

**MINUTES** of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 11 March 2008 at 7:00pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

**PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED**

**74.3.08 Present:** Chairman: Councillor R. Beynon  
Vice-Chairman: Councillor B. Arthur  
Councillors: A. Colburn, C. McNeff, O. Rees, P. Skinner,  
V. Bevan, L. Tyler-Lloyd, R. Wilkinson, M. Butt, L. Langstone,  
L. Pritchard, J. Beach & M. Jones  
**75.03 Apologies** Councillors: E. Hughes, M. Phillips, P. Swinnerton & V. Duncan  
**76.03 No apology**

**77.03 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL ON 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007.**

**78.03 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12 February 2008**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 8 January 2008 be accepted as a correct record subject to:

- (a) **35.02** addition of the following: “ (b) Cllr Butt was present at the meeting
- (b) **40.02 (ii)** Cllr Arthur did not attend.

**Clerk’s Report**

**79.03** Clerk reported that he had received a large number of complaints regarding the traffic lights on the Newton Road, Langland Road and Limekiln Road junction.

**RESOLVED** to arrange a site visit.

**80.03** Councillors were reminded that they must sign the new Code of Conduct Declaration.

**81.03** Two invitations have been received (i) to the Vintage Car Fayre (ii) to Meeting of 50+ Project Team

**82.03** Cllr Pritchard has produced a detailed report on the Ambition is Critical Workshop which is available to Councillors.

**Chairman’s Report**

**83.03** Chairman reported that he had attended the following:

- A Tour of new LC facilities with other MCC Councillors.

- Mumbles Twinning Association. Fund raiser and hosting deputation from Hennebont at Mansion House. Cllr. Beach & Cllr Wilkinson also present.
- Mumbles Tourist Association. Presentation of prizes to winners of designs for banners for new street lighting standards on theme of 200-year anniversary of Mumbles Railway. Gloucester Room, Guildhall. Cllrs. Arthur and Pritchard also present.
- Town and Community Council Forum, Civic Centre. Cllr Colburn also present.

**84.03** The Chairman was unable to attend the following event because of a prior engagement in Cardiff:

- Rotary Club St David Days concert at All Saints Church

**85.03** Due to a family Funeral, the Chairman will be unable to attend the following event, the Vice Chairman will attend in his place:

- The official opening of the revamped Civic Centre

**86.03** The Chairman raised the question of how we mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mumbles Community Council (MCC).

**RESOLVED** that a committee comprising of Cllrs Pritchard, Jones & Bevan be set up.

**87.03 Invitation to Mumbles Development Trust Meeting**

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The Chairman represent MCC at the meeting
- (ii) A pamphlet be produced for distribution

### **Planning Applications**

**88.03 Application: 2008/0234** – 56 Fairwood Road, West Cross  
**Objection** Over intensification. Out of keeping. Visual impact on nearby properties.

**89.03 Application: 2008/0311** – 45 Woodville Road, Mumbles  
**Objection** Over intensification. Out of keeping with existing properties. Number of letters received from neighbours objecting..

**90.03 Application: 2008/0343** – 9 Sarlou Close, Mumbles  
**Objection** Whilst we are sympathetic to the applicant's position, we must support 10-month policy on occupation.

**91.03 Application: 2008/0398** – 19 Lady Housty Avenue, Newton  
**Objection** Over intensification. Visual aspect of existing dwellings. Removal of porch not mentioned.

**92.03 Application: 2008/0438** – 100 Newton Road, Mumbles  
**Objection** This is more like a dwelling! Visual impact on locality. Size is twice that of the footprint.

**93.03 Application: 2008/0187** – Land adjacent to 2 Shearwater Close, West Cross  
**Objection** Out of keeping with existing properties and building line. Visual aspect to both roads.

**94.03 Application: 2008/0354** – 16 Druslyn Road, West Cross  
Objection This appears to be a new house rather than an extension. Imbalance and impact on 14 Druslyn Road and Bellvue Road properties.

**95.03** All other planning applications for this period were passed as ‘no objection’.

**Recommendations by the Development Committee**

**96.03 Hanging Baskets on Lamp Posts**

**RESOVLED** that (as last year) we order 19 baskets at a cost of £807.82.

**97.03 War Memorial Proposal**

A proposal to seek the names of any fallen during 1918-39 was discussed.

A named vote was called for:

Those for the motion: Cllrs Butt, Wilkinson, McNeff, Beach & Langstone

Those against the motion: Cllrs Pritchard, Tyler-Lloyd, Jones, Bevan & Rees

Abstentions: Cllrs Arthur & Colburn

Cllr Beynon (Chairman) made a casting vote in favour of the resolution. Therefore it was: -

**RESOLVED** that the war memorial sub-committee be re-convened to investigate whether anyone from Mumbles serving in the armed forces lost their life between the two world wars.

**98.03 Area around War Memorial**

The RNLI statue is in need of cleaning and the base of the statue and the blue bins in the area are dirty.

**RESOLVED** that:

(i) MCC instruct the monumental mason to clean the statue at an estimated cost of £150.

(ii) We ask C&CS to clean the surrounding area thoroughly.

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

**99.03 Royal British Legion Club Site**

Enquiry from Mrs Norris Wedlake as to the ownership of land and right of way at former Royal British Legion Club Site.

**RESOLVED** that letter be sent to her informing her that the land in question is owned by the developer and that the prescriptive right of way will remain open.

**100.03 Safer Swansea**

Letter received enclosing draft for consultation dated 12 February 2008. Received 13 February 2008. Reply required by 5pm 25 February 2008, i.e. within 10 working days.

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent stating that such short notice is unreasonable and unacceptable.

### **101.03 Complaint Against C&CS**

Email received in response to our letters of 24 October 2007 and 7 November 2007 regarding closing times of Langland Bay Car Park. They state that the agreed time of closing was 8.30pm whereas at the Public Meeting the time agreed was 10pm.

It was decided at the last MCC meeting to make a complaint to the Ombudsman regarding the delay of the Chief Executive dealing with our complaint about the delay in the Council answering our letters (if we had not had a response by 4 February 2008). No reply was received save for the email sent at 5pm on 12 February 2008 from the Traffic Management Group.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The Clerk provide a schedule of letters showing delays in answering MCC's correspondence
- (ii) The Committee discuss this matter further at its next meeting with a view to a delegation having a meeting with the Chief Executive of C&CS to discuss this ongoing problem.

### **102.03 Camadee Properties Ltd**

Letter of complaint at the delay in MCC dealing via the District Valuer with the matter of the rent review.

**RESOLVED** that a reply be sent pointing out the delay was not due to the District Valuer but those of Camadee Property Ltd Advisors.

### **103.03 Mumbles: A Plastic Bag Free Centre**

Letter received from Ms Amanda Hall asking if MCC had considered making Mumbles a "Plastic Bag Free Centre".

**RECOMMEND** that we reply giving this idea our moral support.

### **104.03 Mumbles WVS Joan Club**

Request for grant to purchase an amplifier to be used by guest speakers at meetings. 45 Club members aged from 75 to 95, many hard of hearing. Cost £109.99.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £109.99 be made (MCC to buy the amplifier).

### **105.03 Oystermouth Primary School**

Letter asking if it would be MCC's responsibility to erect requested crash barrier on the corner of the yard adjacent to new crossings on Newton Road and Limekiln Road to guard the new adventure playground in the school yard.

**RESOLVED** that reply to effect that it is the responsibility of C&CS not MCC.

**106.03 Visits to the Office**

Of late two organisations i.e. MDT and Mumbles TIC have visited the Clerk to make verbal requests for MCC involvement with their organisations.

**RESOLVED** that both organisations be requested in future to put any requests in writing.

**107.03 Friends of the Earth**

Want letter written to local MPs regarding the Climate Change Bill.

**RESOLVED** that this matter be noted and that the letter and accompanying guide letter be held by the Clerk for perusal by any interested Councillor.

**108.03 Hennebont Visit**

Cllr Colburn summarised the draft schedule. MCC to provide dinner for civic guests on Wednesday 16 April 2008.

**RESOLVED** that the Bristol Channel Yacht Club is booked for this event.

**Invoices Approved**

<b>109.03</b>	Carlton Hotel	Navy Days Dinner for Historical Divers	£28.60
<b>110.03</b>	Treasure	Rent	£1,437.50
<b>111.03</b>	Expenses Steve Heydon	To recover credit card payment for Virus Protection Software	£49.99
<b>112.03</b>	Phillips Services (Wales) Ltd	Christmas Tree	£2,244.25
<b>113.03</b>	Phillips Services (Wales) Ltd	Install New Lighting to Newton Road	£8,483.50
<b>114.03</b>	<b>Bank Balances</b>		
		Current Account	£5,009.63
		Deposit Account	£83,799.61

**Recommendations by the Highways Committee**

**115.03 Decorative Lighting on New Lamp Standards on Mumbles Road**

**RESOLVED** that:

- (I) Costings be obtained for suitable lights and their installation
- (II) Estimates be obtained for installation of Lights
- (III) Upon receipt of (i) and (ii) a letter be sent to all the relevant businesses to enquire their interest in sponsoring a light or lights and also a banner or banners.

**116.03 Mumbles T.I.C. Schools Competition**

A recommendation that “a letter be sent to the TIC diplomatically expressing our surprise that they did not include MCC in any way in the above” was defeated.

**RESOLVED** that T.I.C. be reminded that MCC are responsible for who puts up banners and where they are put.

### **117.03 Invoices to the Shops for Christmas Lights**

The electricity costs for premises for the new lights is minimal.

**RESOLVED** that each shop be charged a standard fee of £25 per annum to cover electricity and maintenance. (Double fronted premises would be charged £50.)

### **118.03 New Lights for the Tree in Southend Gardens**

Estimate received in the sum of £2,800 from Phillips Electrical. They advise that white (rather than coloured) LED lights would look best.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Instructions for the work to be carried out given ASAP
- (ii) Coloured lights be used.

### **119.03 Langland Bay Car Parks – Closing Times**

C&CS have replied (12 February 2008) to MCC's letter of 24 October 2007 stating that the agreed closing time was 8.30pm.

**RECOMMEND** that MCC reply stating that at the public meeting to discuss the closing time, 10pm was agreed.

### **120.03 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Slade Road**

Proposal to place a pelican crossing in Slade Road. Although MCC received the notice on 13 February 2008 (Closing date for objections 3 March 2008) the first relevant committee meeting to discuss the matter was not until 27 February 2008.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) A letter be written to C&CS explaining that this notice of 14 working days is not reasonable, that MCC only meet once a month and that the notice was received between the dates of the meetings.

### **121.03 Decorative Lighting over shops in Alderwood Road**

It was proposed that the lights take down in Newton Road be used. Contractor advised that it would be better, due to running costs, to use L.E.D lights. Estimate of cost £1.898 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED** that in view of the cost and the fact that due to strongly illuminated signs over the majority of the shops the small LED lights would not be seen the proposal not be proceeded with.

### **122.03 Lighting Promenade Mumbles to Blackpill**

Motor bikes driving without lights or helmets at night along this section of promenade

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) Matter be reported to the police
- (ii) MCC enquire of C&CS when lighting will be installed on this section.

## **Recommendations by the I.T. & Publications Committee**

### **123.03 Anti-Virus Software**

New computer for use by the Clerk has been purchased, which needs 'anti-virus' software.

**RESOLVED** that MCC purchase 'Virus- protection' software at a cost of up to £100.

### **124.03 Business Cards for Councillors**

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) MCC purchase Business/Visiting cards for Councillors at approx. £13 per Cllr.
- (ii) The printing to be delayed until after May AGM.

### **125.03 Website Compliance to Disability Discrimination Act**

**RESOLVED** approval for our Design Consultant to "improve accessibility for the visually impaired" at a cost of £750 as required by DDA.

### **126.03 Press & Publicity**

The recommendation that "Clerk purchase a daily copy of the Evening Post to check for "MCC Press releases" and other useful information regarding items appertaining to Mumbles and the Community Council" was voted on and defeated.

**Meeting Closed at 8.45pm.**