

MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 12 February 2008 at 7:00pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET CONFIRMED

- 31.2.08 Present:** Chairman: Councillor R. Beynon
Vice-Chairman: Councillor B. Arthur
Councillors: A. Colburn, L. Tyler-Lloyd, R. Wilkinson, M. Butt,
L. Pritchard, E. Hughes, J. Beach, M. Jones & M. Phillips
- 32.02 Apologies** Councillors: C. McNeff, O. Rees, P. Skinner, V. Bevan,
P. Swinnerton & V. Duncan
- 33.02 No apology** Councillor: L. Langstone
- 33.02 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL ON 13th NOVEMBER 2007.**
- 34.02 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8 January 2008**
- RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 8 January 2008 be accepted as a correct record subject to:
- (a) **16.01.08** 'Casewell' corrected to 'Caswell'
- 35.02 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22 January 2008**
- RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 22 January 2008 be accepted as a correct record subject to
- (a) **S.6.08** Remove 'of'
- Clerk's Report**
- 36.02** Cllr Skinner's wife had called to say that he was ill and in hospital.
- RESOLVED** to send Cllr Skinner a Get Well Soon Card.
- 37.02** An Invitation to tour the Leisure Centre has been received.
- RESOLVED** to try to arrange visit on the morning of either the 20th or 21st of February.
- 38.02** Two invitations have been received from Mumbles Tourist Information Centre. The first to their AGM on Wednesday 27 February 2008 at 2.30 pm at Mumbles Methodist Church. The second to the School Arts Banner Competition Exhibition and Presentation Evening. The event is to be held in the Gloucester Room at the Guildhall on Thursday, February 28th. The Exhibition is open from 4pm and the presentation of prizes is at 7pm.

RESOLVED that all those wishing to attend the Presentation of Prizes contact the Clerk.

- 39.02** *The Voice* – the magazine of One Voice Wales has published an edited version of an article by Cllr Rees on the War Memorial.

Chairman's Report

- 40.02** Chairman reported that he had attended the following:

- (i) Site meeting with Carl Humphries from City & County of Swansea (C&CS) to discuss pavement-widening scheme. (Also attend by Cllr Colburn and the Clerk.)
- (ii) Meeting with Mr Hixson from Mumbles Rugby Club to discuss plaque and publicity for Mumbles Community Council (MCC) grant. (Also attended by Clls Colburn and Arthur.)
- (iii) Site meeting with Jonathan Hurley from C&CS to view sites of new lamp standards. (Also attended by Cllrs Colburn, Arthur and Tyler-Lloyd.)

- 41.02** The Vice-Chairman reported that he attended on behalf of the Council and social evening hosted by the Mumbles and Gower Branch of the Royal British Legion. He said that he had been extremely well looked after and had been presented with a plaque from the Legion as a token of thanks for all the work MCC had done on both the old and new war memorials.

RESOLVED that MCC write to the Chairman of the Mumbles and Gower Branch of the Royal British Legion thanking them for their hospitality and the plaque.

- 42.02** Cllr Arthur also reported that he had attended a meeting run by the South Wales Police Authority. Various leaflets have been lodged with the Clerk and are available to Councillors on request.

Planning Applications

- 43.02** **Application: 2008/0078** – 152 Mumbles Road, Blackpill
Objection New access not approved or applied for?

- 44.02** **Application: 2008/0071** – 192 Mayals Road, Mayals
Objection Out of Keeping with existing dwellings and Building line.

- 45.02** **Application: 2008/0091** – 54 Llangland Bay Road, Llangland
Objection Out of keeping with Conservation Area and visual aspect.

- 46.02** All other planning applications for this period were passed as 'no objection'.

I.T. & Publications Committee

Recommendations by the I.T. & Publications Committee

47.02 Mumbles Newsletter

Editorial copy is required for the Newsletter to be published in the March edition of CT Mumbles magazine.

RESOLVED that Chairman of Committees send articles etc to Cllr Beach by 17 February 2008.

48.02 Website – Renewal of Ordnance Survey Maps Licence

RESOLVED that

- (i) MCC instruct GMID (Website Consultants) to renew the licence at a cost of £95.00
- (ii) A copy of the licence be requested from GMID.

Development Committee

Recommendations by the Development Committee

49.02 Litter Bin

Litterbin needed on the Mumbles Road at the West Cross bus stop. Also bin needs replacing outside Johnsons Cleaners in Newton Road.

RESOLVED that

- (i) We ask C&CS to put litterbins in these locations.

50.02 New Seats

Seats needed at Fairwood Park and Glen Road

RESOLVED that

- (i) Two Gladstone Seats be purchased at a cost of £775 each
- (ii) C&CS be asked to install them and a site meeting be arranged to discuss exact position

51.02 Seats in Need of Repair

A number of seats needing repair have been noted.

AGREED that details of any seats that need repairing are given to the Clerk before the next meeting.

52.02 Seats Along Promenade – Poor Workmanship

MCC paid for these seats to be repainted only a year ago. They are in a poor state. MCC has already reported this to C&CS.

RESOLVED that a further letter be sent to C&CS.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

53.02 Zurich Insurance Renewal

The Chairman (of F&GP) and Clerk to clarify some points with Zurich.

RESOLVED that premium be paid forthwith.

54.02 Swansea's New Community Strategy

Meeting to be held at Liberty Stadium on 29 February 2008 to (i) Find out what's happening with partnerships and the Local Service Boards Proposals (ii) Help shape the new Community Strategy (iii) Network and share ideas (iv) Help delivery projects to make a difference.

RESOLVED that Cllrs McNeff, Beynon, Arthur, Pritchard and Colburn to attend. Any Councillor wishing to attend should inform Clerk ASAP.

55.02 Request for Grant from Ostreme Theatre Players – Pantomime

Request for grant of £75 so that on one night of the production they can provide "an interpreter for our deaf audience"

RESOLVED that a grant of £75 be made.

56.02 Twinning

Statement in Twinning Association Minutes regarding Swansea Twinning with Pau. It is not clear as to meaning of statement regarding MCC.

RESOLVED that the meeting, postponed by Twinning Association late last year, between themselves and the F&GP sub committee be reconvened so that this matter can be clarified.

57.02 Community Boundaries

Mrs Edwina Hart AM has written to MCC regarding the review of boundaries.

RESOLVED that Clerk obtain necessary information so that, as MCC has done in the past, an application can be made that the Mayals ward, which now forms part of Swansea West constituency be incorporated into Gower constituency.

58.02 Safer Swansea Strategy Consultation Event

To be held on Tuesday 19 February 2008 at 1.30pm in the Lord Mayor's Reception Room, Guildhall.

RESOLVED that Cllr Arthur represent MCC.

59.02 Mumbles Electrics

Invoices received. Christmas Tree - £2,244.25 and New Lighting £8,483.50.

RESOLVED that a meeting be held with the firm and representatives of F&GP and Highways Committee to discuss changes and problems that have arisen from New Lighting.

60.02 Other Correspondence

RESOLVED that the following correspondence be noted and available to Councillors

via the Hon. Clerk:

- **Community Plan Update for 2007** - Details received in pamphlet form.
- **Draft Regional Technical Statement Aggregates Working Party** - No reference to sand dredging off Gower. (We support Gower Society.)
- **Community Facilities and Activities Programme** - Letter received from Mrs Edwina Hart AM, enclosing letter from Leighton Andrews AM Deputy Minister for Regeneration regarding grant programme. This does not directly affect MCC. Cllr Pritchard prepare article for MCC website for the benefit of voluntary organisations in Mumbles.

61.02 MCC Accounts 2006/2007

The Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee advised Council that he and the internal auditor had checked the accounts and that he recommended Council approve them.

RESOLVED that the Accounts for 2006/2007 be approved.

62.02 Annual Governance Statement

The Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee read out the clauses of the Annual Governance Statement (which forms part of the Audit). After discussion on each point it was:

RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

Invoices Approved

6302	Dell	New Computer	£795.77
64.02	Staples	Stationary	£48.42
65.02	Zurich Insurance	Insurance Renewal	£816.16
66.02	C&CS	Floral Baskets	£807.82
67.02	GMID	Website maintenance	£111.63
68.02	Cllr Beynon	Expenses (recover money spent on key cutting for new office door undertaken when Clerk on holiday)	£37.50

69.02 Bank Balances

Current Account	£10,328.96
Deposit Account	£83,614.64

Highways Committee

Recommendations by the Highways Committee

70.02 Co-op Lorries causing Damage in Walters Crescent

Letters received from Mr Alan Williams & Prof Probert re Lorries delivering to Co-op. This is a matter for City & County of Swansea (C&CS). Further Mr Williams has been repeatedly told over many years that Mumbles Community Council (MCC) has no powers to take any action. He has been advised what action he should take, MCC have done all it can to help including meetings with the Co-op. Further, MCC have already written a letter to said Council in support of complaint.

RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

71.02 Seafront Sign Pointing to Castle

Letter received from Clive Hooper requesting a sign be placed on the sea front pointing to the Castle.

RESOLVED that we write to him pointing out he make his request to C&CS.

72.02 Letter of Complaint to Chief Executive of C&CS

No reply has been received to our letter of complaint about lack of response to our letters regarding the opening hours of Langland Bay Car Park and Fence Height/Land at junction of St Peters Road/Caswell Road.

RESOLVED that as no response had been received by 4 February 2008 (Date Clerk returns from Holiday) a complaint be forwarded to the Complaints Commissioner on all counts.

73.02 Dangerous Post in Castle Road

No reply has been received to our letters regarding this.

RESOLVED that a letter of complaint be sent to the Chief Executive.