



TAKE NOTICE that the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Mumbles Community Council will be held on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 7pm, in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Heydon".

Steve Heydon  
Clerk to the Council  
Dated 10 October 2008

## AGENDA

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 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008.
4. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9 September 2008
5. Clerk's Report
6. Chairman's Report
7. Planning Applications
- I.T. & Publications Committee
8. Recommendations by the I.T. & Publications Committee
  - a. Annual Newsletter

It is proposed that this year's issue would celebrate the 25th. Anniversary of the Council and would be issued late November. The newsletter would be A5 with 12 pages. It would contain photographs that reflect the 25 years of the Council's existence, and articles/photographs on the major projects that have been initiated by the Council.

**RECOMMEND** that as the total cost of Newsletter is £1695 (£1303 printing plus £392 distribution) and the current budget is £1500, a further £195 should be allocated to the IT

budget for the Annual Newsletter

**b. MCC Official Photographers**

**RECOMMEND** that Cllrs. Beach & Wilkinson be appointed official photographers to the Council, with suitable acknowledgement.

**c. Cost of Upgrading the Web Site**

The cost of upgrading the site to include DDA requirements was approved by Council in March (Minute 125.03). The cost is £750 plus VAT. This sum is not included in this year's budget. The additional work in redesigning the Site is £700 plus VAT. The total GMID cost is £1450 while this year's budget for GMID is £400.

**RECOMMEND** that an additional £1050 be allocated to the IT Budget - GMID

**9. Questions to the Chairman of the I.T. & Publications Committee**

**Navy Days Committee**

**10. Questions to the Chairman of the Navy Days Committee**

**Development Committee**

**11. Recommendations by the Development Committee**

**a. Mumbles in Bloom**

The cost of Mumbles in Bloom was £690.

**RECOMMEND** that due to the lack of enthusiasm of the gardening community for this competition this event should not be held in 2009.

**b. Linden Flats**

There has been a request for (i) help to put pressure on the C&CS to paint the outside steps (ii) spring flowers to be planted.

**RECOMMEND** that the Clerk write to C&CS asking that they look into the matter of the external steps.

**c. Dog Bin at St Catwy Walk Entrance to Clyne Gardens**

A letter was received from Mrs Angela Barbour requesting the above.

**RECOMMEND** that a letter be sent to C&CS with an endorsement from this Council.

**d. Pathway to Promenade from Llwynderw**

A request for this has been received.

**RECOMMEND** that MCC write to C&CS requesting they look into the possibility of having a pathway across the grass.

*Following a meeting with representatives of the Top Shops the following motion has been proposed by Cllr L. Tyler-Lloyd and seconded by Cllr A. Colburn*

**e. Switching On of the Christmas Lights**

**PROPOSE** that: -

- (i) The Christmas Tree be located at Ostreme this year
- (ii) We join in with the programme of the top shops with all the Christmas Lights being switched on at the same time.

**12. Questions to the Chairman of the Development Committee**

**Community Plan Committee**

**13. Recommendations by the Community Plan Committee**

**a. Underhill Park**

In a meeting with Cllr Hague, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Cllr Hague expressed the view that although funding for improved facilities is unlikely to be available until after the 2012 Olympics are held, that the massive undertaking involved will demand the participation of several agencies/groups and that the planning should begin now. As a first step, he suggested that a meeting should be convened of representatives of MCC, MDT and other interested parties, which would be attended by officers of C&CS, to lay the groundwork and start the planning for post 2012.

**RECOMMEND** that MCC should convene such a meeting

**14. Questions to the Chairman of the Community Plan Committee**

**Finance & General Purposes Committee**

**15. Recommendations by the Finance & General Purposes Committee**

**a. Gower Society Newsletter**

In the Autumn 2008 edition of the Newsletter, under the heading "Mumbles Community Development Forum – A lively Meeting" the following paragraph appeared "However, the trust is not happy with the lack of transparency concerning the arrangements between the community council and the developers".

Cllr Beynon, a member of the Society, has produced a letter to the editor requesting a retraction/correction, which met the approval of the F&GP Committee.

**RECOMMEND** that the Clerk send this letter to the editor of the Newsletter forthwith.

**b. Letter District Valuer**

Letter informing MCC that Landlord has changed his mind and that for a vastly inflated sum, which the DV states, "under no circumstances can I recommend acceptance" he would provide two parking spaces for MCC. The DV has re-negotiated the rent to reflect the loss of the car spaces at £5,300 per annum as at the rent review dated of 30 September 2007. Each party of bear their own legal costs and any interest payable for the review date to be waived. The DV recommends acceptance.

**RECOMMEND** that the negotiated settlement be approved.

**c. Childrens Therapy Centre Wales**

Request for grant from charity to proved therapy of Children with cerebral palsy. Last grant made to them December 2007.

**RECOMMEND** that a grant of £200 be made.

**d. Childline**

Request for a grant. A payment to this charity has already been made by MCC during the financial year.

**RECOMMEND** that no grant be made.

**e. Urdd Gobaith Cymru**

Request for grant towards cost of 2009 Eisteddfod in Cardiff

**RECOMMEND** that enquires be made by our Governor of Welsh Medium Primary School to ascertain whether they will be taking part.

**f. Mr & Mrs L. Adams**

Confirmation that they would like to have Royal Marine wreath to lay on the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**RECOMMEND** that MCC pay cost of wreath this year of £183.50 this year but not next year.

**g. Swansea Network 50+**

Information regarding Annual Meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**RECOMMEND** that this should be passed to Cllr John Beach and request that he attends on behalf of MCC.

**h. Mumbles Tourist Information Centre**

Request for grant of £2,500 to enable the centre to remain open during the winter months. In 2008 up to August it is anticipated visitor numbers at centre will be in the region of 57,000 and emails and telephone calls 9,000.

Each year TIC raise £25,000 to finance running of Centre. Grants come from: -

- Swansea Council grant - £4,000 (not increased in the nine years its been given).
- South West Wales Regional Tourism Partnership - £2,000. (This grant is under threat.)
- First Cymru - £500.
- Sustainable Development Fund - £2,000 and Tourism Swansea Bay - £1,000 provide grants towards the costs of Walking Festival, which this year produced a surplus of £2,190 towards running costs.

Wages bill 64% of overheads. Wages bill this year increased by 3.4%. Cash flow is negative by the end of November and rises to £2,617 in January.

*(Full details available from Chairman of F&GP Committee.)*

**RECOMMEND** that a grant of £1,250 be made.

**16. Questions to the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
Highways Committee**

**17 Questions to the Chairman of the Highways Committee**