



MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

382.10. Present: Chairman: Councillor R. Beynon
08 Vice-Chairman: B. Arthur
Councillors: A. Colburn, M. Jones, L. Pritchard,
L. Tyler-Lloyd, E. Hughes, J. Beach, R. Wilkinson,
H. Mitchell, A. Wilson, V. Bevan, G. David , J. Cooper
& J. Griffiths

383.10 Apologies Councillor: P. Skinner

384.10 No Apologies Councillors: P. Swinnerton & J. Roberts

385.10 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 Wilson declared an Interest in agenda item 15 h. - Mumbles Tourist Information Centre. However, following a letter from Mumbles TIC received on the day of the meeting, the recommendation was withdrawn.

386.10 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9 September 2008

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 9 September 2008 be accepted as a correct record

Clerk's Report

387.10 Letter listing circulated.

Chairman's Report

388.10 Chairman has attended the following events: -

- (i) Mumbles in Bloom/Honour of Mumbles Presentation Evening
- (ii) MDT Open Day, where he met Leighton Andrews AM and Edwina Hart AM
- (iii) 25th Anniversary of MCC Dinner (Note of thanks to organisers Cllrs Pritchard, Bevan and Jones)

389.10 Chairman has been invited the following events:

- (i) Visit to Kinsale. (He has asked Mumbles Pottery to produce a commemorative plate to give to the Mayor.)
- (ii) Festival of Remembrance at All Saints
- (iii) Lord Mayor's Civic Service (As this coincides with the visit to Kinsale the Vice-Chairman will attend.)

Planning Applications

390.10 Cllr Colburn withdrew from the Meeting Room.

391.10 **Application: 2008/1887** – 31 The Orchard, Newton
Objection: Out of keeping with existing houses.

392.10 **Application: 2008/1953** – 1 Birkdale Close, Mayals
Objection: Concern over window overlooking 36 Southerdown Avenue.

393.10 **Application: 2008/1835**– 62 Plunch Lane, Mumbles
Objection: MCC supports C&CS 10-month residency policy.

394.10 **Application: 2008/1936**– Land adjoining 18 William Street, Mumbles
Objection: No off street parking provided.

395.10 **Application: 2008/1925** – 26 Queens Road, Mumbles
Objection: No off street parking provided. Concern that a precedent to convert other premises would be set.

396.10 **Application: 2008/1976**– Land adjacent to 89 Newton Road, Mumbles
Objection: Out of keeping with existing houses. Impact on woodlands. Impact on wildlife. Concern over flooding on Newton Road. Extra traffic near lights. Drive is a shared Right Of Way.

397.10 All other planning applications for this period were passed as 'no objection'.

398.10 Cllr Colburn returned to the Meeting Room.

I.T. & Publications Committee

Recommendations by the I.T. & Publications Committee

399.10 **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.

RESOLVED 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

400.10 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. IT Committee therefore request that additional £1050 be allocated to the IT Budget - GMID

RESOLVED that this request be referred to F&GP Committee for consideration.

Development Committee

Recommendations by the Development Committee

401.10 Mumbles in Bloom

The cost of Mumbles in Bloom was £690. A proposal that the event should not be held in 2009 was discussed.

A named vote was called for:

Those for the motion: Cllrs Wilkinson, Mitchell, Tyler-Lloyd, Colburn, David, Arthur, Hughes, Jones & Bevan

Those against the motion: Cllrs Cooper, Wilson & Beach

Abstentions: Cllrs Pritchard, Beynon & Griffiths

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

402.10 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.

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

403.10 Dog Bin at St Catwy Walk Entrance to Clyne Gardens

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

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

404.10 Pathway to Promenade from Llwynderw

A request for this has been received.

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

405.10 Switching On of the Christmas Lights

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) The Christmas Tree be located at its usual location on Mumbles Road opposite Co-op.
- (ii) MCC join in with the programme of the top shops with all the Christmas Lights being switched on at the same time.

Community Plan Committee

Recommendations by the Community Plan Committee

406.10 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.

RESOLVED that

- (i) MCC should convene such a meeting
- (ii) That the Community Plan Committee produce a list of potential attendees for discussion by the Policy Committee

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Recommendations by the Finance & General Purposes Committee

407.10 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 This letter has been sent to the Gower Society and a reply has already been received by email. The Gower Society apologises for the error and state that a correction will be made in their next Newsletter.

RESOLVED that retrospective approval be given for this correspondence.

408.10 Cllr Pritchard left the meeting

409.10 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.

RESOLVED that the negotiated settlement be approved.

410.10 Children's Therapy Centre Wales

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

RESOLVED that a grant of £200 be made.

411.10 Childline

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

RESOLVED that no grant be made.

412.10 Urdd Gobaith Cymru

Request for grant towards cost of 2009 Eisteddfod in Cardiff

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

413.10 Mr & Mrs L. Adams

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

RESOLVED that MCC pay cost of wreath of £18.50 this year (but not next year).

414.10 Swansea Network 50+

Information regarding Annual Meeting on November 25th.

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

	Invoices Approved		£	£	£
	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
415.10	Jan Brain	Mumbles In Bloom/Honour of Mumbles Evening Buffet	£235.00		235.00
416.10	CT Mumbles	Newsletter	£380.00		£380.00

417.10	Express Copier Services	Photocopying	£49.35	£8.64	£57.99
418.10	D. Cottle	Typing	£89.00		£89.00
419.10	R. Beynon	Expenses	£69.98		£69.98
420.10	Bank Balances	Current Account			£10,950.42
		Deposit Account			£91,631.12

Highways Committee

Recommendations by the Highways Committee

421.10 There were no recommendations by the Highways Committee

Navy Days Committee

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422.10 There were no recommendations by the Navy Days Committee

423.10 Draft accounts for the Navy Days festival of May 2008 were tabled.

Meeting Closed at 8.11pm