

Mumbles Community Council wishes you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**

Working for a Cleaner Mumbles

Mumbles Community Council (the Council) has entered into a contract with the City & County of Swansea Council (the City Council) for a dedicated street cleaner with appropriate equipment to be assigned to the Mumbles area on a 5 days a week, 52 weeks per year basis. The value of the contract for one year is £12,000.

The cleaner started work on 6th October and will operate from a base in the Quarry car park. He will be supported with the necessary tools and equipment including a mechanical 414 road sweeper, a "Glutton" electric vacuum machine, a power blower, hand cart fitted with brushes, shovels, hoes etc., van transport and necessary safety and sanitary equipment.

The purpose is to provide a cleaning resource over and above that currently routinely provided by the City Council within the Mumbles residential and commercial area. To deal with litter, weed growth, fly tipping and the like, in streets, public areas and private land accessed by the public.



Roger Beynon, Chairman of Mumbles Community Council, states that the Council hope that this contract will help in reducing the significant number of complaints the Council regularly receive regarding litter throughout Mumbles. At the same time the Council will be promoting a litter awareness/reduction campaign via the general public and shopkeepers, especially at outlets such as fast food shops that generate waste. He stresses that this initiative is a direct response to public concerns and is in addition to, and not instead of, the City Council's current street cleaning routines.

Litter? Rubbish? Weeds? Dogs Mess?

Report the Problem – **Call us now on 363598**

MUMBLES IN BLOOM 2008

Gardens:

Mr & Mrs M. Church, Clifton Terrace
and Mr. E. Goulding, Sycamore Road
Mr & Mrs E. Davies, The Old Coach
House;
Ms Ellerton, Park Street.

Commerical Premises:

West Cross Inn.

Group of Houses:

MillGardens Residents Association.

Schools: Whitestone School.

First Time Entry: The Coast House



This year a **special award** was given to Brian Morgan who solely looks after the Llanfair House gardens and maintains it to such a high standard.

School Banners bedeck Mumbles Road New Lamp Standards



The Mumbles Road Lights Project took another step closer to completion when the *Mumbles Community Council* arranged for fifteen School Banners to be hung on the lamp standards starting at the Newton Road roundabout and finishing at Cornwall Place.

The banners were hung on Thursday the 17th July 2008 and on the following day the Council arranged a small ceremony on the grassy area opposite The Dunns to allow the school children to celebrate their art work being displayed.

Mumbles Community Council co-financed with C&CS, and Mumbles Tourist Association, the replacement of some 50 street lighting standards along Mumbles Road from Newton Road to Knab Rock. The existing standards were a hotch-potch of 10 differing types, many of which were at the end of their safe working lives. Without the additional finance from the Community Council the C&C Swansea would have replaced them with standard galvanised steel units as they failed. Thanks to the co-funding, with MCC providing £48k or 36% of the cost, the standards will be similar in design to the 'Victorian' type standards on the adjacent promenade.

Christmas Lights have now been added to eight lamp standards along the Dunns.



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Celebrating 25 Years of Mumbles Community Council

In the early 1980's, following the traditions of the old Oystermouth Urban District Council, which disbanded c1920, the local residents of Oystermouth/Mumbles decided to form a Community Council.

The main instigator, Mr. Victor Carney together with Mrs. Val Bevan, Mrs. Nancy Peter, Mrs. Peggy Jones, Maurice Edwards, amongst others, and Werner Siversten, who became the first Chairman of the new Mumbles Community Council in September 1983.



The first Clerk to the Council was Mr. Peter Douglas-Jones followed by Mrs. Liz Taylor and then Mr. John Pickard, who served the Council for 15 years before retiring.

Mrs. Val Bevan and Peggy Jones are still serving the residents of Mumbles as Community Councillors. The Council are proud to have their support, with their wealth of knowledge and experience of local matters.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, Mumbles Community Council is one of over 700 Town and Community Councils across Wales.



Compared to other forms of grassroots organisation, such as residents groups and interest organisations, these councils, due to their statutory foundation, have a number of significant



advantages. These include accountability to local residents through elections, stability and continuity, tax raising powers, and the capacity to act as catalysts for promoting participation in public service.

The Mumbles Community Council area includes the electoral wards of Mayals, Newton, Oystermouth and West Cross. The population of the area is some 17,000 of whom approximately 8,000 are registered voters. There are a total of 18 elected community councillors representing Mayals-3, Newton-4, Oystermouth-5, and West-Cross-6. The number of ward councillors being proportional to the ward population. The Council is elected every four years.

The Community Council has the power to exercise a wide range of functions, from the provision of allotments to crime prevention schemes, public parks to public lavatories. The council has committees that deal with specific areas. They are: Policy, Finance & General Purposes, Highways, Development, IT & Publications, Planning, Navy Days. These Committees meet once a month and make recommendations to the full Council, which meets on the second Tuesday of the every month.

Funding for the Council's activities comes from the 'precept', this is the amount paid by householders in the council area to enable the council to provide enhanced services. An annual plan and budget is prepared and recommended for adoption by the council. The monies are then used to finance the annual plan.

There is increasing support for greater responsibility to be delegate to Community Councils, where MCC could become responsible for many more of the services currently provided by C&CS

Twinning In October 1992 an agreement was signed between Kinsale in Ireland and Mumbles to promote educational, social, recreational and sporting activities for the benefit of both communities. In May 2004 a similar agreement was made between Hennebont in Brittany and Mumbles. The activities are strongly supported by the Mumbles Twinning Association who organise visits and promote the activities



Mumbles Navy Days

The Community Council will during 2009 be in its sixth year of production of 'Navy Days'. All

previous events have been hailed a great success, even on wet days.

The Navy Days Concert, held at All Saints Church, Oystermouth is one of the special events of this celebration of all things nautical. It is also hoped that we can see the visit to Swansea of another of an H.M. Royal Navy vessel.

Christmas Tree and Lights

Each year the Community Council provides and illuminates a Christmas tree with decorative lights, this is placed on the green space opposite the White Rose. Decorative lights have also been purchased and fitted above all the shops on Newton road, (upper and lower shops). These lights are turned on at the start of the Festive season. The event is marked with the local schoolchildren singing carols.

Mumbles in Bloom

This annual event has encouraged residents and local businesses to join in and have their efforts judged by local gardening specialists. Winners were presented with special certificates at a celebration evening.

Freedom and Honour of Mumbles

After due consultation and consideration it was decided that those residents, or former residents, of Mumbles who had carried out distinguished community service, lifetime achievements or outstanding feats would have one of these titles bestowed upon them. Previous recipients are: The Freedom of Mumbles to the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Reverend, Rowan Williams.

The Honour of Mumbles to
Ms Margaret Thrush MBE
Capt. Roy Griffiths. RNLI
Mrs. Ann Parkin, St. Johns Ambulance Brigade.

• (Check for more)

Changes over the years that add up



1 Lights in Tree

The Community Council put lights in the tree some years ago. However these were prone to vandalism so in 2008 the existing lights were replaced by energy efficient LED lights.

2 War Memorial – Phase I

In 2006 Names of the fallen in the two world wars were added to the existing memorial and a service of re-dedication was held.

3 War Memorial – Phase II

In 2007 The memorial was enhanced to commemorate those who died in service of their country since 1945.

4 Paving

In xxxx the Community Council paid for the area to be paved in brick along the lines of a design by local architects xxx .

5 RNLI Sculture

In 1999 the Community Council commissioned a design to celebrate the work of the RNLI. The statue was unveiled in 2002 and is regularly cleaned.

Sports grants

Over the years we have given grants and loans to all the major sporting clubs in the Mumbles area. The beneficiaries of these grants are not just the first teams, but myriad of junior teams from the ages of 6 upwards. Grants we have made include £20,000 to the Langland Bay Lifeguards towards the refurbishment of their club house; £28,000 to Mumbles Rugby Club to pay for the improvement of their changing facilities, and £2,700 to Mumbles Rangers Boys and Girls Club towards the repair of their roof. We have also paid for the resurfacing of the Tennis Courts and at the same time put in trunking for any plans to light the Courts in the future. We have given Mumbles Cricket Club an interest free loan of £5,000 to pay for new nets. We have recently approved a grant of £20,000 to Mumbles Rangers to provide changing facilities for their ever-expanding girls section.



Schools and Playgrounds

It has been a pleasure to provide a number of playgrounds in the area, including ones in Southend, West Cross and Newton that are well used on a daily basis. The Community Council tries to support the local schools and has provided a large number of grants over the years. We also have a Community Councillor Governor for all the local primary schools.

Loans for Halls

We have given interest free loans to a large number of local Halls to help their trustees maintain their buildings. These include: Mumbles Methodist Church. - £2500; Paraclete Church, Newton - £4500; Tabernacle Church - £5000; Vivian Hall. - £2500; Victoria Hall - £10,000; and Norton Village Hall - £5000.

Grants to Organisations doing Important Work in Mumbles

We have made a number of repeated grants to organisations that do important work in the Mumbles Community Council area, e.g Macmillan Cancer Support, the Wales Air Ambulance and Mumbles Tourist Information Centre.

We have also supported the 'Message in a Bottle' scheme organised by the Rotary Club of Mumbles and have recently paid for the provision of a Defibrillator for local emergency service.

Grants to Local Organisations

We have made a large number of smaller grants in support of local Clubs, Associations and Societies. Examples of this include Mumbles & Gower Stroke Club (£300); Longfields Association (£150); Ostreme Theatre Players (£75) Newton Road Top Shops (£150) and Oystermouth Music Society (£250).

The criteria for applying for a grant is available on our web site: mumbles.gov.uk or from the office

Planters

In order to improve the classic look of Mumbles, planters have been placed in at Blackpill and others at West Cross and Norton.



New Lighting Scheme

Working in Partnership with Swansea Council, new lamp standards – in a style to match those along the prom – have been installed from the Square to Verdis. These are designed to allow individual lighting motifs to be put on the column (eight of which were put on for Christmas 2008) along with banners (Summer of 2008) and hanging baskets.

Bracelet Bay and Limeslade Bay

The safety measures of traffic barriers at Limeslade and changes to the traffic flow in and out of Bracelet Bay together with the addition of the childrens play area were subject to a large financial contribution from the Community Council.

A better Promenade

The Council contributed a substantial sum to co-fund re-furbishment of the prom. We paid for over 40 seats from the Square to Verdis which we maintain at our our expense. Swansea Council paid for Lamp Standards and Litterbins.

Hanging baskets

Every year the Community Council undertakes the placing hanging baskets on the lampposts in Newton Road, Mumbles Road and at West Cross.

Pavement widening

This major project, which was initiated by the Community Council, in order to make safe and enhance the appearance of the pavement from the fish shop in Newton Road around to Davies the Bakers in Mumbles Road was one of our most important achievements during 2008.



Road crossings

The addition of a road crossing at the play area next to Southend Gardens was also initiated by the Community Council for safety reasons.

The Next 25 Years...

What will Mumbles be like in 25-years? We believe that the Community Council, as your elected representatives, have an important role in shaping the future of the area. Major developments are planned on 3 sites in Oystermouth – The old Royal British Legion site, the Pier, and of course the Square. On these major developments we will continue to consult and support the residents of the area as we have done in the past over the development of the Square.

But it's not just the major developments that shape our Community. The Community Council has a statutory right to be consulted by Swansea Council on all planning applications in its area. If you have strong views on any planning applications – whether in support or against – please let us know.

We do not intend to be merely reactive to events in the area. We are in the process of applying for the two green spaces either side of the bottom of Fairwood Road to be given Village Green status, which would protect them from development and allow the Community to continue to use them for leisure activities. We have formed an innovative partnership with Swansea Council to provide cleaning services above and beyond already provided by the City Council. We are also producing a Mumbles Community Plan. A Community Plan is a statement from people living in the community attempting to answer the following questions: How can the future of the community be safeguarded? What facilities does the community need for the future? What is important to people in the village? What new developments are they prepared to accept? What problems are there that need to be tackled?

Pic to come

To keep up-to-date with our activities, report litter or dogs mess, let us know what you think or to apply for a grant, visit our newly re-designed website at mumbles.gov.uk.

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Mumbles Police Force

The Mumbles Community area has a new Inspector of Police. October 2008 saw the appointment of Inspector Bryan Heard who was transferred from the Penlan area to Mumbles to replace Inspector Rhodri Williams who has moved in the other direction. Also returning to duty in Mumbles is Community Police Sergeant, Clare Parry.

We feel that it is essential that all criminal activities be reported to the police, including youth annoyance, illegal use of motor scooters, speeding motor vehicles and disruptive neighbours.

Currently PACT meetings are held at the Mumbles Conservative Club, Mumbles Road, Southend. It is hoped that meetings for the West Cross and Mayals areas will be held locally, when a suitable venue is found.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NO'S

Non-emergency Police
☎ **456999**

Crime Stoppers
☎ **0800 555111**

Neighbourhood Watch Association
☎ **562851**

Crime Prevention Officer, Daryl Howells
☎ **562768**

DON'T LIVE IN FEAR OF CRIME OR CRIMINALS

IF A CRIME IS NOT REPORTED THERE CANNOT BE A REMEDY!



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