



MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

- 225.10. Present:** Chairman: Councillor B. Arthur
09 Vice-Chairman: Councillor L. Tyler-Lloyd
Councillors: J. Beach, V. Bevan, R. Beynon, A. Colburn,
J. Cooper, J. Griffiths, M. Jones, H. Mitchell, L. Pritchard,
P. Skinner, P. Swinnerton & A. Wilson.
- 226.10 Apologies** Councillors: J. Birch & P. Jones
- 227.10 No Apologies** Councillor: G. David

228.10 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL ON 8TH APRIL 2008.

Cllr A. Wilson – 257.10 Grant to Mumbles Tourist Information Centre

229.10 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8 September 2009

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 8 September 2009 be accepted as a correct record.

Clerk's Report

- 230.10** Clerk reported that he had been informed by Mandy Bebb from the Elections Office of C&CS that no election had been called for and that therefore we need to put up co-option notices.

AGREED that the vacancy should be advertised immediately

- 231.10** The monthly letters listing was circulated. . .

- 232.10** Cllr Skinner joined the meeting.

Chairman's Report

- 233.10** The Chairman congratulated Cllr Bevan on her election to Chairman of the Navy Days Committee.

- 234.10** The Chairman reported that he handed out the framed certificates at the Honour of Mumbles Evening on 9 September 2009
- 235.10** The Chairman said that he attended the RAF Presentation at the Brangwyn Hall on 16 September 2009
- 236.10** He reported that his Vice-Chairman, Cllr Tyler-Lloyd had, in his absence, attended the Bishopston Community Theatre concert featuring *Umdumo Wesizwe* from Zimbabwe on 6 October 2009.
- 237.10** The Chairman reported that he had been invited by Mumbles & South Gower Branch of the Royal British Legion to two events:
- (i) Festival of Remembrance, All Saints' Church, Friday 6 November 2009 at 7.30pm
 - (ii) Service of Remembrance, All Saint's Church, Sunday 8 November 2009 at 10am followed by a Wreath Laying Service at the War Memorial in Southend Gardens.

Planning Applications

- 238.10** Cllr Colburn withdrew from the Meeting Room.
- 239.10** **2009/1383** - 79 West Cross Avenue, West Cross
Objection - Visual aspect and out of keeping with existing houses
- 240.10** **2009/1284** - Land at rear of 175 Newton Road
Objection - Conservation Area. Over intensification. Across common land and access to new property.
- 241.10** **2009/1402** - 9 Highpool Lane, Newton
Objection - Out of keeping in a residential area
- 242.10** **2009/1337**- 15 Langcliffe Park, Limeslade
Objection – Support policy of C&CS for 10 month occupancy.
- 243.10** **2009/1456** - 77 Westport Avenue, Mayals
Objection - Out of keeping with existing property and overlook next door property at rear
- 244.10** All other planning applications for this period were passed as 'no objection'.
- 245.10** Cllr Colburn returned to the Meeting Room.
- 246.10** **Picket's Mead**

Notice received from Carrington Moores Estates Ltd regarding laying underground service media under Picket Mead Common.

RESOLVED to oppose the proposals on the basis detrimental impact on common ground and concern over possible damage to trees if the works go ahead.

Policy Committee

Recommendations by the Policy Committee

247.10 Co-option Procedure

RESOLVED that the procedure be adopted.

248.10 Newton Church Hall

MCC are receiving a lot of questionnaire regards the funding of the above Hall. In addition the vicar has asked his congregation to lobby us. A draft response was circulated at the meeting

RESOLVED that

- (i) Cllr Arthur and Cllr Colburn meet with the vicar
- (ii) An article be sent to the Parish Magazine
- (iii) A notice be placed on the Notice Board
- (iv) An article to be placed in our Newsletter published in *Community Times Mumbles* and on MCC website.

Navy Days Committee

Recommendations by the Navy Days Committee

249.10 Report Upon Mumbles Navy Days 2009

RESOLVED that this report be accepted.

F&GP Committee

Recommendations by the F&GP Committee

250.10 Request for Financial Support Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Centre, Pontypridd

RESOLVED that, as they are located well outside the Mumbles Community Council area, no grant should be made.

251.10 Request for Grant from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre, Wales

RESOLVED that a grant of £200 be made.

252.10 One Voice Wales – AGM/Conference

A note of the motions for debate had been received for discussion at the conference to be held on 10 October 2009. Motions discussed. Cllr Cooper indicated that he would like to attend. Cost £70 plus travelling expenses.

RESOLVED that retrospective approval be given to Cllr Cooper to attend the One Voice Wales conference on behalf of Mumbles Community Council.

253.10 Boundary Commission for Wales

Invitation to *Annual Report and Workshop* - Brangwyn Hall, 24 November 2009 at 10am.

Topic for discussion: "Strategic Plan".

RESOLVED that any Councillor wishing to attend should notify the Clerk.

254.10 Request for Grant from MENCAP

To provide services in Swansea they rely on over £51,667 from local people and organisations.

RESOLVED that a grant of £200 be made.

255.10 Request for Grant from Gower Chorale

The Gower Chorale is a mixed choir with 50-60 members. Hold 2 major concerts each year and a carol concert at Christmas. Last year all three events lost money - All Saints (9 May 2008) £1,192; St Benedict's (21 November 2008) £34.50; St Peter's (12 December 2009). Concerts for 2009/10 are to be held in All Saints Church and the choir rehearse weekly in the Methodist Church Hall.

RESOLVED that a grant of £150 be made with the proviso our logo be put on programme.

256.10 Western Power Distribution (WPD)

MCC made a complaint that although an appointment was made by WPD to meet MCC at 8.30am the representatives did not turn up until 9.40am. Explanation and apology received together with an offer of compensation of £50.

RESOLVED that the offer be accepted.

257.10 Cllr Wilson left the meeting

258.10 Request for Grant from Mumbles Tourist Information Centre

Request for a grant of £2,750 to enable them to open throughout the winter months. Annual accounts and cash flow estimates provided. Stated that in 2008 there were 54,500 visitors to the centre, survey of 101 residents produced the following statistics: 98% thought that the TIC was a benefit to the community and a good use of public money, of these: 68 of the interviewees had visited the centre (67%) and 31 of the interviewees had not visited the centre (31%). 1% said that the centre was a bad use of public money, 1% said they did not have an opinion.

It was pointed out that when a previous request was discussed it was ascertained that the lease which TIC entered into with the Methodist Church stipulated that the TIC must remain open during the winter.

RESOLVED that a grant of £2,750 be made.

259.10 Cllr Wilson returned to the meeting

260.10 Earth Science Partnership

Confirmation received in relation to proposed drainage study in Underhill Park. It has already been resolved by MCC to part fund with the Underhill Association (formally Underhill 2000) the cost of the initial report. MCC await cheque from the Underhill Association for their contribution so that instructions can be given for preparation of their report, the

conditions of contract were considered acceptable.

RESOLVED that as, already agreed by MCC, instructions be given to Earth Science Partnership and a contract be entered into for Phase I of the investigation, i.e. obtain all relevant documents and consider if adequate data is available for the site – cost of £750 ex VAT. If, based on data obtained, the firm can proceed to carry out geomorphological, geological, hydrological and hydrogeological assessment for the site at a cost of £3,500 ex VAT. When the contribution of £2,125 is received (cheque banked and cleared) from Underhill Association.

261.10 Other Correspondence

RESOLVED that the following correspondence be noted:

(i) **Letter of Thanks from Grange School for Grant**

(ii) **Letter from Ellis Whittam Corporate Support - Offering advice on H.R. and Employment Law and Health & Safety**

Invoices Approved						
	Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net	VAT	Gross
262.10	2200	One Voice Wales	Conference Subscription	70.00		70.00
263.10	2201	D Cottle	Typing	12.00		12.00
264.10	2202	VOID		0.00		0.00
265.10	2203	HM Revenue & Customs	National Insurance & Tax	221.63		221.63
266.10	2204	Fuse Marketing Ltd	To Deliver Newsletter	470.00	70.56	540.56
267.10	2205	The Image Group	Clips for Display Stand	10.00	1.50	11.50
268.10	2206	Express Copier Services	Photocopying	40.32	6.05	46.37
269.10	2207	City & County of Swansea	Cleaning Partnership	6,000.00	900.00	6,900.00
270.10	2208	Steve Heydon	Expenses - Claim for credit card payment for display material purchased over internet	88.92	13.34	102.26
271.10	2209	Clive Atkins & Co Ltd	Payroll Services	30.00	4.50	34.50
272.10	2210	Dolau-Hirion Fruit Trees	Apple Trees	244.60	6.69	251.69
273.10	Petty Cash	Cllr John Beach	Expenses Claim for Mileage to collect items from Signwriter	9.18		9.18
274.10	Petty Cash	Cllr Roger Beynon	Expenses Claim for plate from Mumbles Pottery presented to civic party on trip to Hennebont	40.00		40.00
275.10	Bank Balances		Current Account			16,302.19
			Deposit Account			40,319.49

IT & Publications Committee

Recommendations by the IT & Publications Committee

276.10 Newsletter published in CT Mumbles Magazine

New issue for Nov/Dec will require articles by 15 October 2009.

RESOLVED that we use two pages, minimum for this edition. All Chairman to submit an article for possible inclusion urgently.

277.10 Official Name Badges

RESOLVED that we check for designs and price.

Highways Committee

Recommendations by the Highways Committee

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.10 MCC / C&CS Partnership (Cleaning)**

The current contract expires on 31.10.09. C&CS wish to renew contract as at present, but with a 1% rise in cost, i.e. £120 increase, equivalent to an extra £10 per month. Annual total from £12,000 to £12,120.

RESOLVED that MCC renew contract with C&CS

Meeting closed at 8.02