



MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 9 September 2008 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

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

336.09 Apologies Councillors: P. Swinnerton, G. David & J. Roberts

337.09 No Apologies Councillors:

338.09 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.

Cllr Griffiths – Planning Application 2008/1727 – Immediate Neighbour

Cllr Wilson – Planning Application 2008/1775 – Mill Gardens Resident

Cllr Colburn – xxx- Member of C&CS (Personal Interest only).

Cllrs Beynon, Arthur, Skinner, Jones, Pritchard, Mitchell, Wilson, Bevan, Tyler-Lloyd, Hughes, Beach, Wilkinson, Cooper & Griffiths – Planning Application 2008/1743 – Personal Interest by Association..

339.09 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12 August 2008

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 12 August 2008 be accepted as a correct record

Clerk's Report

340.09 Letter received from District Valuer informing MCC of latest position regarding negotiations. Passed to F&GP.

341.09 Request to speak at the next meeting of Council received from local residents committee opposing the plans for the proposed redevelopment of the old Royal British Legion site.

RESOLVED that they be invited to speak in the 15 minutes before the next meeting starts.

- 342.09** Vacancies on Community/Town Council Standards Sub-Committee –Cllrs Colburn and Pritchard put themselves forward at the August meeting of Council. There are 7 applicants for 3 vacancies and therefore the applicants will be interviewed for the positions.

Chairman's Report

- 343.09** Has represented the Council at Oystermouth Music Society's 10th Anniversary Concert.
- 344.09** Chairman was not invited to Raft Race.

RESOLVED that a letter querying this omission be sent to organisers.

Accounts & Audit for the 2007/2008 Financial Year

- 345.09** Internal Auditor's Report had been received. Mr Noel Blows has (i) Audited the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2008. (ii) Has agreed that all sections of the Internal Audit had been met. (He has produced a report indicating a number of areas for improvement. As previously, this will be considered alongside any comments by the External Auditor, and a full report made to Council by the Chairman of F&GP and the Clerk.) (iii) Indicated that he has spent in excess of 27 hours undertaking the internal audit.
- 346.09** **RESOLVED** that the Accounts be approved.
- 347.09** **RESOLVED** that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.
- 348.09** **RESOLVED** that the F&GP Committee should buy a present up to the value of £50 to thank Mr Blows for his hard work.

Planning Applications

- 349.09** Cllr Colburn withdrew from the Meeting Room.
- 350.09** **Application: 2008/1687** – 15 Sherbourne Walk, Blackpill
Objection: No mention of Lampost No.5 on pavement. Impact on dark area and residents' access to Oaklands Court. Impact on House No.5. Narrowing of Highway would impact on public service vehicle access for Route 37 used as a turning circle. Concern regarding buildings close to the site which are missing from applicants prints and give false impression of layout.
- 351.09** **Application: 2008/1466** – 16 Druslyn Road, West Cross
Objection: Over intensification. Out of keeping with existing dwellings. Difficult access.
- 352.09** **Application: 2008/1618**– 30 Langcliffe Park, Limeslade
Objection: This may set a precedent for these properties. Out of keeping with the area.
- 353.09** Cllr Griffiths left the meeting.
- 354.09** **Application: 2008/1727**– Cafe Valance, Newton, Mumbles
Objection: Impact on residents of Castle Street.
- 355.09** Cllr Griffiths returned to the meeting.

- 356.09** Cllr Hughes left the meeting during the discussion regarding planning application 2008/1743.
- 357.09** Cllr Wilson left the meeting.
- 358.09** **Application: 2008/1775** – Mill Lane, Blackpill
Objection: Concerns regarding change of river course. Loss of public parking spaces. Possible increase in traffic black spot at junction of Mumbles Road and Derwyn Fawr Road.
- 359.09** Cllr Wilson returned to the meeting.
- 360.09** All other planning applications for this period were passed as ‘no objection’.
- 361.09** Cllr Colburn returned to the Meeting Room.

Highways Committee

Recommendations by the Highways Committee

362.09 **Street Cleaning Proposals**

A motion was put forward by the Highways Committee that “the agreement between MCC and SCC be postponed and reviewed in the new year 2009”.

A named vote was called for:

Those for the motion were: Cllrs Mitchell, Colburn, Wilkinson, Jones & Tyler-Lloyd

Those against the motion were: Cllrs Pritchard, Skinner, Wilson, Arthur, Cooper, Beach, Griffiths, Hughes, Bevan & Beynon.

The motion was therefore defeated.

I.T. & Publications Committee

Recommendations by the I.T. & Publications Committee

363.09 **Supply of Computer Paper and Ink**

For I.T. committee members also for those Cllrs who use their PCs to download minutes etc. Now the new Cllrs have been co-opted.

RESOLVED that MCC issue 1 small cartridge of Black ink and 1 ream of paper per year to those Councillors when required

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364.09 **Supply of Business/Visiting Cards to Councillors**

We have now considered possible layout and costs.

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? Cllrs to complete form with details.

Policy Committee

365.09 25th Anniversary Celebrations

RESOLVED that

- (i) Adams Restaurant be the venue
- (ii) Former Chairman of Council, together with former Clerk, John Pickard, be invited to the meal. Cost of meal to be met by those invited.
- (iii) To include £2 in the cost of each meal to meet the service charge.

366.09 Street Cleaning Agreement

RESOLVED that

- (i) Cllrs Beynon and Colburn to sign the agreement on behalf of the Council
- (ii) Contract will have a start date of 6 October 2008
- (iii) Clerk to act as the link with C&CS. Cllr Coordinator to assist Clerk.
- (iv) Cllr Beynon be appointed Cllr Coordinator.
- (v) Protocol to be drafted by Cllr Beynon and a Policy Meeting to be held to discuss his draft.

Development Committee

Recommendations by the Development Committee

367.09 Seats

RESOLVED that the Clerk send a letter to the C&CS asking for the repair to the seats at West Cross Shops and Newton Road.

368.09 BINS

Councillor Wilson has made a survey of the bins in Mumbles and has reported that the bin behind Somerfield is falling into rusty decay. Others are in good repair but dirty.

RESOLVED that MCC write and ask C&CS to replace this bin.

369.09 Rubbish Collection

Councillor Cooper expressed concern about the rubbish that accumulates at Langland and Caswell.

RESOLVED that a letter should be sent to C&CS requesting the schedule of cleaning and bin collection and also suggesting that the bin capacity should be increased for these tourist beaches.

370.09 Toilets

These will be inspected.

RESOLVED that a letter should go to C&CS asking for cleaning schedule to be increased during holiday periods.

Community Plan Committee

Recommendations by the Community Plan Committee

371.09 Cleaner Mumbles Campaign

Discussed extending the original concept to include (for the long term) the public toilets, the beaches & beach cafes and the removal of redundant street furniture. Mention was also made of rusting signs & poles and of the need to repaint many items - all of which contribute to the general air of grime and decay.

The consensus of the meeting was that the scheme was worth pursuing, concentrating, at first, with a poster for food outlets in every ward and a letter to business proprietors. The scheme should involve the whole community including the schools.

It appears to be feasible to produce both laminated (A4) posters and letters in house. With the cooperation of ward councillors, letters could be delivered by hand thus saving on postage.

RESOLVED that: -

1. That MCC should approve, in principle, the Cleaner Mumbles Campaign
2. That MCC should authorise the allocation of up to £200 from the reserves for the Campaign
3. The campaign should come under the control of the Highways Committee.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Recommendations by the Finance & General Purposes Committee

372.09 Request for Grant from Tom Lynch

Tom Lynch from Mumbles wants to raise £2,500 for a gap year giving aid in Zambia.

RECOMMEND that a letter be sent to Mr Lynch explaining that under the terms of the Local Government Act we are unable to make grants to individuals.

373.09 Request for a Memorial Bench

Request from Mr Mark Kingston asking for information as to how he can sponsor and select a location for a memorial bench in memory of his grandmother who after a lifetime living in Mumbles died aged 96 years

RECOMMEND that information be sent to Mr Kingston (this is a matter for C&CS and not MCC).

374.09 Request for Grant from Charity called Children with Leukaemia

Request for grant from this registered charity based in London and set up in 1988 by Eddie and Jean O’Gorman in memory of their children Jean and Paul who both died of Leukemia. The charity was inaugurated by Diana Princess of Wales.

RECOMMEND that a letter be written requesting copy of their audited accounts and asking whether the Charity has any direct connection with Mumbles.

375.09 One Voice Wales AGM

Conference will be held at Pontrhydfendigaid on Saturday October 11th 2008. Cost to be £70 per head.

RECOMMEND that a decision be made as to whether to send a delegate or delegates when it is known to what propositions are to be place before the AGM (as we did last year).

376.09 Welsh Air Ambulance

Request for grant. All monies generated by the Welsh Air Ambulance come through donations from public, membership of the in house lottery, legacies and from retail shops. There is no government or lottery funding. The charity has to upgrade its helicopters by 2009 due to civil aviation legislation.

There are three Air Ambulances covering Wales (with almost 3 million people living in Wales) and the Service will have to raise £4million a year to continue to operate.

To date Wales Air Ambulance has airlifted 9,000 patients to Hospital at an average cost of £1,000 per callout.

RECOMMEND that a grant of £1,000 be made to Welsh Air Ambulance.

377.09 Letter for Clive Hopper DEA

Mr Hopper has written offering at £100 per day to man an advice stall at Oystermouth Library or Ostreme Hall to give advice on energy efficiency.

RECOMMEND that this offer be declined.

378.09 Post Office

Notification that West Cross Branch at 13 Alderwood Road is moving next door to 10-12 Alderwood Road.

RECOMMEND that this be noted.

	Invoices Approved		£	£	£
	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
379.09	Mumbles Methodist Church	Navy Days Hall Hire			200.00
380.09	Treasure	Electricity	81.77	14.31	96.08
381.09	Bank Balances	Current Account			10,865.86
		Deposit Account			96,282.20
Meeting Closed at 8.56 pm					