

COWBRIDGE'S STREET LIGHTING IS 'TERRIBLE'

THE street lighting in Cowbridge came in for sharp criticism during the meeting of Cowbridge Borough Council on Tuesday.

Ald. W. J. David set the ball rolling when he asked if it would be possible for the street lights to be lit in the morning as well as the evening. He declared that workers who had to catch the early buses were forced to grope their way down to the bus stops in the darkness. It was decided that the Electricity Board should be consulted about this point.

'LIKE GOING INTO PAST'

Coun. Glyn McNeil, who criticised the whole of the street lighting along the main road, pointed out that at present the Council's new housing estate had far better lighting than the main road. He stated that recently he had driven back from Llanelly after dark, and that all the built-up areas along the route had modern street lighting except Cowbridge. "Cowbridge is terrible," he said, "It is like going into the past. You come from light outside the town into darkness in Cowbridge."

The Mayor (Ald. Mrs Gwenllian Tilley) pointed out that details of a scheme to provide trunk road lighting in the Borough had been discussed, but it was pointed out that when the by-pass was built and the road through Cowbridge ceased to be the trunk road, any grant from the Ministry of Transport would cease, and Cowbridge would have to pay the full cost of lighting. At the time they had decided that the Borough could not afford a new scheme.

Coun. R. H. Williams recalled that at one time they had suggested putting larger power electric light bulbs into the street lamps. He asked if this had been done, but no one seemed to know.

'CHECK UP' DECISION

Coun. Kenneth Hutchings stated that recently he had been walking down the road near the Post Office, when a pantechnicon struck a metal bracket protruding from a telegraph post. This had obviously once held a street light and he wondered if a street lamp should still be there. There town without street lamps and

were only three posts in the he wondered if lamps could be fixed on them.

It was decided to check up and see if any of the lights were missing, and also to ascertain the cost of fixing street lamps to the posts which did not have any at present.

December 15, 1962

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Sale Realised £159

Cowbridge Women's Institute recently held a sale of work at the Town Hall in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

The Mayor of Cowbridge, Alderman Mrs Gwenllian Tilley, who was introduced by Mrs Owen Phillips, president, graciously opened the sale of work. The Mayor stressed the importance of the campaign and asked all present to do all they could to aid the fund.

Jeffrey Bird presented the Mayor with a pair of Christmas candlesticks. The Mayor and Mayoress, accompanied by Mrs Phillips, then toured the stalls before having tea.

It was gratifying to all those who had worked hard to make the event a success to learn that £159 14s. had been raised during the afternoon.

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Population Increase Report Surprises Council

A 'MYSTERIOUS INCREASE' in the population of Cowbridge was discussed at the meeting of the Cowbridge Borough Council held on Tuesday.

The members were examining the annual report of the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. McKim Thomas), in which the population was estimated to be 1,110, whereas a year ago it was estimated to be under 1,000.

Ald. Edward John, J.P., commented that the increase was a mystery, for he did not recollect any large influx into the town.

Dr. Thomas pointed out that the figures were estimated by the Registrar General and he (the Doctor) was also surprised at the reported increase.

The Doctor's report was accepted and a vote of thanks to the Doctor and his staff was proposed by Ald. John and seconded by Coun. Trevor Williams.

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COWBRIDGE BOROUGH RATE UP BY 5/6

This Year's Levy is 10/8 in £

POPLE living in the Borough of Cowbridge are to face a substantial increase in their rates this year following the approval by the local council of a rate of 10s. 8d. in the pound. Last year a rate of 22s. 4d. was levied.

This new rate represents an increase of 5/6d. on the basis of last year's figures. Expressed in these terms the County precept would this year have been 20/6d., the Borough requirement 7/4d. making a total of 27/10d. as against 22/4d. for 1962/63.

On the basis of the old list the 4s. 6½d. local rate which applied last year, would have risen to an equivalent of 7s. 4d., for 1963/64.

The retiring treasurer of the council (Mr. D. C. Hopkins) said a contributory factor to the increase, was the council spending over £1,000 on the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall last year. That was not good budgeting, he said.

Last year a total of £3,885 was spent on Public Health services, and that figure was only estimated to increase by £60 during the coming year. Included in that service were the disposal of sewage and house refuse, which were estimated for 63/64 to amount to £2,650. Parks and open spaces, public conveniences, prevention of diseases etc., housing rate contributions and housing improvement grants were also included in that service.

There was an increase of over £300 in the estimated expenditure on the maintenance of highways in the "other services and expenses" of the council. It was estimated that £1,575 was going to be needed for highway maintenance this year. Only last Wednesday evening Cllr. Ken Hutchins raised the point of the state of some stretches of pavement adjoining the main road.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

The total estimated expenditure for 1963/64 was £7,300 as compared with £7,161 for the previous year.

Taking into account the rate deficiency grant to the council, under the Local Government Act of 1958, which had decreased from £1,932 to £900, the decrease in the transitional grant from £1,916 to £1,168 with other estimated income of £450, the net expenditure to be met for rating purposes this year was £4,782. Last year that net figure was £2,913.

The product of a penny rate of 6½d last year, had increased three fold to £150 for 1963/64.

Mr. Hopkins told members that in conjunction with the council's new treasurer (Mr. Cecil England) he had attempted to budget for possible losses in appeals under the Revaluation Act and in that he thought he had been reasonably conservative.

NO EXCEPTIONS

The ratepayers would definitely be paying more than last year Mr. Hopkins said, and that applied with no exceptions. Efforts had been made to try and reduce the net figure but unfortunately the rate fund surplus was down rather seriously.

He continued: "In March, 1961, the

surplus stood at the respectable figure of £2,600, but they had lashed out in 1961/62 and spent £1,000 on the Lesser Hall, of the Town Hall, which is not good budgeting. The rate fund surplus is now down to £1,054 which does not give us enough 'slack' to help us over this transitional period.

"I am afraid, and sorry in a way, to have to present this report on my last night as your treasurer, but it is so," he concluded.

Moving the acceptance of the report, Alderman Eddie John, J.P., Mayor elect, said it was rather disturbing but it was the trend of the times. He said other authorities were also put in the same position of having to levy high rates. In this instance he felt it was a warning to the council that they must watch what they spent in the future as they were responsible to the ratepayers.

Cllr. Trevor Williams seconded and the motion carried.

RATE DEFALTERS

Minutes after the retiring treasurer of Cowbridge Borough Council (Mr. D. C. Hopkins) had presented his rate estimates for the coming financial year, he reported startling facts concerning people who had not yet paid their rates for the current year.

He said there were 90 ratepayers in the town who had not paid their rates, and the sum of £1,500 was owing at the present time. Last year the council was criticised he said for having £850 not paid and the present amount was in excess of that.

Mr. Hopkins said he felt that many people in the town were of the opinion that rates need not be paid till March 31, but they were in fact payable on demand. He felt the only way to get the money was to issue letters to the debtors stating that unless the rates were paid in three days then court action would be taken.

Alderman Eddie John moved the adoption of the recommendation and Cllr. G. McNeil seconded. After it had carried Cllr. Jack Roberts expressed the view that he hoped the minute would not be "merely lip service", but that the council would carry the matter out to the full if he rates were not paid.

TRIBUTE AND WELCOME

Before the business of the meeting started the Mayor, Alderman Mrs. G. Tilley, J.P. paid tribute to Mr. D. C. Hopkins the retiring treasurer of the council who was attending his last meeting and a welcome was extended to Mr. Cecil England the council's new treasurer.

Saturday, August 4, 1962.

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'Looks Like Something Out Of An Old Western Film'

Councillor's Description Of Cowbridge

THE dilapidated appearance of many premises in Cowbridge made the Borough look like something out of an old Western film. This was stated at a special committee meeting of Cowbridge Borough Council held to discuss ways and means of brightening up the town.

Making the statement, Coun. Ken George appealed to the Council to encourage the townspeople to brighten up their premises in order that when the by-pass came there would still be some inducement to bring the people into the town.

He pointed out that the first view of Cowbridge a traveller had when entering the town from Llantwit Major or along the main road from the Swansea direction was a derelict cottage with a rusty corrugated iron roof.

Coun. Trevor Williams leapt to the defence of the town by stating that its appearance had improved considerably during the past five years. Most of the shopkeepers and many householders had brightened up their premises.

Coun. Gethin Thomas urged that a plan containing the proposals of the councillors should be drawn up as a guide for future generations of councillors and suggested that the Welsh School of Architecture should be approached and asked to prepare plans for the development of the town.

MORE TRADE

The Mayor, Alderman Mrs Gwenllian Tilley, stressed the need for enlarging the car park at the rear of the Town Hall and gave her opinion that the by-pass would bring more trade into the town. "When it is constructed the people will have time to walk around," she added.

Coun. R. H. Williams suggested that instead of contacting the School of Architecture they should employ a qualified man.

Alderman Edward John felt that the Council were looking too far ahead, and that they should wait and see. The County Planning people had already drawn up a plan for the development of the town.

The question of the provision of extra zebra-crossings in the town, one near the post office and one at the west end, were

discussed and it was decided to write to the county regarding their provision.

Coun. David Tilley suggested that a town museum could be formed at the Town Hall and that the cells of the old county prison, which lie underneath the main building, could be opened up. He suggested that a sketch map of the town should be placed on the front of the Town Hall, indicating the places of interest in the town.

It would be too late after the by-pass came along for people had to be shown now that Cowbridge was a place worth visiting.

This was supported by Coun. George, who suggested that a "Welcome to Cowbridge" sign should be erected.

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Saturday, May 4, 1963

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WOODMAN, SPARE
THAT TREE!

There was a cry of "Woodman spare that tree" when the Cowbridge Borough Council met on Tuesday and the tree which members are anxious to save is the chestnut in the car park at the rear of Cowbridge Town Hall.

The Town Clerk (Mr J. Thornley Taylor) reported that he had contacted a firm of timber merchants with a view to having the tree examined, but all he had received from them was a quotation for having the tree felled.

Coun. Glyn McNeil, whose home, the Horse and Groom Hotel, backs on to the car park, said that he would be sorry to see the tree coming down. Some parts of it were dangerous, but he felt that if these rotten limbs were lopped off the tree might be saved.

Other members agreed, and it was decided to have the dangerous parts of the tree removed in an effort to prolong the tree's life.

COWBRIDGE AS A SHOPPING CENTRE

—ADVICE TO TRADERS

"IN future, when the Cowbridge Borough Council is amalgamated with a larger authority, the Cowbridge and District Chamber of Trade will become the most important authority in the Cowbridge area." This opinion was expressed by Coun. Ken George, the newly-elected chairman of the Chamber of Trade, at the Chamber's annual meeting held on Monday.

Coun. George, who is a member of the Cowbridge Borough Council, went on: "Once the amalgamation occurs, the Chamber of Trade will have to become more effective in order to better look after the interests of the town."

Mr Raymond Cory, Llanblethian, who is its president, referred to the increasingly important part which the Chamber would have to play in the affairs of Cowbridge and district, especially in view of the imminence of the commencement of the Cowbridge by-pass.

Referring to the new housing development in the area and the need to attract the new residents to trade in the borough, Mr Cory stressed the necessity for making the Borough attractive to would-be customers, not only in appearance, but also with regard to the services which the traders could offer to the public.

Mr Ralph Bird, the retiring chairman, enumerated a dozen matters of interest to the traders and the people of Cowbridge in general, which had been tackled by the Chamber with varying degrees of success.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED

Mr Bird also referred to the visit of the executives of the Civic Trust to the Borough, and stressed that with the co-operation of the Cowbridge Borough Council, progress would be made in the foreseeable future for a scheme in Cowbridge similar to ones the Civic Trust had already carried out.

After mentioning the Cowbridge by-pass, which would be completed in about three years, Mr Bird stressed the need to convert Cowbridge into an attractive shopping centre by that time.

£300 GAINED FOR COWBRIDGE

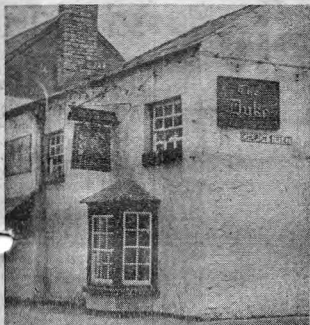
The action of the Cowbridge Town Clerk (Mr J. Thornley Taylor) in refusing to sell land to the Glamorgan County Council at the figure suggested by the District Valuer has resulted in a gain of £300 for the Borough.

This was revealed at Tuesday's meeting of the Council when Mr Taylor reminded the members that the District Valuer had suggested a figure of £1,000 for the sale of the old Bowling Green to the County Council to provide extra playing fields for the Cowbridge Grammar School.

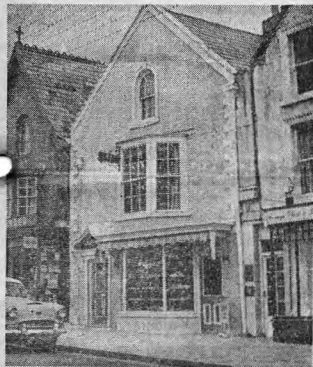
He (Mr Taylor) had compared it with the price at which the District Valuer had valued the adjacent field the Council had bought to extend the market, and found that if the Council were to sell the bowling green at the same price per acre as they were forced to pay for the other field, then the cost should have been £1,300 and not £1,000 as suggested.

He had pointed this out to the District Valuer, who had agreed and had amended his figure to £1,300.

THE MEN FROM THE MINISTRY DESIGNATE...



● One of Cowbridge's Top Twenty—The Duke —mainly 18th Century, and traditionally associated with the Duke of Wellington.



● That High Street restaurant—an 18th Century building, parts of which are possibly of earlier origin.

THE TOP TWENTY OF COWBRIDGE

And some folk are
hopping mad about it!

THOSE heavy lorries which have a habit of knocking chunks out of Cowbridge had better be more careful in future. If they hit any one of 36 buildings in this ancient borough, they will be regarded as making a loutish assault on the town's heritage.

These buildings have just been named by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government as places of architectural or historic interest.

Twenty of them have been placed on a statutory list of protected buildings, a bureaucratic cocoon which prevents their being altered without the consent of the Ministry.

The other 16 are on a supplementary list, which means they are brought to the notice of the local planning authority—the aim being to persuade the planners to look twice at any application to alter them.

Thirty-six buildings in a

By **HERBERT
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town the size of Cowbridge (population 1,067) is a high proportion for South Wales, where many communities have their roots in the industrial revolution.

POOR SHOW

A large number of the buildings named are in the main streets of High Street and Eastgate, and some businessmen are mystified by the inclusion of their premises



● Three more Cowbridge "monuments"—these houses in Eastgate which have what is officially known as "group value"—that is, they are collectively attractive. But they date from different periods. The house on the left is The Ancient Druid, which has an 18th century frontage but a history going back to medieval times. The other two houses are 19th Century.

Mr. Arthur Jones, for example, went into verbal top gear when I told him his West End Garage was of architectural interest.

"Who says so?" he demanded.

"The Ministry of Housing and Local Government," I replied.

"Then why the hell don't they mind their own business," he snapped. "I think it's a poor show. If they haven't got anything better to do than go snooping around other people's property."

Mr. Jones had just returned from holiday, and this was the first he had heard of the decision to put his garage on the supplementary list.

"I'm all for preserving buildings of character, but I can't see why anyone should be the slightest bit interested in my building," he said.

"It was altered from a house into shops and then into a garage. There's very little of the original structure left."

PUZZLED

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The Ministry of Housing in Cardiff, however, disagree. "This building is an example of 18th Century architecture," said an official.

Another puzzled man is Mr. Norman Roderick at the offices of Gwyn and Gwyn, solicitors, in 56 Eastgate.

"We were mystified by this," confessed Mr. Roderick, who is clerk to Cowbridge Rural Council. "This building isn't of obvious architectural merit and I can't see that it's of historic interest."

The place looked pretty ordinary to me, too, but the Ministry say: "Numbers 56 and 58 make up a pair of 18th Century houses, which together have a group value."

They have been placed on the main list of 20, and so has the grocery shop kept by Mrs. Florence Webb and her daughter in the High Street.

"We're sick to death of this nonsense," said a furious Mrs. Webb. "It comes to something when you can't make alterations to your own property."

NOT TRUE

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"What if a chain store wanted to buy the premises and alter the shop front? They couldn't do it. Who

would be interested in buying it, knowing that?"

The Ministry team of investigators who looked around Cowbridge, however, reported that this was a 19th Century building with "a nice original shop front."

As for the belief that a classified building becomes merely a museum piece, it just isn't true.

PILGRIMS

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"It doesn't mean these buildings can't be altered," said that Ministry official. "It just ensures that any alterations are on the right lines."

"If something really drastic was put forward, the local planning officer would probably suggest another treatment."

"The object is to try and retain something of the past history of a place, to keep examples of architecture through the years. It helps

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to keep the distinctive character of a town."

"Not everyone in Cowbridge is puzzled or angry. Many people are delighted by the scheduling of their premises."

"This ensures that if we leave, the place will always be well looked after," said Mrs. Mary Hall, in The Ancient Druid, a house in Eastgate which was traditionally a pilgrim's hostel in medieval times.

"We've had Americans knocking the door and asking to look round the place. I was a bit taken aback at first, but I don't mind. I'm interested in old houses myself, so I know how they feel."

Mrs. Hall, who is a member of Cowbridge Borough Council, showed me deeds which she and her husband, a civil engineer, have had framed and hung on the wall. One is dated 1746, the other 1785. "The house used to be a pub at one time," she said.

Mr. T. K. Davies, director of a High Street restaurant now in Cowbridge's Top Twenty list of ancient buildings, said: "I'm delighted."

"It was never our intention to seek to alter its character. That would be criminal. I wouldn't dream of turning it into a glass-and-chrome place."

NO RISK

Mr. Davies believes Cowbridge should capitalise more on its history, particularly when the completion of the by-pass frees the town of that flood of traffic.

People will then be encouraged to saunter around Cowbridge, safe in the knowledge that they don't run the risk of decapitation by a thundering lorry.

"The by-pass will be the making of Cowbridge as a business centre," he said, and many agree with him.



● Coun. Kenneth George.

The scheduling of these buildings, and the emphasis it places on the unique character of Cowbridge, may well have come at the right time.

If a Come To Ancient Cowbridge type of campaign is organised when the by-pass is completed, all these historic houses will be a solid business asset.

PUBLICITY ?

"I think that in time they will draw people here," said the Mayor of Cowbridge, Ald. Edward John, an agricultural merchant.

Mr. George Johnson, landlord of The Bear Hotel—formerly a coaching house and naturally one of the protected buildings—believes that Cowbridge businessmen

should get together and advertise the town as such, not their individual businesses.

"When we get the people here, then we can fight for their custom. Getting them here, that's the important thing," he stressed.

But shouldn't the town publicise itself more boldly on a civic level, too? "I think we should," agreed Ald. John. And the deputy mayor, Coun. Kenneth George, believes so too.

They would both like to see the ancient cells in the town hall opened up as a tourist attraction and a permanent exhibition of relics of old Cowbridge arranged. The borough mace dates back to 1604.

Coun. George, chairman of Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, is also an enthusiastic advocate of a civic trust scheme to smarten up High Street.

"If we turn Cowbridge into a colourful town the people will come here," he said. "We must keep the town's character, but we must also have good businesses."

He has led the way by giving his own shop front a kind of streamlined rustic look, and very attractive it looks, too.

No-one wants Cowbridge to put itself in mothballs and self-consciously preserve itself for future generations.

But the town is right to cherish its past — for, strangely enough, in that past lies its future.

Is New Road Coming Soon?

Although it is now some time since the proposed Cowbridge by-pass road was in the news, the road is still a favourite topic of conversation in and around the town.

I suppose that all the residents of the borough will be glad to see the heavy traffic diverted from the main street, but there are a number who feel that it will harm the trade of the town. I must say, in all fairness, that there appear to be an equally large number of businessmen who think that the by-pass will result in an improvement in the town's trade.

I do not know which of the two schools of thought is going to be proved correct, but I do not think that they will have to wait long to find out.

This week I received information from a source which has always proved reliable in the past, that the work on the new road will start before the end of this year, and if it has not commenced then, by the end of the current financial year in March, 1963.

Bearing in mind that the valuation of the land is now all but completed, this forecast could be correct.

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A Risky Task

One man who will be relieved when the new road is constructed is Mr. E. H. Phillips, of Slade Farm, Cowbridge, over whose land a length of the by-pass will run.

The land at the Slade Farm is already bisected by the existing trunk road, and at present getting his cattle across the road is a very risky business indeed.

On Monday morning I chatted with Mr. Phillips who told me about the many narrow escapes he and his cattle had had from being knocked down by vehicles when he took them across the road.

On Monday evening, I again met Mr. Phillips who was on his way to report that shortly after he had told me of the danger which existed on the road, one of his animals had been struck by a car while he was taking them across the road.

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Misinterpreted

One of the more amusing stories which Mr. Phillips related about his adventures, concerned the time when he was standing in the middle of the road waving his arms in the air in order to try to stop a quickly moving car. The car eventually stopped with a squeal of brakes, and the driver wound down his window and shouted: "That is a damned silly place to try to thumb a lift."

When the by-pass road is completed it is going to mean a great deal more leg work for Mr. Phillips. Whereas now he can reach some of his fields by walking 40 yards, once the by-pass is built he will have a journey of nearly two miles to reach the same portion of land. He will have to walk nearly a mile to the nearest bridge, and then a mile back along the other side of the by-pass.

Despite this prospect, Mr. Phillips welcomes the by-pass for he feels that a walk of two miles is better than the risks he faces each time he takes his cattle across the present main road.

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Will Borough Status Be Lost?

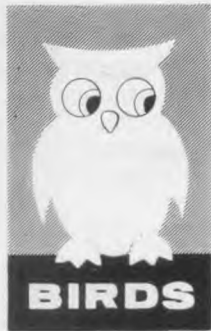
Last week I suggested that the Cowbridge Rural District Council should co-operate with the Cowbridge Borough Council in providing a swimming pool in or around the Borough, and I nearly added, as an argument, that it is probable that in the near future the rural district would take over the smaller authority.

I refrained from saying this, for I did not want to hurt the many people in the Borough who wish to see it retained in its present form.

I am one of those people who believe that whatever the feelings of the people of Cowbridge there is little hope that the Borough will retain its present status, and after reading the current copy of the Rural District Review, I am more than ever convinced that the town has not got a cat-in-hell's chance of remaining as it is.

The "Review" contained an article giving details of the proposed reorganization of local authorities in Shropshire, and in that county it has been decided that even large Boroughs such as Oswestry, Ludlow, Market Drayton and Bridgenorth, each of which has a far greater population than Cowbridge, are to be amalgamated with surrounding rural districts.

After reading this article, I feel that any hope which the people of Cowbridge may have had about Cowbridge retaining its present status is fast disappearing.



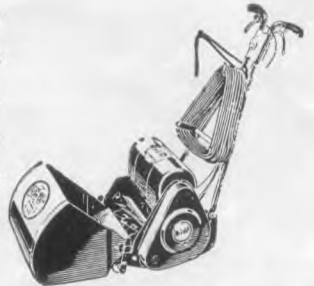
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AFTER THE DANCE...

BLOOD ON FLOOR — AND HANDFULS OF HAIR ON STAGE

AFTER a beat dance had been held at Cowbridge Town Hall, the caretaker had to go down on her hands and knees to clean blood from the floor and she found handfuls of long hair on the stage. This was reported to a meeting of Cowbridge Borough Council's Standing Committees on Wednesday night by the Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun. Glyn McNeil, J.P.

Coun. McNeil said that all the members had heard of the disgusting behaviour at the dance when fights took place and there was generally a deplorable state of affairs. Both the caretaker and the police had told him that the trouble was not caused by gangs of out-of-town boys, but by local boys. It was a bad reflection on the town that local boys could behave in this disgusting, disgraceful manner.

"I feel that the time has come when we should at least place some restriction upon such dances," he said. "I must re-emphasise that these boys were not from away; they were a bunch of local boys who acted like hooligans. I understand that the group's equip-

ment, valued at £2,000, was damaged."

'ORGANISED GANG'

Alderman Edward John, J.P., stressed that he had heard talk about the incidents as well. He added: "I cannot agree that this is all the fault of local hooligans, although unfortunately we have them in the town. This was the fault of an organised gang of hooligans who came to the dance. It was not the first time there had been trouble here because of these outside gangs, and of course there has been trouble in other districts, and neighbouring towns and villages. I think that in future the person who books the hall should be made responsible for keeping

order, and seeing that he has people there to keep order. I knew when I saw the dance advertised that we were going to have trouble."

Coun. Mrs Gerald Morgan agreed that the incident was deplorable, but felt that it might not be wise to clamp down too much on these dances, as the youngsters were complaining that there was nothing for them to do in Cowbridge. She wondered if a condition could be made, as was the case at one time in the City Hall, Cardiff, that the hall would be let only if the hirer agreed to have the services of a uniformed police constable.

"I believe these gangs roam around from place to place trying to find somewhere to make trouble," she commented.

'HE WAS LUCKY'

Coun. Mrs E. M. Jones referred to an incident in which a gang of boys tried to pick a quarrel with a youngster at the dance, and were waiting outside the Town Hall when he left. He was lucky he was able to get into a friend's car before he was assaulted.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Town Hall committee.