



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

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

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

180.09 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.

Cllrs Colburn, Jones & Beach re 2007.09 as members of the Royal British Legion, Mumbles & South Gower Branch

181.09 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11 August 2009

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 11 August 2009 be accepted as a correct record.

Clerk's Report

- 182.09** Clerk reported back on his discussions with Planning regarding the 10-month occupancy rule. They have now changed this to allow 12 month occupancy as long as the applicant confirms that the property is for short term holiday letting only and keeps a register of occupants which he submits annually to the Planning Department.
- 183.09** Letter, received on the afternoon of the meeting, from Grange Primary School thanking MCC for a grant was read to Council.
- 184.09** The letters listing was circulated – It was pointed out that the Invitation to the Chairman from Mumbles Rangers was only received a few days before the event was due to be held.

Chairman's Report

- 185.09** The Chairman advised Councillors that he had received a letter from Cllr Wilkinson resigning due to ill health. Chairman praised Cllr Wilkinson for all the hard work and

commitment he had shown in his Council duties.

AGREED that a letter thanking Cllr Wilkinson be sent to him.

- 186.09** Chairman reported that he had attended on the invitation of Mumbles Rangers Boys and Girls /Club the re-opening of the Billy Johns Changing Rooms in Underhill Park. He had received a large number of comments thanking MCC for the grant.
- 187.09** Chairman congratulated the Clerk's daughter – Elinor Heydon – on winning the Burnham on Sea Junior Open Tennis Tournament.
- 188.09** Chairman confirmed he would be making the presentations at the Honour of Mumbles Evening (due to be held the following night).
- 189.09** Cllr P.Jones joined the meeting.

Annual Newsletter 2009

190.09 Royal Mail Freepost Response Service

RESOLVED that MCC obtain an annual licence, for an initial period of a year, at a cost of £76.70 for the licence plus £45 deposit for any post using our FREEPOST address. Handwritten envelopes will be delivered second class post and cost MCC 27.5p. Pre-printed envelopes/response cards can be either first class at 38.5p per item or second class at 28.5p per item.

191.09 Community Plan Questionnaire

RESOLVED that

- (i) The Community Plan Questionnaire text be approved
- (ii) It should be printed within the annual edition of the MCC Newsletter
- (iii) The back page of the Newsletter be a detachable card with one side being the questionnaire the other our pre-printed freepost address. This card can then be simply popped into the post.

192.09 Production, Printing & Distribution of Newsletter

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The circulated PDF proof be approved
- (ii) The MCC instruct Design Print to produce 9,000 Newsletters at a cost of £1,744
- (iii) That MCC instruct Dor2Dor to deliver to 8,100 address in the MCC area at a cost of £470
- (iv) The remainder of the Newsletters be used for the Community Plan

Planning Applications

- 193.09** Cllr Colburn withdrew from the Meeting Room.
- 194.09 Application: 2009/1120 – 114 Mumbles Road, Blackpill**
Objection: No objection to extension. Concerned about trees on boundary with have TPOs. Asked that this be referred to C&CS Tree Officer.

- 195.09 Application: 2009/0901** – 4 Caswell Road, Langland
Objection: Over intensification. Possible loss of trees. Highways concerns re extra cars.
- 196.09 Application: 2009/1169** – 13 Sarlou Close, Mumbles
Objection: Support C&CS policy on holiday accommodation
- 197.09 Application: 2009/1222** – 33 Langcliffe Park, Mumbles
Objection: Support C&CS policy on holiday accommodation
- 198.09 Application: 2009/1226** – Land at Picket Mead House, Murton Lane, Newton
Objection: Conservation area. Over intensification. Children's play area. No roadway access, across common land, Concern regarding loss of trees. Agreed to apply for a TPO on trees.
- 199.09 Application: 2009/1286** – 18 Limeslade Drive, Mumbles
Objection: Support C&CS policy on holiday accommodation
- 200.10 Application: 2009/1259** – House Managers Office, Cwrt Beaufort, Palmyra Court, West Cross.
Objection: Agree to lop and topping. Object to cutting down healthy trees.
- 201.09** All other planning applications for this period were passed as 'no objection'.

202.09 Cllr Colburn returned to the Meeting Room.

203.09 Emergency Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Procedure

Paper circulated in Agenda Pack.

RESOLVED that MCC adopt the procedure subject to the minor amendments agreed.

Highways Committee

Recommendations by the Highways Committee

204.09 Highways Issues in Mayals and Blackpill

A number of issues, which have already been raised by others, were discussed by the Committee.

RESOLVED. that:

- (i) A meeting be arranged between MCC's Highways Committee and Highways/Traffic Department of C&CS to discuss:
 - (a) Enforcement of Mayals Green as a 'No Through Road'
 - (b) Safe exit from Mumbles Bay Court
 - (c) Parking control on narrow stretch of Mayals Road
 - (d) Junction of Fairwood Road/Mayals Road
 - (e) Deliveries to the Woodman Public House
- (ii) A letter be sent to First Cymru in support diverting No 14 Bus to Owls Lodge Lane and Westport Avenue

205.09 Traffic Regulation Order for Loading Bay at Co-op Mumbles

See Cllr Colburn's full report in Highways Minutes

RESOLVED that a contribution of £250 be made towards the shortfall in the amount needed to place the advertisement in the South Wales Evening Post.

F&GP Committee

Recommendations by the F&GP Committee

206.09 Underhill Community Association (formally Underhill 2000)

Request received from the above for financial support toward cost of instructing Consulting Engineers to carry out a Hydrological and Drainage Area Study of the Park. The cost for this is £4,250 and the Association can contribute £2,000 leaving a balance of £2,250.

There is a persistent problem with flooding of Underhill Park following heavy rainfall causing increasing problems for those using the park for Rugby, Soccer, Cricket etc.

Following the initial report there would be a possible further report on Assessment of the engineering solutions to moderate the flooding impact at a cost of £3,500.

The Association has contacted C&CS Swansea for possible funding.

It is considered that the Consulted should be instructed as soon as possible to comply with the conditions attached to their quotation and also as this matter is becoming increasingly urgent.

RESOLVED that a grant of £2,250 be made towards the Consultants initial fee of £4,250 and that the Consultants Earth Science Partnership of Cardiff be instructed by MCC to enable the VAT element of £637.50 to be reclaimed.

(This will mean in the first instant MCC will pay a grant of £2,250 plus VAT of £637.50 on the total charge of £4,250 making a total of £2887.50.)

207.09 Mumbles & South Gower Branch of Royal British Legion

When MCC had to move items out of store in the Ticket Office at Oystermouth Square at short notice (where it had been stored free of charge) it was moved in transport hired by the above branch.

The items are now stored in the RBL stores off Queens Road and include Navy Days goods and the Christmas Lights. It is possible for the records of MCC now stored in the Clerk's abode to be also stored in the same facility.

MCC have been invited to RBL to pay £100 being its share of the transport costs (more MCC items moved than RBL) and to enter into an agreement to share the stores at a cost of £20 per week payable quarterly. A draft agreement will be sent to MCC for consideration and will run from the date MCC started using the store, 6 May 2009, for a term of one year.

RESOLVED that

- (i) A cheque for £100 transport cost be sent to RBL branch forthwith
- (ii) A suitable agreement be concluded with RBL for the use of the store at a cost of £20 per week payable quarterly.
- (iii) The rental for the period 6 May 2009 – 5 August 2009 of £260 be paid upon the signing of the agreement
- (iv) Suitable insurance be affected upon the goods stored.

Invoices Approved						
	Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net	VAT	Gross
208.09	2175	Steve Heydon	Salary			£916.55
209.09	2176	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax			£259.24
210.09	2177	Royal Mail	Freepost Licence			£121.70
211.09	2178	Lewis News	Evening Post			£12.00
212.09	2179	Judith Porch	Honour of Mumbles Certificates			£90.00
213.09	2180	Paul Bastin & Associates	Survey of Dunns Hall	£475.00	£71.25	£546.25
214.09	2181	City & County of Swansea	Floral Baskets	£2,978.00	£446.70	£3,424.70
215.09	2182	Community Times	May Edition Inserts			£90.00
216.09	2183	Royal British Legion	Storage Used			£360.00
217.09	2184	Steve Heydon	Reimbursement of Credit Card Payment for McAfee Internet Security			£24.44
218.09	2185	B&I Communications	Repair of Broadband Router			£35.00
219.09	2186	Fire Safety Direct	Fire safety inspection	£24.00	£3.60	£27.60
220.09	2187	Lyn Llewellyn	Internal Audit			£350.00

IT & Publications Committee

Recommendations by the IT & Publications Committee

221.09 Community Radio for Mumbles

A detailed discussion with Clive Saddington established that the overall cost to set this up would be £15/20,000 with the running costs being in the region of £100,000 a year.

RESOLVED that MCC take no further action.

222.09 External Hard Drive

RESOLVED that to improve usage and storage of photographs MCC purchase an external hard drive for the second PC at a cost of no more than £90.00.

Development Committee

Recommendations by the Development Committee

223.09

Permanent Christmas Tree at Ostreme Centre

A large amount of work has been undertaken on this project: to ascertain a suitable type of tree for this site; to get support from the Ostreme Association; to ensure planting will

not interfere with cables from the Western Power and Distribution sub-station. (See previous Development Committee minutes). Three quotes for a Serbian Spruce Christmas Tree have been obtained.

RESOLVED that, subject to final permission for the owners of the site being given, the tree be purchased from and planted by Afan Landscapes Ltd. It will be in root ball form and be approximately 4 metres in height and will cost £780.

224.09 Chairman thanked Cllr Tyler-Lloyd for all her hard work and enthusiasm regarding this project.

Meeting Closed at 8:14