

BINGO COMES TO COWBRIDGE

ON Tuesday Cowbridge Borough Council decided to rent the Town Hall on two nights a week for the playing of bingo. The hall will be used on Wednesdays and Saturdays, but one of the conditions will be that if local organisations need the hall one of these nights, then they will have priority.

The request to run bingo sessions in Cowbridge came from a Cardiff man. In his letter the applicant stressed the fact that very little entertainment was provided in Cowbridge, and that residents who wished to play bingo travelled to Cardiff, Bridgend or Llantwit Major.

Coun. Kenneth Hutchings stated: "This is something we should feel enthusiastic about," and added that he felt sure if a local organisation wanted the use of the building on a night on which bingo was being played, the applicant would forego his booking.

Coun. R. H. Williams, J.P., took the opposite view, stressing that personally he was against bingo, although he knew it was a big thing in the country at the moment.

ONLY PLACE AVAILABLE

Coun. Mrs. Gerald Morgan commented that it was not up to the council to pass moral judgments on how people spent their time.

Coun. Mrs. E. M. Jones was in favour of the proposal, stating that it would provide some entertainment for the people of the Borough.

Coun. David Tilley emphasised that the local organisations must come first. The Town Hall was the only place available for putting on a play or art exhibition, but as long as this was realised, then he had no objection to the granting of permission for bingo. He moved that as long as an undertaking was given by the applicant that he would allow the hall to be used by local organisations when required, then permission should be given.

When the matter was put to the vote, it was carried almost unanimously, but Alderman R. H. Williams stated that although he would not move an amendment, he would vote against the proposal.

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