



MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 8 April 2008 at 7:00pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

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

130.04 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.

131.04 Position Regarding Elections

Cllr Beynon outlined the current position regarding the Elections to the Community Council. Mayals is the only seat with more candidates than councillors and therefore the election will be contested. Three members will need to be co-opted (after 1 May 2008).

The Chairman thanked all the Councillors that are standing down at this election for all the hard work they have put into Mumbles Community Council.

Cllr Phillips thanked Councillors for their support and prayers for her daughter and family.

132.04 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11 March 2008

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 11 March 2008 be accepted as a correct record.

Clerk's Report

133.04 A new code of Conduct had been received from City & County of Swansea. All sections are mandatory.

RESOLVED to: -

- (i) Adopt the new code of conduct
- (ii) Refer it to F&GP Committee for possible additions to the code.

- 134.04** The next meeting of Council will be the AGM. Nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman and motions for the meeting should be submitted at least 14 days before the AGM. Nominations forms are available from the Clerk.
- 135.04** Clerk reminded Councillors that they need to sign the new Declaration regarding the code of conduct by 1 May 2008 or they will cease to be councillors.
- 136.04** A reply to our invitation Hennebont Councillors has been received. Unfortunately, due to elections, no-one was able to accept our invitation.

Chairman's Report

- 137.04**
- I was unable to attend the opening of the revamped Civic Centre (formerly County Hall) on 18 March 2008 due to a family funeral. The Vice Chairman attended in my place.
 - I attended the committee meeting of Mumbles Development Trust on 1 April 2008 accompanied by Cllr. Colburn.
 - I attended a meeting with Mr Allan Lloyd regarding the leasing of the new office on 2 April 2008, Cllrs. Arthur and Colburn were also present. (See **138.04**).

Report on New Office

- 138.04** A written report of the meeting with Camadee Properties was submitted. Outstanding issues are:-
- (i) Confirmation that Building Regulations have been received
 - (ii) the DDA Access Audit Report
 - (iii) Recommendations from the District Valuer.

Planning Applications

- 139.04** Cllr Arthur thanked Cllr Phillips for all her help over the years with planning and for mentoring him.
- 140.04** **Application: 2008/0499** – 126 Glen Road, West Cross
Objection Over intensification. Out of keeping. Visual impact on nearby properties.
- 141.04** **Application: 2008/0604** – 5 Glengower Close, Mumbles
Objection Concern over the number of trees to be felled. Concern over instability over bank with loss of trees. Impact the loss of trees will have on local habitat. The imbalance the loss of trees will cause.
- 142.04** **Application: 2008/0597** – Land adjoining Lady Housty House, Murton Lane, Swansea
Objection Impact on wildlife with destruction of hedges. Visual impact of new house in an open area.
- 143.04** **Application: 2008/0615 – Llangland Court Hotel, Llangland**
Objection Over intensification. Out of keeping. The look of the proposed 'block'.
- 144.04** **All other planning applications for this period were passed as 'no objection'.**

Finance & General Purposes Committee

145.04 One Voice Wales (OVW)

The renewal of MCC membership at a cost of £1,939 was discussed. As the agreement with NALC to give local advice was reaching its end and a local i.e. Welsh firm of solicitors would be employed in its place there seemed little point in MCC continuing its membership. MCC could obtain any required advice independently

RESOLVED that: -

- (I) MCC renew its membership for the next year 08/09
- (II) MCC consider the position again in 12 months time.
- (III) A letter on these lines be sent to OVW.

146.04 SCOPE (formally Spastics Society)

Request that MCC carry out house-to-house collection.

RESOLVED that a grant of £50 be made.

147.04 Alzheimers Society

Request for grant.

RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be made.

148.04 Oystermouth Music Society

Request for grant.

RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be made.

149.04 One Voice Wales

Pamphlets regarding forthcoming election.

RESOLVED that these be noted. Copies available for anyone interested.

150.04 Friends of the Earth

Update on position in Relation to Climate Change Bill

RESOLVED that this be noted.

151.04 Welsh School

C&CS request name of proposed Governor.

RESOLVED that C&CS be informed that name will be forthcoming after MCC AGM.

152.04 Citizens Advice Bureau

Request for grant towards fitting out of new office.

RESOLVED that this is a matter for C&CS and that no grant be made.

153.04 Bridge Club

Request for advice on Business Rate.

RESOLVED that club be advised to contact C&CS Tax Department.

154.04 Swansea Building Society

Information recommending Savings Account for Community Councils.

RESOLVED that RFO investigate and refer to committee and that a letter be written to One Voice Wales stating that MCC do not consider it appropriate for the Chief Executive to endorse the proposal.

155.04 Welsh Assembly: Fire & Rescue Services Report

RESOLVED that this be noted.

156.04 Village Greens – Response to Article in Evening Post

Strong feelings were expressed at the committee meeting and had been expressed to committee members by other MCC Councillors over the gross inaccuracy in the report.

Cllr Colburn said that if anything in the article caused offence or annoyance to any Councillor he very much regretted it and that personally he apologised if any such offence.

Cllr Beynon thanked Cllr Colburn for his generous apology and that he hoped that the Councillors concerned would take on board the general views of the meeting.

Invoices Approved

157.04	City & County of Swansea	2 nd Installment for Street Lighting Scheme	£8,000.00
158.04	City & County of Swansea	Navy Days Leaflet	£299.00
159.04	Mazars Solicitors	External Audit Fees	£646.25
160.04	Phillips Services (Wales) Ltd	Removal of Festive Lighting Mumbles Road	£719.10
161.04	City & County of Swansea	Rates	£1,165.00
162.04	GMID	Renewals of domain etc	£69.39
163.04	Express Copier Services Ltd	Photocopying	£40.20
164.04	Community Times Mumbles	Newsletter	£380.00
165.04	Bank Balances	Current Account	£23,799.01
		Deposit Account	£50,000.00

Highways Committee

166.04 Pavement Widening Scheme

RESOLVED that 2 signs at £50 per sign be commissioned from C&CS for display at site of works: "These works were instigated and funded by Mumbles Community Council."

167.04 New Lamp-posts

RESOLVED that on each fourth lamp-post a small sign indicating MCC financial (some 36%) contribution subject to a maximum cost of £300.

168.04 Lights On Tree Southend Gardens

We have been informed that coloured lights come in single strings per colour but mixed strings are available at extra cost.

RESOLVED that cost of mixed strings be obtained.

169.04 Letter Canon Arthur Howells

Letter asking MCC to re-surface Grange Lane, which forms part of a shortcut from West Cross Estate to Mumbles Road. Cllrs Colburn and Wilkinson have inspected lane. Surface appears to require minimal repair in only a few places. The only work really needed is sweeping and a small amount of undergrowth cutting. In any event, this is a matter for C&CS and not MCC.

RESOLVED that MCC write to C&CS regarding the above write to Cannon Howells advising him of MCC's actions and that C&CS are the relevant Highways Authority.

170.04 Liliput Lane Sign

The sign at its junction with Grange Lane has been uprooted (to some extent).

RESOLVED that Clerk refer the matter to C&CS as soon as possible.

171.04 Upper Newton Road

Road works not yet completed although poor state of road was reported to C&CS some time ago.

RESOLVED that Clerk to chase ASAP.

I.T. & Publications Committee

172.04 Mumbles Guide

RESOLVED that we approach the Western Mail to see if they are interested in producing a guide for 2008.

Meeting ended at 8.05pm.