

**MINUTES** of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 11 August 2015 in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles

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Chairman: Councillor H. Mitchell  
Councillors: B. Arthur, J. Beach, A. Colburn, M. Colburn,  
D. Dorsett, T. Duffy, P. Erasmus, M. Griffiths, M. Jones,  
G. Kaminaris, E. Morgan, J. Twining, & P. Whittaker

Apologies: Councillor: P. Birch, T. Scales & L. Tyler-Lloyd

No Apologies: Councillor: J. Cooper

**301.08 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL ON 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008**

**Cllr M. Colburn** - personal interest in respect of planning application 2015/1395 as she knows the applicant

**Cllr J. Beach** – personal interest in item 315.08 as he is a member of the Bowls Club.

**302.08 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 14 July 2015**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 14 July 2015 be accepted as a correct record of the meeting save for 249.07 which should read 'monthly' not 'annual'.

**Clerk's Report**

**303.08** The letters listing was circulated.

**Chairman's Report**

**304.08** The Chairman reported that she had only attended one event since the last meeting which was the launch, on Thursday, 30 July, of the Marvellous Mumbles Weekend. She told councillors that "It was a very pleasant evening and, thankfully, for all who attended, the sun shone on us".

**305.08** The Chairman reported that she had not received any invitations yet for the following month, although sometimes invitations come at fairly short notice

**AGREED** that permission be given to accept invitations, should they arise, in-between Monthly Meetings.

## **Planning Applications**

- 306.08** Cllr A. Colburn left the meeting room.
- 307.08** **2015/1353** – Idle Rocks, 70 Brynfield Road, Langland  
**OBJECTION** – Visual impact on surrounding properties. Concern re possible damage to mature trees and badger sets and runs in the area which could be affected by the size of the new build.
- 308.08** **2015/1345** – Land adjacent to 24 Plunch Lane, Langland  
**OBJECTION** – The outbuilding, size-wise, is out of keeping with the surrounding area.
- 309.08** **2015/1525** – 85 Castle Acre, Mumbles  
**OBJECTION** – Building in front of existing building line.
- 310.08** **2015/1486** – 6 Cambridge Gardens, Langland  
**OBJECTION** – Impact on No. 4 Cambridge Gardens by its size.
- 311.08** All other planning applications were passed as either 'Support C&CS planning/tree officer/no decision'; or 'No Objection'.
- 312.08** Cllr A. Colburn returned to the meeting room.

## **Items from the F&GP Committee**

### **313.08 New Request for grant from Newton School Parents Association**

Request for £1,000 to purchase and relay new turf in the nursery and reception playground. Cllrs Colburn & Arthur reported that following their site visit they agree with the Council report that the site is not dangerous, does not need re-turfing and that in their opinion a good raking and seeding would be sufficient.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £300 be made on completion of the work.

### **314.08 Grant request from West Cross Friendship Club**

The application for a grant towards the cost of a trip for members, formed part of Agenda Pack.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £150 towards the cost of the bus be made.

### **315.08 Mumbles Bowls Green**

Three estimates have now been received by the Clerk

1. Rewbridge - £1,050, 2. Mallard - £500 & 3. Astleys - £500

**RESOLVED** that the quote for £500 from Mallards be accepted as they are a local firm

### 316.08 Twinning Visit to Hennebont

Cllr Birch has had to pull out of the visit. Cllr Twining nominated in his place.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Twining be MCC's representative in Hennebont.

### 317.08 Grant Request from MDT for Oyster Festival

The request for a grant was withdrawn by Mumbles Development Trust.

### 318.08 Unpresented Cheques

**RESOLVED** that the following cheques be written-on:

27-Apr-12	2635	British Heart Foundation	£200.00
18-Oct-13	2859	Cllr Dorsett	£40.55
25-Mar-14	2929	Bumbles of Mumbles	£50.00
03-May-14	2940	Lewis News	£12.00

### 319.08 Grant Request Oystermouth Historical Association

Application for grant for Screen, Projector and PC.

**RESOLVED** that

- i. A grant of £150 be made to pay for the screen
- ii. MCC's projector be offered on a long-term loan

### Financial Report

<b>Invoices for Approval &amp; Bank Balances</b>						
	Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net (£)	VAT (£)	Gross (£)
<b>320.08</b>	3197	Whitestone Primary School	Grant	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
<b>321.08</b>	3198	Friends of Pennard Library	Membership	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00
<b>322.08</b>	3199	Cllr Griffiths	Expenses Claim - Travel	£63.68	£0.00	£63.68
<b>323.08</b>	3200	Apogee	Photocopying	£35.68	£7.14	£42.82
<b>324.08</b>	3201	City & County of Swansea	Hire of Castle Field	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
<b>325.08</b>	3202	Steve Heydon	Salary	£1,005.40	£0.00	£1,005.40
<b>326.08</b>	3203	Elinor Heydon	Cleaner	£43.34	£0.00	£43.34
<b>327.08</b>	3204	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI	£143.52	£0.00	£143.52
<b>328.08</b>	3205	Clive Atkins & Co Ltd	Payroll Services	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00
<b>329.08</b>	3206	Community Times Mumbles	Newsletter within	£180.00	£0.00	£180.00
<b>330.08</b>	3207	One Voice Wales	Larger Councils	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
<b>331.08</b>	3208	Seaside Office Supplies	Posters for Mumbles in	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00
<b>332.08</b>	3209	Zurich Insurance	Insurance for It's a	£62.51	£0.00	£62.51
<b>333.08</b>	3210	St John Ambulance	It's a Knockout - First Aid	£162.00	£32.40	£194.40
<b>334.08</b>	3211	Cheers Wine Merchants	It's a Knockout - Bottled	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
<b>335.08</b>	3212	Seaside Office Supplies	Postage Stamps	£110.50	£0.00	£110.50
<b>336.08</b>	3213	Seaside Office Supplies	Stationery	£78.45	£15.69	£94.14
<b>337.08</b>	3214	Cllr Anthony Colburn	Expenses	£19.98	£0.00	£19.98

<b>Account Balances</b>					
<b>338.08</b>		Current Account			£34,467.58
		Deposit Account			£45,175.25

### **Items from the Development Committee**

#### **339.08 Village Green Application at Pickets Mead**

The application, made by Mr Simon Arthur, is to be considered by the Inspector late this year.

**RESOLVED** that a Special Meeting be called once a quote has been obtained from John Collins & Partners, Solicitors to advise Council on the strength of the case for Pickets Mead being awarded village green status.

#### **340.08 Picnic Tables**

**RESOLVED** that two of the reclaimed plastic tables be purchased at a cost of £690 to replace the ones removed from the grass front alongside the West Cross Inn.

#### **341.08 Dogs Mess Campaign**

**RESOLVED** that

- i. The designer be asked to re-work the 'poo fairy' theme into a brighter, portrait-orientated design
- ii. 50 copies are printed and laminated

#### **342.08 Lifeboat Monument**

**RESOLVED** that the quote for £280 plus VAT to clean memorial be accepted and it be requested that the cleaning to be undertaken as a matter of urgency

#### **343.08 Clean & Repair of Cenotaph**

**RESOLVED** that:

- i. The quote for £250 to clean the memorial be accepted
- ii. A site visit with stone mason afterwards to discuss re-painting of letters be approved
- iii. The work be done in October so that the memorial will look its best for Remembrance Day

#### **344.08 Mumbles in Bloom**

**RESOLVED** that retrospective approval be given for the printing of the Mumbles in Bloom Poster at a cost of £40.

## **Items from the Events Committee**

### **345.08 It's a Knockout**

**RESOLVED** that the event be held again next summer in the Castle Field

**RESOLVED** that the money from the burger van and ice-cream vendor (£130) be added to the amount collected to increase the sum going to charity to £263.34. Cllr Beach made a donation to round the sum up to £265.

### **346.08 Future Events**

**RESOLVED** that

- i. A Tea Dance – with the Constellation Big Band -be held in Ostreme Hall in the autumn
- ii. An Information/Advice Day be held in the Ostreme Hall in the autumn
- iii. A St David's Day Festival be held in All Saints Church

### **347.08 Schools Competition**

**RESOLVED** that in the autumn term an 'Essay, Art & Poetry Competition' be held relating to commemorative events of 2015

### **348.08 Schools' Council Update**

**RESOLVED** that a "Mumbles' Got Talent" competition be held in Summer of 2016

## **Items from the Policy Committee**

### **349.08 Meetings with Council Officials**

**RESOLVED** that:

- i. All site visits & meetings with Council Officials to be arranged via the Clerk
- ii. Emails to be sent to relevant committee members giving a minimum of seven days notice
- iii. A minimum of two MCC councillors must attend
- iv. Site visits should stick to the matter in hand and be fact-finding only with no discussion regarding the 'politics' of the issue
- v. A note of the meeting be taken and sent to the Clerk. The Clerk will in turn send it to those with whom the visit was held, asking them to confirm that an accurate record of the meeting has been made.

### **350.08 Social Media**

In view of inserts by councillors on Social Media site 'Streetlife' :-

**RESOLVED** that

- i. Clerk registers on 'Streetlife'
- ii. Clerk ONLY to respond on behalf of MCC issues raised on the site.

### **351.08 Process of Obtaining Estimates / Invoices / Receipts**

**RESOLVED** that

- i. All estimates must be obtained by the Clerk
- ii. All invoices / receipts must be directed to the Clerk

### **352.08 Training Procedures**

**RESOLVED** that all training responsibilities/arrangements remain with Cllr Erasmus to deal with in conjunction with the Clerk.

### **353.08 Meetings / Involvement with 'Outside Bodies'**

It was discussed that a meeting between MCC and other associations be held.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Chairman have a formal meeting with representatives of 'Outside Bodies'

### **354.08 Public Speaking at Full Council Meetings**

The following proposal to amend standing orders had been tabled by Cllrs Erasmus & Dorsett at the last meeting of council, where, under standing order 71, it had stood adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

The proposal was that the public be allocated 15 minutes to speak, at every full council meeting. During this time, they can address the council on any subject which is within the council's remit

**RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the Clerk to write a report for Council.

### **355.08 Exclusion of the Public & Press**

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

### **356.08 Report from the Personnel Committee**

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation contained in the report.

**Meeting closed at 8.35**