



MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 8 December 2009 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

- 423.12.09 Present:** Chairman: Councillor B. Arthur
Vice-Chairman: Councillor L. Tyler-Lloyd
Councillors: J. Beach, V. Bevan, A. Colburn, J. Cooper,
J. Griffiths, A. Hinton, L. Pritchard, H. Mitchell, P. Swinnerton
& A. Wilson
- 424.12 Apologies** Councillors: R. Beynon, M. Jones, P. Jones & P. Skinner
- 425.12 No Apologies** Councillor: J. Birch

426.12 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 B. Arthur – 462.12.09 - Personal Interest as Mumbles Community Councillor Governor of Mayals Primary School

427.12 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9 November 2009

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 9 November 2009 be accepted as a correct record.

428.12 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10 November 2009

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 10 November 2009 be accepted as a correct record.

Clerk's Report

429.12 Clerk reported that he had just received notification from Amanda Bebb, Elections Officer at City & County of Swansea (C&CS), that no-one had called an election. Therefore the vacancy would be filled by co-option.

430.12 The monthly letters listing was circulated.

Chairman's Report

431.12 The only official event the Chairman had attended was the Community/Town Council's Forum on 17 November 2009. A report of the meeting had been circulated with the minutes.

- 432.12** Unofficially, he had attended at the War Memorial on 11 November 2009 for the two minutes silence and also at the funeral of former Councillor Vera Duncan on 13 November 2009.
- 433.12** He reported that Cllr Peggy Jones had thanked everyone for their flowers and cards.
- 434.12** He has been invited to the following events:-
- (i) 40th Anniversary of city of Swansea - 10 December 2009
 - (ii) Charity Carol Service at St Mary's Church -
- 435.12** He said that attendance at some meetings had been disappointing and asked that if a councillor cannot attend a meeting they ensure they give their apologies to the Clerk (for Council Meetings) and the Chairman (for Committee Meetings).
- 436.12** He also reminded councillors that public perception is very important and that they must be aware that the public view them as councillors all the time. They should therefore be measured in what they say, especially when they leave the Council Meeting Room.
- 437.12** The Chairman reported that he had been asked for a quote by the Evening Post on the new arrangements for the police.

This involves them reporting to Townhill Police Station to sign-on, although their starting time in Mumbles Police Station will remain unaltered. The Community Sergeant and the Community Constable together with the PCSO's will still be based in Mumbles Police Station and their duties will remain unaltered.

The Chairman was quoted as saying that "as long as the standard remains the same residents will not notice any difference in the policing of the community".

Planning Applications

- 438.12** Cllr Colburn withdrew from the Meeting Room.
- 439.12** **2009/1581** - Land to the rear of 10 Briarwood Gardens
Objection - Natural Flood area and TPO Woodland. Vehicle access difficulties. Public footpath through site. Concern about rising sewer main.
- 440.12** **2009/1669** - 152 Mumbles Road, Blackpill
Objection - Overlooking houses to rear of property. 24 & 26 Fern Hill Close. Loss of privacy.
- 441.12** **2009/1491** - 26 Llangland Bay Road, Llangland
Objection - Concern over removal of trees. Over intensification of new building.
- 442.12** **2009/1682** - 11 Cambridge Road, Llangland
Objection - Visual aspect of garage. Concern over removal of hedge.
- 443.12** **2009/1620** - The Spinney, Caswell Road, Caswell
Objection - Visual aspect of area. Over intensification. Concerns about sewage and surface water dispersal

444.12 2009/1698 - 26 Langland Bay Road, Langland
Objection - Concern over removal of trees. Over intensification of new building.

445.12 2009/1731 - The Laurels, 34A West Cross Lane, West Cross
Objection - Out of keeping with existing houses and visual aspect.

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

447.12 Cllr Colburn returned to the Meeting Room.

Policy Committee

Recommendations by the Policy Committee

448.12 Oystermouth Square

RECOMMEND that MCC write to C&CS requesting that MCC be kept up to date on the current situation regarding Oystermouth Square and Blackpill Developments.

449.12 Review of Co-option Procedure

RESOLVED that the following 3 questions used at the last co-option be used again:

- (i) What special qualities will you bring with you to assist the Council in providing a better service to the residents of the Mumbles Community Council area as a Councillor
- (ii) What organisational, team working skills and experiences have you?
- (iii) How much time can you dedicate to Mumbles Community Council?

450.12 Clerk left the meeting

451.12 Clerk's Salary & Work

RESOLVED that the Clerk be given a 1.5% pay increase backdated to 1 April 2009.

452.12 Clerk returned to meeting.

Community Plan Committee

Recommendations by the Community Planning Committee

453.12 Shoreline Management Forum

The Community Planning Committee had recommended that Cllr Cooper's travelling expenses be paid for attending the Shoreline management forum at the National Botanical Garden conference centre on 4th November. Cost £30.

Note: On the advice of One Voice Wales this matter was not discussed at the meeting.

IT & Publications Committee

Recommendations by the IT & Publications Committee

454.12 C.T. Mumbles Magazine

Next issue for Nov/Dec/Jan is being circulated from the 20th November. Next publication is in Feb. 2010.

RESOLVED that we use the March issue for our quarterly news item. Details in by 15 February 2010

Development Committee

Recommendations by the Development Committee

455.12 Planting of Permanent Christmas Tree at Ostreme

The Christmas tree was planted on Monday 16th November. The invoice has been received from Afan Landscapes for the purchase of the Christmas tree; the planting of the tree and also the moving of the Maple tree which was on the site plus the repair of the fencing. The total price for the work is £1000 plus £150 VAT.

RESOLVED that this bill be paid.

456.12 Santa Sunday

Lynne Kettles, organiser of this event, has put in a request for chocolate treats for the children's grotto in Ostreme Hall.

RESOLVED that £50 be donated to this event. (There is money in the budget, which was allocated for Christmas event.)

Highways Committee

Recommendations by the Highways Committee

457.12 Traffic Island on Mayals Road

Safety concerns regarding Traffic Island on Mayals Road where the pavement edge not visible.

RESOLVED that Clerk send letter immediately to C&CS to paint the paved edges with appropriate colours.

F&GP Committee

Recommendations by the F&GP Committee

458.12 MDT Grant

After consideration of a letter from MDT dated 23 November 2009 confirming that WAG Grant for £13,000 to develop 4 Dunns Lane (Office of MDT) as a community bureau had been approved and detailing creditors, debtors, future use of property and recent grants sought, it is:-

RESOLVED that the presently outstanding payment due under the agreement between MCC and MDT be paid. Any further payments considered in the usual way when requisite information received from MDT.

459.12 St Peter's Church Newton, Application for Grant

Request for a grant in respect of CCTV and PRI Lighting System for Church grounds at an estimated cost of £10,476 (out of which £7,580 is for equipment and materials).

As well as the security lights, it is proposed that there be 6 CCTV cameras, a 9 channel digital recorder and two flat screen monitors. The Church electricity system would not be able to power this proposed modern security system so a complimentary new electricity installation would have to be installed.

RESOLVED that due to the shortage of time before the MCC 2010/11 budget has to be agreed the Clerk contact the Vicar and request a further and reduced estimate be obtained.

460.12 Request for a Grant from Victim Support

In the SA3 post code are i.e. Bishopston, Blackpill, Caswell, Clyne, Languard, Oystermouth, Southgate, South Gower, West Cross, between October 2008 and November 2009 thirty-nine victims of crime were referred to and offered support. These do not include those supported under the victim support witness scheme.

RECOMMEND that a grant of £50.00 be made.

461.12 Children's and Young Person Overview Board C&CS Questionnaire

RECOMMEND that a copy be supplied to each Council member and anyone who wishing to take part should return it to the Clerk by mid December to be sent to C&CS.

462.12 Mayals Primary School Request for Grant

Request for grant towards a new reading scheme costing £5289.05. School has already paid £2220.05. Balance outstanding of £3,069 made up of £1,488 for FP & KS1 books and £1,581 for KS2 books.

RECOMMEND that a grant for FP and KS1 books being £1,488 be made.

463.12 Mumbles Jazz and Blues Festival

Request that MCC upgrade its power supply (control and distribution panel not available) to provide additional power and cables. These would then be hired by the Festival from MCC.

As no one has every asked for the use of this facility, as it is at present sufficient for MCC purposes, as an upgrade could cause problems with the electricity board, as the capital outlay would be between £500 and £1000 and this cost may not be recovered

RECOMMEND that MCC refuse the request.

464.12 Mumbles Old Age Welfare Association

Request for a grant to refurbish their premises, situated at back of the Royal British Legion site. Following a site visit last year, a survey report has been obtained (cost shared jointly between Association and MCC). The estimated cost of the works suggested is £47,000. This figure excludes professional fees (10%), an asbestos survey for the roof and testing of

the electrics.

RECOMMEND that in view of the building in question, an old prefabricated structure, and the very high cost of refurbishments no grant can be made as the cost cannot be justified.

465.12 Lease of MCC Office

Draft lease now received.

RECOMMEND that a meeting be held between MCC's Solicitor, the Clerk and the Chairman of the F&GP Committee to discuss draft. A report be made to the F&GP Committee thereafter and a copy of agreed draft be available via the Clerk for any interested Councillor to read.

466.12 The following item was a recommendation made by the Finance & General Purposes Committee, which was included with the Agenda Pack, but omitted in error from the Agenda. Council therefore: -

RESOLVED to Suspend Standing Orders for discussion of the following item only.

467.12 Request for Partnership Funding C&CS

Request for Financial Support received from C&CS in respect to a grant application being submitted to 'Visit Wales' who are managing a project called 'Coastal Tourism'.

The intention is to build, at a total cost of £600,000, new toilets, office, shop, changing rooms, showers at Knab Rock. The buildings will replace the present toilets and council office and continue of the Verdi's side of the Mumbles Yacht Club Boat Houses. The slipway would also be upgraded.

The showers/changing rooms it is suggested could be managed by the MYC for water sports uses so providing better club facilities (visitors having daily/weekly club membership to use the facilities.

As part of the grant application C&CS wish for MCC participation in the sum of £10,000 as part match funding and also local partnership/involvement.

The key objectives 'are to preserve and enhance the character of the village, to secure the improvement of tourism and recreation facilities, to reduce traffic congestion and protect and enhance the coastline and natural environment.'

RECOMMEND that a grant of £10,000 be made upon the conditions that:-

- (a) MCC's support and involvement be acknowledged in particular on or in the new buildings
- (b) MCC to be informed of all developments, at all time and in relation to all matters, regularly
- (c) MCC to be involved in the proposed design of the buildings and the use to which they are put
- (d) MCC to be a full partner in the project with C&CS, Mumbles Yacht Club and any other organisations participating in the project financially or in any other way.

Invoices Approved						
	Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net	VAT	Gross
468.12	2222	Wales Air Ambulance	Grant	£20.00		£20.00
469.12	2223	Mencap Cymru	Grant	£200.00		£200.00
470.12	2224	Treasure	Rent	£1,437.50		£1,437.50
471.12	2225	Treasure	Electricity	£195.52	£29.36	£225.08
472.12	2226	Lewis News	Newspaper	£21.60		£21.60
473.12	2227	Earth Science Partnership	Drainage Survey	£318.75		£318.75
474.12	2228	Steve Heydon	Salary	£916.55		£916.55
475.12	2229	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NO	£297.05		£297.05
476.12	2230	Afan Landscapes	Christmas Tree	£1,000.00	£150.00	£1,150.00
477.12	2231	Mazars	Audit Fee	£550.00	£82.50	£632.50
478.12	2232	SLCC	Clerk's Society Fees	£135.00		£135.00
479.12	2233	The Gower Society	Membership Fee	£15.00		£15.00
480.12	2234	Bluefin Insurance Services	Grant to Top Shops Association	£155.00		£155.00
481.12	2235	Trevor Lewis Signs	Banner by Christmas Tree	£65.00	£9.75	£74.75
482.12	2236	City & County of Swansea	Hanging Baskets	£400.00	£60.00	£460.00
483.12	2237	CT Mumbles	Newsletter	£270.00		£270.00
484.12	Bank Balances		Current Account			£14,923.04
			Deposit Account			£20,320.80

Meeting ended at 7.55pm