1945, January	Congratulations expressed to Rt Hon. David Lloyd George M.P. who has been made an Earl	BCm
1945, February	There is to be a joint sewerage scheme for Aberthin, Cowbridge and Llanblethian (between the Borough and Rural District Councils).	BCm
1945, March	Complaints have been made about the lack of ventilation at the Town Hall during dances owing to the present form of black-out; also about the lack of ladies' cloakroom accommodation. Instructions will be given to remove the black-out and the MOH asked to hand over the ladies' cloakrooms, which have been occupied him in connection with the ARP (Air Raid Precautions).	BCm
1945, April	The lock on the air raid shelter has been broken and there is evidence of trespass there. The Elsan pan is to be removed.	BCm
1945, May	<p>V. Day – a Thanksgiving Service to be arranged.</p> <p>Mrs. Owen Phillips is unable to continue her work as salvage collector in the Borough because of ill health.</p> <p>The Mayor will just be charged £1.1s. for the use by his committee of the Town Hall for May 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> for V.E. celebrations. The Council will donate £20 towards the celebrations.</p>	BCm

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1945, June	A conference had been held at Bridgend to discuss the establishment of a civil airfield at Llandow – no-one from the Borough Council had attended	BCm
1945, June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Field Marshal Montgomery of Alamein drove through Cowbridge on his way to receive the freedom of the city of Swansea. Boys of the School were permitted to go to the corner of Church Street to cheer him. Greatly to everybody's delight, he stopped when he saw the boys, called them round him and talked informally for a couple of minutes before driving on.	'Bovian' magazine
1945, June	Licences granted, under Section 14 of the 1938 Food and Drug Act, for 22, 42 and 50 High Street to manufacture and sell ice cream.	BCm
1945, July	<p>All protective equipment issued by the Ministry of Home Security for the use of Food Decontamination Squads in the Borough had been returned to the local area organiser.</p> <p>The roadman has asked to be supplied with oilskins, overalls and gum boots and these can be obtained from Glamorgan County Council by purchase out of A.R.P. stock.</p> <p>Work was required to clean and remove the black-out in the Lesser Hall. If this is done and the doorway through to the west entrance of the Town Hall cleared, dances can go ahead without the Council Chamber being involved.</p> <p>The Cowbridge Agricultural Show is to be reinstated next August and the road surface of North Road is in poor condition.</p> <p>The Sanitary Inspector reported that 25lb of meat and other foodstuff had been condemned as unfit for human consumption during the past month.</p> <p>Several shopkeepers in the town are asking whether the RDC's lorry would call at their premises periodically to collect waste paper. The Ministry of Supply is urging the Council to continue the collection of waste paper and other household waste in the Borough. It would seem impossible that this work can be done on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>Notices to be erected at the rear of the Town Hall to prohibit parking in certain areas and to indicate parking on the land at the rear. The County Council to be asked to remove the air raid shelter there.</p>	BCm

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1945, August	<p>Plan approved for 50 council houses and site chosen – to go to Welsh Board of Health for approval.</p> <p>Town Hall – reduced fees charged for a recent dance there in aid of the Forces Rest Room</p>	BCm
1945, October	<p>The Lesser Hall is being used for furniture sales (<i>necessary post-war</i>) – a special reduced fee charged for this.</p> <p>The hospital fees for Mrs Escott of Eastbourne House will not be met by the Borough Council</p>	BCm
1945, November	<p>The Ministry of Fuel and Power is seeking a curtailment of street lighting, but the South Wales Electric Power Company advises that there would be no material saving in fuel, so no action will be taken by the Council.</p> <p>Certain articles of furniture remained in the Lesser Hall following an auction sale of furniture held over five days. The hall had been let for the purpose at a reduced cost. The auctioneer to be informed that a charge of one shilling a day will be made until all items are removed.</p> <p>Only the hall keeper’s fees will be charged when the Town Hall is used for the Mayor’s Committee on V.J. Day and V.J.+ one day, and also for the Victory Dance on the 9<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	BCm
1945, December	<p>The Minister of Health’s Housing Manual 1944 had been considered by a meeting regarding the proposed housing scheme for the Borough and what type of house would be suitable.</p> <p>The scheme should contain ten 4-bedroomed houses and twenty 3-bedroomed houses, all having upstairs bathrooms, cooking by coal, slate roofs, no casement windows and the usual fittings provided.</p>	BCm
1946, January	<p>The Town Clerk is to obtain a tender for the future cost of printing the Borough Council minutes. He had been unable to cyclostyle the minutes owing to loss of staff, and the Council’s ‘Ormig’ machine was partially worn out and it was impossible to get new parts.</p> <p><i>(Having found that the cost of printing would cost 15s a page, it was decided that the minutes would be printed until the ‘Ormig’ machine could be repaired or replaced.)</i></p>	BCm

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1946, March	<p>The A.R.P. Authority is to be asked to reinstate the ladies' cloakroom in the Town Hall as a cloakroom.</p> <p>The Western Welsh Omnibus Company is allowed to erect an additional time-table in the case at the Town Hall.</p> <p>Victory celebrations, 8<sup>th</sup> June 1946 – a letter has been received from the Home Office. A sub-committee will discuss.</p>	BCm
1946, April	<p>The Town Hall to be used free of charge for an event on June 7<sup>th</sup> providing that half the net profits go to the Victory Celebration Committee.</p> <p>A large flag with the Arms of the Borough has been presented to the Council by Mr Philip Phillips (<i>of the Pavilion cinema</i>).</p>	BCm
1946, March	<p>Conference will be held in County Hall, Cardiff to discuss nursery provision for children under five. It is likely that nurseries established specially for wartime purposes will cease to function, and concurrently there will be an expansion of nursery school and nursery classes.</p>	BCm
1946, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<p>The County Council to donate one shilling per child towards expenses of V. Day celebrations.</p>	BCm
1946, July	<p>The site for new housing has been approved by the Ministry. Plans to be submitted for approval. Meanwhile an application is to be made for Nissen huts to be erected as temporary accommodation before the council houses are built.</p> <p>Hospital charges for Mrs Tucker of Eastgate Street are to be paid, with no charge to Mr Tucker.</p>	BCm
1946, September	<p>The Neath and Cardiff Luxury Coaches Ltd. is withdrawing their service to Cowbridge</p>	BCm
1946, December	<p>The Ministry of Fuel and Power has asked the Council to economise on street lighting, but no reduction will be made in the Borough.</p> <p>The A.R.P. First Aid Post in the Town Hall ladies' cloakroom is to be dismantled and the cloakroom reinstated. The rooms were needed for a Child Welfare Clinic.</p> <p>Several people employed at the factory in Bridgend are being inconvenienced by the inefficient Bridgend and Cowbridge bus service each evening.</p>	BCm

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1947, February	<p>Mr Lewis Lawrence of Tylacoch, Llanharry is be asked to destroy rats in the Borough, under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919.</p> <p>A 'Signals Ahead' sign is to be erected on the approach to the Eastgate road junction.</p> <p>The pedestrian crossings in the Borough are not clearly marked – the County Council is to be notified.</p>	BCm
1947, March	<p>Western Welsh bus drivers will be asked not to obstruct the entrance to the Fire Station or the east side of the Town Hall with their buses.</p> <p>In accordance with instructions given over the wireless, South Wales Electric Power Co. have been asked to discontinue public lighting as from March 12<sup>th</sup>. It was decided however that they be asked to arrange for public lighting as from March 21<sup>st</sup>, from dusk to midnight, in view of the dangerous set of the pavements in the Borough and the many obstructions.</p> <p>The Mid Glamorgan Planning Committee has ruled that the proposed building by the Ministry of Works of a telephone station in the west end of the town was in a zone reserved for residential purposes.</p> <p>Excavations required by the engineers are to be made by the roadman in connection with the joint sewerage scheme.</p> <p>Electric light is to be fitted in the telephone kiosks at the Town Hall and on the corner of Croft Terrace.</p>	BCm
1947, April	<p>The Chief Constable has received reports from Police Officers' and has tested himself in his own car, and he finds that motor vehicles do not travel through Cowbridge at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour. He believes that the highway through the town is unnecessarily and unreasonably obstructed by cars, and that the Police should apply the law.</p>	BCm
1947, May	<p>The Council supports the suggested form of a National War Memorial for Wales and Monmouthshire.</p>	BCm
1947, July	<p>Complaints have been received about the untidy state of the South Lane and Croft Terrace. All rubbish in future should be deposited: at the east end at the Limes, at the west end at Broadshoard. The refuse lorry will collect all this twice a week.</p>	BCm
1947, August	<p>The Borough Council has agreed to the plan on the proposed trunk road bypass north of Cowbridge.</p>	BCm

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1947, September	<p>The Welsh Board of Health is to be asked for an allotment of six Airey aluminium houses, to be positioned on the Stumpy land – but these would not prejudice Council allocation of permanent homes.</p> <p>Permission has been granted to Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow Ltd., Cheltenham to publish a local guide. No financial cost to the Council is involved.</p> <p>A flag day to be organised on behalf of funds to aid China.</p>	BCm
1947, October	<p>The Regional Fuel Controller had written asking whether the Council had saved 50% on their pre-war consumption. The Council reply that because of the dangerous highway through the town it is not possible to cut lighting by 50% but that a considerable saving has been made.</p>	BCm
1947, November	<p>A broken window had been replaced in the room in the Town Hall which is used as a clinic.</p>	BCm
1947, December	<p>The Minister of Fuel and Power is asking the Council's cooperation on the need for economy.</p> <p>A licence will be granted to Mr W. Huish, Llantrisant, to use the special designation 'pasteurised' in relation to milk sold to schools within the Borough.</p> <p>Messrs. Brain &amp; Co. (<i>of the Duke of Wellington</i>) have been informed they can remove the air raid shelter in the Church St. car park, and can claim compensation under the Compensation (Defence) Act 1939.</p>	BCm
1948, February	<p>The Town Clerk reported that upon taking over certain documents from the late Town Clerk, he had come across a number of title deeds which appeared to be of considerable historical value – in particular the Roll of Laws in Cowbridge, 1610. It was decided that they approach the National Museum of Wales about depositing them there on loan.</p> <p>The Town Hall had been used as a mortuary when a dead man had been found in the river and there was no alternative accommodation available. The estate of the man was to be charged with 10s.6d for the hall and extra cleaning, and £1.1s for use of the hall as a mortuary.</p> <p>There was a discussion about having a mortuary at the cemetery, jointly with the RDC.</p>	BCm

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1948, March	<p>All records of the Borough Council are to be placed in the Glamorgan Record Office – there is an agreement that a photostatic copy of any document deposited there required by the Council will be provided, suitably framed, and all documents will be delivered to the Council on demand.</p> <p>The Welsh Board of Health states that when the 10 council houses already allocated are in an advance state of erection, an application can be made for a further 10 houses. The Financial Officer reported the following contribution to the rates – 12 houses at Broadway (£38), 7 houses at the Limes, to be let to agricultural workers, (£10.10s) and 3 houses at the Limes, let to others, (£16.10s.). A final decision on the number of houses to be erected in the Borough will be deferred until a housing survey has been completed.</p> <p>Preparations are to be made for the renovation of the Town Hall war memorial, and the addition of the names of those who died in WW2.</p> <p>An access road was discussed from High Street to the proposed new by-pass of the A48. It passes through land however recently acquired by Mr Gethin Thomas who wants to develop this site. Interim development permission is to be granted to Mr. Thomas in respect of the remainder of the land.</p>	BCm
1948, May	<p>An application has been received for the pupils of Pontfaen and Maindy schools to use the river swimming baths. They are to be inspected and prepared for this purpose.</p> <p>Mid-Glamorgan Catchment Board has recently cleaned out, lowered the bed and altered the river Thaw between Cowbridge and Llanblethian. The town's drains discharge crude sewage into the river at two points – near the Poplars and near Messrs. Bird's yard. The drain near the Poplars needs attention as it is discharging its effluent 14 feet from the main stream; necessary work is to be carried out.</p> <p>The Mid Glamorgan Rivers Catchment Board has no objection to the Council extending the pipes of the town's drains into the main waterway. All excavated spoil will either be removed or spread as soon as convenient.</p>	BCm

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1948, August	<p>Western Welsh Omnibus Co. is to be asked to reorganise its services so as to attract more outside businesses to Cowbridge – they are now running services from all the villages around Cowbridge into Bridgend, and this constitutes a considerable trading loss to the Borough.</p> <p>Food parcels are to be sent from the ‘Food Parcels for Britain’ committee, Transvaal, and will be distributed to the aged and infirm.</p> <p>The Mid Glamorgan Rivers Catchment Board think that ‘no useful purpose would be served by the Catchment Board undertaking any further work here until such time as the constructional work involved by the new bridge is in progress’. The Board is asking whether the Council wished to retain the steps at the Ddawen Bridge when the bridge was reconstructed. It was agreed to incorporate the steps in any reconstruction of the bridge.</p> <p>Observations carried out on the river Thaw reveal that flooding in the town in the area of the Town Hall was not attributable to the state of the river so much as the defective drains in the town.</p> <p>The engineers had left a hole in the road near the Post Office (<i>Eastgate</i>) without danger lights, and many cars had lost number plates and damaged head lights as a result.</p> <p>855lbs of unsound food has been inspected, condemned and disposed of during 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> July. This unusually high figure includes 760lbs. of meat condemned during the very hot weather, and the failure of electric power in the last week of July.</p> <p>The Sanitary Inspector has been unable to make arrangements with a professional rat-catcher for his services in the Borough, so he will try to deal with known complaints himself.</p>	BCm

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1948, September	<p>The flooding at the Town Hall Square and in Westgate Street – the roadman is to observe the drains and to report on actual flooding. Glamorgan County Council is to be asked to overhaul the road surface water drains in the centre of the town and on Westgate Street.</p> <p>Mid Glamorgan Water Board is not yet able to supply Cowbridge with soft water – it will be asked to do so as soon as it is possible.</p> <p>The Traffic Manager of the Western Welsh Omnibus Company will meet with members of the Council to discuss the services running from the surrounding villages.</p> <p>Winter closing of shops will begin on November 7<sup>th</sup> and last until March 5<sup>th</sup> 1949.</p> <p>The food parcels from the Transvaal, South Africa, have not yet arrived.</p>	BCm
1948, October	<p>The Western Welsh Omnibus Co. is to be asked to supply more bus services between Cowbridge and St Athan.</p> <p>Statutory notices will be served on the owners of 35a, 39 and 47 High Street, and of 1 and 2 Verity’s Court, to close down the closet connections to the old town drain and provide new water closet pans, properly flushed.</p> <p>There is concern for the sewerage system in both the Borough and the Rural District as the population increase is estimated as 50% in the Cowbridge/Llanblethian area and 25% in the Aberthin area. The Borough architect however reported that there was an increase in population of only 88 in 35 years; a sub-committee of the two Councils will discuss this matter. It is thought that future development will take place in the area between Broadway and the St Athan Road (this is in the RDC area).</p> <p>The three pumps now existing in Cowbridge are to be removed as they are a danger to the public.</p> <p>It is proposed that a lighting standard be fixed in the Aberthin Road outside Mrs. Ward’s house to give light to the passengers waiting in the Rhondda Bus station. It is also suggested that street lighting in the town in the morning be extended to help early workers, and the Town Hall clock to be illuminated.</p>	BCm

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1948, November	<p>A tender has been received from Messrs. Thomas Bros. for removing the three pumps in the town, the estimate of £10 included the levelling of the site and sealing off in cement concrete. It was decided that the pump in Eastgate Street be removed first (<i>this was sited on the south side of Eastgate, opposite the entrance to the railway station entrance and outside No.30 and 32 Eastgate</i>).</p> <p>The Welsh Board of Health is preparing its 1949 housing programme and invites the Council to apply for the total number of houses required in the Borough in that year. There will be 20 houses built on the site at the Limes, and a further 10 houses built on another site.</p> <p>A message of congratulations will be sent to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the birth of the infant Prince, and the flag will be hoisted at the Town Hall.</p>	<p>BCm</p> <p><i>O.S. street map of Cowbridge 1919 (marked with a 'P'), chs06090</i></p>
1948, December	<p>To be discussed with the County Council – the proposal that Pontfaen School and the Grammar School could be brought into the temporary sewage scheme of the Borough Council as a temporary measure until the site at The Limes has been fully developed. The sanitary arrangements at Pontfaen school are in a very bad condition.</p> <p>A double-decker bus is now running at 7.22 am on a Monday morning and no people are being left behind.</p> <p>Nineteen new name plates are needed for the streets in the Borough. The estimated cost is £15.10s.3d.</p> <p>Several tenants of the council houses are complaining that their houses are infested with cockroaches.</p> <p>24 houses have been allotted to the Council for the year 1949 to complete their housing scheme, and four private enterprise houses for the same year. Plans are to be submitted for a further 20 houses to complete the Limes housing site.</p> <p>Lampeter Borough Council is protesting to the B.B.C. about the unsatisfactory reception of Welsh in the area. Cowbridge Borough Council will offer its support to this protest.</p>	<p>BCm</p>

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1949, February	Tenders have been received for the removal of the gentlemen's convenience in the Town Hall to the A.R.P. post.	BCm
1949, March	<p>Bridgend Urban District Council is asking for representatives for Cowbridge Borough Council to a meeting to discuss the formation of a National Theatre for Wales in Bridgend.</p> <p>The Town Clerk of Cardiff is asking for support to a petition for Cardiff to become the capital city of Wales – both these requests were agreed.</p> <p>The Mayor has agreed to associate himself with the Welsh Association of Boys' Clubs.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport has sent a plan of the proposed new trunk road from Cardiff to Bridgend.</p> <p>The Ministry of Food has asked that all local authorities send to their headquarters copies of all samples of ice-cream taken for fat content. The Ministry has agreed to supply extra sugar and, in some instances, fat to all ice-cream manufacturers who are prepared to sign a written undertaking to produce an ice-cream with a minimum fat content of two and a half per cent.</p> <p>The Mayor has received an offer from the President of the Old Age Pensioners Association to help distribute food parcels which are now in the RDC offices. Parcels are apparently being kept for too long before being distributed and the food is deteriorating. Apparently however they arrive in such small quantities that it is not practicable to begin distribution until a sufficient quantity has been received.</p>	BCm
1949, May	<p>The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Evans, is retiring after 29 years in office. He stated that when he was first appointed, the burning question of the day was 'sewerage', and on the eve of his departure it is still 'sewerage'.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport is to be told of the Council's concern that the proposed new trunk road is too near the Girls' High School and should be diverted in the direction of Aberthin.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport are proposing to erect a new bridge, but no official plans or proposal has been given as yet to the Borough Council.</p>	BCm

<b>Date</b>	<b>World War II years, Cowbridge</b>	<b>Source</b>
1949, July	<p>The Gas Board states there is a scheme in hand which will result in an improved gas supply at Cowbridge.</p> <p>Western Welsh Bus Company is to publish a list of tours for the season that will run from Cowbridge.</p> <p>There is much concern about damage and hooliganism at the river swimming baths. An entrance fee is to be charged and an OAP paid as caretaker at £1 a week, for this season only.</p> <p>After lengthy discussion, it was decided that a ‘point system’ will be adopted for the allocation of council houses in the Borough. The Town Clerk is to prepare a simple scheme.</p> <p>The Western Welsh Omnibus Company will provide relief cars to leave Cowbridge on Sundays at 11.50 am and 1.50 pm during the summer season, and they will provide special cars in the month of August as reliefs from Cowbridge to Porthcawl. They also have produced a schedule of tours available to the inhabitants of Cowbridge – although these probably cannot operate this season as they require a licence and the Licensing Authority does not sit in August.</p> <p>Ringlands American Circus wish to hire a field for August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. They have been directed to Mr Harry Thomas of Beechcourt, Llanblethian who owns the Bear Field.</p> <p>There was discussion as to whether a one-way traffic system around the Town Hall would improve the arrangements now in existence – but not thought to be the case.</p> <p>Hooliganism at the swimming baths is causing a bad state – broken glass, and a youth had sustained a bad accident with this. Volunteers will undertake the cleaning up. A sub-committee to oversee the running will co-opt up to five members of the general public. The plan is to pay an OAP £1 per week as caretaker, for this season only, and to fix and charge an entrance fee.</p> <p>The Mid Glamorgan Catchment Board has heard from the Ministry of Transport that it has agreed to the diversion of the river Thaw, but this will not affect the position of the swimming baths. The river needs to be cleared of debris before the local firemen can drain the baths.</p>	BCm

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1949, August	<p>The British Tourists and Holiday Board is requesting particulars of licensed, unlicensed and private accommodation that might be available for visitors to Cardiff during the Festival of Britain in 1951.</p> <p>The recruitment campaign for Civil Defence will start on November 1st.</p>	BCm
1949, October	<p>A meeting has been held between representatives of the Borough Council and the Rural District Council making decisions of payment to engineers etc. regarding the joint sewerage scheme.</p> <p>Joint sewerage scheme – all houses having a satisfactory system and being within 100 feet of the main sewer will be connected free of charge, and the cost (approximately £30 per house) will be borne by the Borough Council; for a house beyond 100 feet from the main sewer, the cost will be an equal portion between the Council and the owner. It is hoped that the Welsh Board of Health will give grant funding to ease the cost to the Council.</p> <p>The recruitment office for Civil Defence is to be at ‘Great House’, 34 High Street.</p> <p>The Western Welsh Omnibus Company is seeking to run excursions and tours from Cowbridge – support is given to this proposal by the Council.</p> <p>A Food Control Committee for 1950 is to be appointed for the Borough of Cowbridge.</p>	BCm
1949, November	<p>The Traffic Commissioner has refused the application of Western Welsh buses to pick up Cowbridge people for tours. The right to do this has been for some time with Reliance Motors of Barry. Reliance Motors is to be asked for a list of their tours.</p> <p>Warning lights will be placed along the pathway at the west end of the town because of the ‘dangerous nature of incomplete works’.</p>	BCm

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1949, December	<p>Civil Defence – five volunteers have been recruited from the Borough. Concern is expressed about nearly half a hundredweight of unnecessary forms issued from Glamorgan County Council.</p> <p>Western Welsh Omnibus Co. Ltd. now have permission to pick up from Cowbridge on all their tours and excursions from Cardiff and Bridgend that pass through Cowbridge.</p> <p>Street name plates have now been fixed, with the exception of Woodlands Close. Arrangements are being made with the owner about this road.</p> <p>The quick changeover of traffic lights at Eastgate Street is dangerous in that they do not allow sufficient time for traffic to pass through.</p>	BCm