



Agenda for Meeting 11 March 2008

1. Attendance Register
2. Apologies for Absence
3. TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2007.
4. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12 February 2008
5. Clerk's Report
6. Chairman's Report
7. Invitation to Mumbles Development Trust Meeting
8. Planning Applications

Development Committee

9. Recommendations by the Development Committee

- a. Hanging Baskets on Lamp Posts

RECOMMEND that (as last year) we order 19 baskets at a cost of £807.82.

- b. War Memorial Proposal

A proposal to seek the names of any fallen during 1918-39 was discussed.

RECOMMEND that this matter not be pursued.

- c. Area around War Memorial

The RNLI statue is in need of cleaning and the base of the statue and the blue bins in the area are dirty.

RECOMMEND that:

- (i) MCC instruct the monumental mason to clean the statue at an estimated cost of £150.
- (ii) We ask C&CS to clean the surrounding area thoroughly.

10. Questions to the Chairman of the Development Committee

Finance & General Purposes Committee

11. Recommendations by the Finance & General Purposes Committee

a. Royal British Legion Club Site

Enquiry from Mrs Norris Wedlake as to the ownership of land and right of way at former Royal British Legion Club Site.

RECOMMEND that letter be sent to her informing her that the land in question is owned by the developer and that the prescriptive right of way will remain open.

b. Safer Swansea

Letter received enclosing draft for consultation dated 12 February 2008. Received 13 February 2008. Reply required by 5pm 25 February 2008, i.e. within 10 working days.

RECOMMEND that a letter be sent stating that such short notice is unreasonable and unacceptable.

c. Complaint Against C&CS

Email received in response to our letters of 24 October 2007 and 7 November 2007 regarding closing times of Langland Bay Car Park. They state that the agreed time of closing was 8.30pm whereas at the Public Meeting the time agreed was 10pm.

It was decided at the last MCC meeting to make a complaint to the Ombudsman to the delay in the Chief Executive dealing with our complaint of the delay in the Council answering our letters if we had not had a response by 4 February 2008. No reply was received save for the email sent at 5pm on 12 February 2008 from the Traffic Management Group.

RECOMMEND that

- (i) The Clerk provide a schedule of letters showing delays in answering MCC's correspondence
- (ii) The Committee discuss this matter further at its next meeting with a view to a delegation having a meeting with the Chief Executive of C&CS to discuss this ongoing problem.

d. Camedee Properties Ltd

Letter of complaint at the delay in MCC dealing via the District Valuer with the matter of the rent review.

RECOMMEND that a reply be sent pointing out the delay not on the part of the District Valuer but those of Camadee Property Ltd Advisors.

e. Mumbles: A Plastic Bag Free Centre

Letter received from Ms Amanda Hall asking if MCC had considered making Mumbles a

“Plastic Bag Free Centre”.

RECOMMEND that we reply giving this idea our moral support.

f. Mumbles WVS Joan Club

Request for grant to purchase an amplifier to be used by guest speakers at meetings. 45 Club members aged from 75 to 95, many hard of hearing. Cost £109.99.

RECOMMEND that a grant of £109.99 be made.

g. Oystermouth Primary School

Letter asking if it would be MCC's responsibility to erect requested crash barrier on the corner of the yard by the new crossing Newton Road and Langeland Road and Limekiln Road to guard the new adventure playground in the school yard.

RECOMMEND that reply to effect that it is the responsibility of C&CS not MCC.

h. Visits to the Office

Of late two organisations i.e. MDT and Mumbles TIC have visited the Clerk to make verbal requests for MCC involvement with their organisations.

RECOMMEND that both organisations be requested in future to put any requests in writing.

i. Friends of the Earth

Want letter written to local MPs regarding the Climate Change Bill.

RECOMMEND that this matter be noted and that the letter and accompanying guide letter be held by the Clerk for perusal by any interested Councillor.

12. Questions to the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Highways Committee

13. Recommendations by the Highways Committee

a. Decorative Lighting on New Lamp Standards on Mumbles Road

RECOMMEND that:

- (i) Costings be obtained for suitable lights and their installation
- (ii) Estimates be obtained for installation of Lights
- (iii) Upon receipt of (i) and (ii) a letter be sent to all the relevant businesses to enquire their interest in sponsoring a light or lights and also a banner or banners.

b. Mumbles T.I.C. Schools Competition

RECOMMEND that a letter be sent to the TIC diplomatically expressing our surprise that they did not include MCC in any way in the above.

c. Invoices to the Shops for Christmas Lights

The electricity costs for premises for the new lights is minimal.

RECOMMEND that each shop be charged a standard fee of £25 per annum to cover electricity and maintenance. (Double fronted premises would be charged £50.)

d. New Lights for the Tree in Southend Gardens

Estimate received in the sum of £2,800. There is a meeting between Chairman of Highways, Chairman of Finance & GP, Clerk and Phillips Electrical on March 5th to discuss charges in general.

RECOMMEND that, subject to the outcome of the said meeting instructions for the work to be carried out given ASAP.

e. Langland Bay Car Parks – Closing Times

C&CS have replied (12 February 2008) to MCC's letter of 24 October 2007 stating that the agreed closing time was 8.30pm.

RECOMMEND that MCC reply stating that at the public meeting to discuss the closing time, 10pm was agreed.

f. Proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Slade Road

Proposal to place a pelican crossing in Slade Road. Although MCC received the notice on 13 February 2008 (Closing date for objections 3 March 2008) the first relevant committee meeting to discuss the matter was not until 27 February 2008.

RECOMMEND that

- (i) The Ward Councillors canvass the opinions of residents of Slade Road
- (ii) A letter be written to C&CS explaining that this notice of 14 working days is not reasonable, that MCC only meet once a month and that the notice was received between the dates of the meetings.

g. Decorative Lighting over shops in Alderwood Road

It was proposed that the lights take down in Newton Road be used. Contractor advised that it would be better, due to running costs, to use L.E.D lights. Estimate of cost £1.898 plus VAT.

RECOMMEND that in view of the cost and the fact that due to strongly lighted signs over the majority of the shops the small LED lights would not be seen the proposal not be proceeded with.

h. Caswell Road Markings

If the road markings at the junction of Caswell Drive and Summerland Lane have not been

installed as recommended by the Inspector at the Stopping-Up Inquiry:

RECOMMEND that we write to C&CS Highways Department requesting their installation.

i. Lighting Promenade Mumbles to Blackpill

Motor bikes driving without lights or helmets at night along this section of promenade

RECOMMEND that:

- (i) Matter be reported to the police
- (ii) MCC enquire of C&CS when lighting will be installed on this section.

14. Questions to the Chairman of the Highways Committee

I.T. & Publications Committee

15. Recommendations by the I.T. & Publications Committee

a. Anti-Virus Software

New computer for use by the Clerk has been purchased. Which needs 'anti-virus' software.

RECOMMEND that MCC purchase 'Virus- protection' soft-ware at a cost of up to £100.

b. Business Cards for Councillors

RECOMMEND that MCC purchase Business/Visiting cards for Councillors at approx. £13 per Cllr. (Suggest leaving printing of these until after May AGM if approved.)

c. Website Compliance to Disability Discrimination Act

RECOMMEND approval for our Design Consultant to "improve accessibility for the visually impaired" at a cost of £750 as required by DDA.

d. Press & Publicity

RECOMMEND that Clerk purchase a daily copy of the Evening Post to check for "MCC Press releases" and other useful information regarding items appertaining to Mumbles and the Community Council.

16. Questions to the Chairman of the I.T. & Publications Committee

17. Questions to the Chairman of the Navy Days Committee