



MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 12 August 2008 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

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

297.08 Apologies Councillors:

298.08 No Apologies Councillors: P. Swinnerton

299.08 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 Jane Griffiths – Planning Application 2008/1544

300.08 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Brian Arthur was the only Councillor nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman and was therefore duly appointed Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the year.

301.08 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8 July 2008

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 8 July 2008 be accepted as a correct record

Clerk's Report

302.08 Letter received from C&CS regarding Vacancies on Community/Town Councils Standards Sub-Committee. Cllrs Colburn and Pritchard asked that their names go forward.

Chairman's Report

303.08 Has represented the Council this month at (i) Hanging of the Banners Event and at the Underhill 2000 Meeting.

304.08 Received an invitation to a Oystermouth Music Society Concert.

Report on the Audit for the 2006/2007 Financial Year

305.08 A written report was circulated to all members.
Cllr Colburn (Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee), who wrote the report with the Clerk, went through each item.

RESOLVED to

- (i) Approve the Report.
- (ii) Re- Appoint Mr Noel Blows as Internal Auditor.

Planning Applications

306.08 Cllr Colburn withdrew from the Meeting Room.

307.08 **Application: 2008/1487** – Marespool Cottage, 129A Plunch Lane, Mumbles
Objection: Construction is more like a house. Visual impact on area.

308.08 **Application: 2008/1508** – 10 Park Avenue, Mumbles
Objection: Over intensification. Out of keeping with existing dwellings.

309.08 **Application: 2008/1513**– 9 Park Avenue, Mumbles
Objection: Over intensification. Out of keeping with existing dwellings.

310.08 **Application: 2008/1466** – 16 Druslyn Road, West Cross
Objection: Over intensification. Out of keeping with existing dwellings. Difficult access.

311.08 **Application: 2008/1555** – Land adjacent to Westwinds, Langland
Over intensification in Conservation Area. Plus numerous others as per our letter re previous planning application.

312.08 **Application: 2008/1391** – 8 Sarlou Close, Mumbles
Objection: Support C&CS policy on 12 month occupancy.

Application: 2008/1523 – 45 Castle Rad, Mumbles, Mumbles
Objection: Out of keeping with area. This will set precedence. Concerns over Highways conditions.

Application: 2008/1544– Cafe Valance, Newton, Mumbles
Objection: Support neighbours. Over intensification. Out of keeping with existing dwellings to rear. Concern over parking. Extra noise affecting residents.

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

314.08 Cllr Colburn returned to the Meeting Room.

Cllr Cooper joined meeting.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Recommendations by the Finance & General Purposes Committee

315.08 Mumbles Old Peoples Association

Request for grant to carry out repairs to Association Hall. Estimated Cost: - £7,256 for roof and £9,570 for floor, both plus VAT. A site visit has taken place. Copy deeds and accounts received. Bank statements received showing a total balance of £6,850-11. Further estimates for cost of works will be required.

RESOLVED that before the matter can be further considered a report of the building be obtained by a Chartered Building Surveyor the cost of which be met 50/50 by MCC and the Association. The choice of surveyor to be by agreement between the parties.

316.08 Mumbles Fashion Week 2008

This request for financial assistance towards the cost of advertising has been considered at three consecutive meetings. The matter having been previously put back so that further information could be obtained. Ticket sales and raffle money will be donated to The South West Wales Cancer Aid Society.

RESOLVED that as the fashion week is predominately a commercial endeavor a contribution of £100 be made direct to the charity.

317.08 National Training Programme for community and Town Councils

Cost £25 per Councillor attending. Six modules (i.e. £25 per Councillor per module). Modules: The Council, The Councillor, The Council as an Employer, Understanding the Law, Council Meetings, Understanding Local Government Finance. There will be a limit of 20 Councillors in total per module

RESOLVED that the matter of whether or not MCC pay for the fees, numbers to attend etc, be further considered when the following information is to hand: (i) Location of Meetings; (ii) Names and Qualifications/Experience of the Speakers.

318.08 Welsh Ambulance Service

Request for financial support for a 'first responder' scheme in Mumbles. The amount required is £1,000. There are already 14 Volunteers after the first meeting – Coastguards, Firemen, A medical student, Police Officers etc. Volunteers will receive specialist training and then, via the Ambulance Control Centre, respond to potentially life threatening emergencies. The volunteer teams (two on duty at a time) are equipped with a range of equipment that includes oxygen and a defibrillator. The cost of the kit £1600. The British Heart Foundation will contribute £600 towards the cost. (Supplies used at the emergency e.g. oxygen will be replaced from the ambulance upon its arrival so that the kit is always fully stocked.)

RESOLVED that a grant of £1,000 be made payable via the Ambulance Service and if possible MCC's logo be placed on the equipment case or cases.

319.08 Proposed Cleaning Partnership

Under MCCs financial regulations the financial aspect of this proposal has to be

considered by the F&GP Committee and reported upon to Council. The amount in question is £12,500 (£12,000 for MCC's contribution to the cleaning cost and a one payment of £500 maximum for advertising the partnership on the C&CS equipment).

MCC Highways Budget for Street Cleaning - £4,000 (Balance of £8,500). Savings identified from budget by the F&GP Committee, including on the new office and election expenses - £6,589 (Balance of £1,911).

REPORT that should MCC decide to enter into the proposed partnership the balance required to make up the total cost of the project for one year, being £1,911 could be met from MCC contingency reserve.

RESOLVED that the Report be accepted.

320.08 Other Correspondence

(i) **City & County of Swansea** - Pamphlet "All about Parish and Town Councils". The information related to England and not Wales. Produced by NALC which in Wales has been superceded by One Voice Wales

(ii) **Local Government Partnership Scheme Report 2006/07**

RESOLVED that these be noted and available via Clerk for interested Councillors to examine.

321.08	Cllr Skinner left the meeting.				
	Invoices Approved		£	£	£
	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
322.08	Phillips Services (Wales) Ltd	Hanging of Banners	430.00	75.25	505.25
323.08	Treasure	Invoice for Rent			1437.50
324.08	D. Cottle	Typing Navy Days Report			12.00
325.08	Bank Balances	Current Account			10,038.04
		Deposit Account			63,282.20

I.T. & Publications Committee

Recommendations by the I.T. & Publications Committee

326.08 Supply of Business/Visiting cards to Councillors

IT & Publications Committee have now considered possible layout and costs. Samples are available for inspection.

RESOLVED that each Cllr. provide details to be printed. That is style of name, e.g. Cllr. Mrs. Christian name, email address, home address and 'phone number?

327.08 MCC Website & Disability Access

This is now in hand with GMID. (Our Design Consultant).

RESOLVED that a meeting with GMID, Clerk, J. Beach and J. Cooper be held to evaluate the current web site layout, hosting, promotion etc.

328.08 Minutes And Update Of The Council Section Of The MCC Web Site

RESOLVED that the Clerk, Cllrs Beach and Cooper meet to find a solution.

Navy Days Committee

Report of the Navy Days Committee

329.08	RESOLVED that MCC should: (i) Donate £1,000 to the St John Ambulance (ii) Donate £150 to the ATC
330.08	RESOLVED that Navy Days should take place over the Whitsun Weekend next year.

Policy Committee

Report of the Policy Committee

331.08	RESOLVED that Mr John Roberts be co-opted as a Councillor for West Cross.
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Development Committee

Recommendations by the Development Committee

332.08 Planters and Baskets

Cllr. Wilson has made a list of and the position of the 20 hanging baskets sponsored by M.C.C.

RESOLVED that instead of paying for winter planting of these baskets more summer baskets should be ordered for next year.

333.08 Registration of land at West Cross as a Village Green

Mr. Rory Hutchings from John Collins & Partners has written to state that there have been no objections to the registration of the land as a village green. He has suggested a meeting to consider the next step.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Beynon, the Clerk and Cllr. Tyler-Lloyd confer on this matter.

Community Plan Committee

Recommendations by the Community Plan Committee

334.08 Matters of Concern

Three matters of concern have been identified:

- (i) The derelict state of nos. 730 and 732 Mumbles Road
- (ii) The continuing closure of part of Clifton Terrace to motor vehicles
- (iii) The state of the Famous Bear

RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to C&CS expressing the concern of MCC at their state and requesting an up-date on the situation together with a date for the completion of the necessary works.

Meeting Closed at 8.03pm