

MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 12 August 2014 in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles

THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

299.08.14 Chairman: Councillor H. Mitchell
Councillors: B. Arthur, J. Beach, P. Birch, A. Colburn, J. Cooper, D. Dorsett, P. Erasmus, G. Kaminaris, E. Morgan, L. Tyler-Lloyd & P. Whittaker

Apologies: Councillor: T. Duffy, M. Griffiths, M Jones & T. Scales
No Apologies: N/A

300.08 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

Cllrs Arthur, Beach & Mitchell declared a personal interest in planning application 2014/0943 as applicant a former community councillor and therefore known by association

Cllr Arthur declared a personal interest in planning application 2014/1029 as the applicant was a former work colleague

Cllr Cooper declared a personal interest in planning application 2014/1052 as he lives two houses away

301.08 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8 July 2014

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 8 July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.

302.08 Cllr Tyler-Lloyd joined the meeting.

Clerk's Report

303.08 The letters listing was circulated.

Chairman's Report

304.08 The Chairman reported that she had attended the following events since the last meeting of Council:

- **25 July 2014** - a presentation award event at the Mumbles Yacht Club, presenting certificates to the NEWTS, young sailors, at the culmination of a week of activities.

- **4 August 2014** - the World War 1 Commemoration Service at All Saints Church, Oystermouth, where I was given the honour of reading a passage from the Old Testament, followed by laying a wreath, on behalf of Mumbles Community Council, at the Memorial in Southend Gardens.
- **8 August 2014** - the official opening of the Dylan Thomas Exhibition in Oriel Bach Gallery, which I was invited to attend. The Champagne and Strawberries were delicious
- **10 August 2014** - I was invited on to the Lifeboat for the duration of the Raft Race. (Took sea sickness tablets this time!) It was a very enjoyable, exciting experience, especially when we were taken, at high speed, around the bay and lighthouse. The new Tamar boat is certainly 'state of the art'.

305.08 No invitations have been received this month

Planning Applications

306.08 Cllrs Colburn & Tyler-Lloyd left the meeting room.

307.08 **2014/0930** - 168-170 Llangland Road, Swansea
OBJECTION – The impact on the residents of Clifflands Close. Overbearing on Clifflands Close. Road safety of traffic onto Llangland Road. Concern re impact on the trees.

308.08 **2014/0990** – The Cedars, Mayals Road, Mayals
OBJECTION – Loss of trees for new parking area. Character of 135 Mayals Road will change due to part demolition of existing house.

309.08 **2014/0927** – 179 Newton Road, Newton
OBJECTION – Visual impact on surrounding buildings. Out of keeping.

310.08 **2014/1078** – 97 Mayals Road
OBJECTION – Concern over the number of trees being felled in one go, but would support recommendation from C&CS Tree Officer.

311.08 **2014/1016** – Picket Mead, The Mead, Newton
OBJECTION – Alteration spoils the character of Picket Mead House.

312.08 **2014/1053** – 6 Church Park, Mumbles
OBJECTION – Objection to the felling of a healthy and mature tree to provide parking space.

313.08 **2014/1100** – 4 Rossers Field
OBJECTION – Height of garage.

314.08 All other planning applications were passed as either 'Support C&CS planning/tree officer/no decision'; or 'No Objection'.

315.08 Declarations of Interest - 8 July 2014 Meeting

It appears there was some confusion regarding who had declared an interest in planning item 2014/0816. The applicant was former community councillor Miles Thomas and some councillors assumed that they had declared a personal interest (by way of association) under a 'block' declaration, which was not the case.

Cllrs Cooper, Dorsett, Erasmus, Kaminaris and Morgan confirmed that they had thought they had declared a personal interest and they have now completed the disclosure of interests form.

316.08 Cllrs Colburn & Tyler-Lloyd returned to the meeting room.

317.08 Coastal Communities Grant Application

RESOLVED that:

- i. Any questions/concerns be sent to Clerk, who will forward them onto the working group for a response.
- ii. A special meeting of Council be held not less than 10 days before the application closing date.

318.08 Proposed Closure of West Cross Day Centre in Fairwood Road

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to C&CS querying the position regarding the possible closure of the Centre.

319.08 Appointment of Cleaner

RESOLVED that Ms Elinor Heydon be appointed to the position.

Items from the Community Planning Committee

320.08 Picket Mead

Following representations, it appears that the site is now being well-managed.

RESOLVED that Community Planning Committee inspect the site regularly to ensure that standards are maintained.

321.08 The Sand and Mudflats of the Intertidal Zone

The sand and mudflats of the intertidal zone that form the large SSSI from Blackpill to Oystermouth. These are important feeding grounds for many species of wading birds. Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of the construction and operation of the Tidal Lagoon may have on this area.

RESOLVED that CPC committee maintains a watching brief on possible impact on these important intertidal zones as this project develops, in the interest of the local environment and for both present and future residents

of the MCC area

Items from the Events Committee

322.08 Half Marathon

RESOLVED that the Council write to the organisers' congratulating them, offering help for next year, and requesting that details be sent early for inclusion on our events calendar

323.08 Teen Festival

RESOLVED that:

- i. the festival takes place over half term in late October. Possible activities to include: cage football, a quiz, band nights, a Junior Masterchef. Several small events to take place over a week in community venues.
- ii. that the Council write to community halls and venues to book slots well in advance

324.08 Story competition

RESOLVED that:

- i. the competition closing date be 10th October
- ii. Prizes to be awarded at a ceremony on Children's Day at the Oyster Festival.

325.08 Older Peoples` Festival

RESOLVED that we hold a similar series of events in the first two weeks of October, to include a tea dance, quiz, social evening, talks, films and tablet training

326.08 School Council and Democracy Week

RESOLVED that:

- i. we write to local primary schools to promote a School Community Council event during the week of 10th October at Mayals Primary School.
- ii. MCC governors to be encouraged to meet their school councils to prepare them. Should an MCC governor not be available then the school should appoint another governor to attend.

327.08 Children's Day at the Oyster Festival

RESOLVED that MCC sponsor Children's Day at the Oyster Festival at a cost of £1000.

328.05 Raft Race

RESOLVED that the Council gives retrospective approval to hire a carousel as last year and for Councillors to act as collectors.

Items from the Development Committee

329.08 Amenities: Visirail – Alderwood Road

Removal of rusty yellow and black bollards agreed in last year's budget and work agreed but not yet undertaken.

RESOLVED that MCC ask C&CS to replace the rusty bollards with a Visirail at a cost of £1,800

330.08 Floral Displays

MCC pay for trough floral displays at West Cross top shops and West Cross bottom shops and query raised why no displays at the area by Joe's Ice Cream parlour and Nat West Bank on Mumbles Road, and also no displays on the light stands. It appears that the area discussed is the private property of the individual shops, and an email has been sent to the City and County of Swansea querying why no displays on those particular light stands.

RESOLVED that individual property owners be approached to request if they would allow MCC floral displays on their property from May to September to enhance the local area.

331.08 Tennis Courts/Basketball Court

Usage of existing tennis courts on Mumbles Road discussed. Request to change end court to basketball/netball court.

RECOMMEND that the Clerk contact City and County of Swansea to ascertain usage figures/data.

332.08 Cllr Tyler-Lloyd left the meeting

Items from the Highways Committee

333.08 St Peter's Church, Newton – Double Yellow Lines, to reach an agreement.

A site visit took place on Tuesday, 15 July 2014 between C&CS-Alan Ferris and MCC-Cllrs. Mitchell, Arthur, Birch and A. Colburn. A number of the residents, affected by this problem, were also present and voiced their strong opinions. Whereas C&CS agree to MCC's original proposals, Cllr. Miles Thomas, C&CS Ward Member for Newton, is not in favour of the original scheme, and appears not to be 'listening' to the residents.

RESOLVED that:

- i. MCC write to Cllr Miles Thomas, C&CS, stating that he should take into consideration the strong views of the local residents, and agree with the original proposals.
- ii. MCC write to C&CS, Highways, stating that MCC unanimously agree with the original proposals, which were discussed at a site visit in 2011, and paid for the work and enclosing a copy of the letter sent to Cllr Miles Thomas.

334.08 Various Parking Problems

Various parking problems occurring across Oystermouth are being reported to MCC.

RESOLVED that MCC invite Steve Sherriff, C&CS, to meet with committee members, at the Council Office to discuss the parking problems and to ascertain the legal authority afforded to the enforcement officers. Photos, depicting the problems to be sent to Mr Sherriff before the meeting.

Items from the IT & Publications Committee

335.08 Social Media Campaign

AGREED that Cllr Whittaker to send link to Facebook page for comments.

Financial Report

336.08 External Audit

Council received and considered the external audit report and agreed that a transcription error be corrected.

RESOLVED to approve the Annual Return

337.08 Quarterly Accounts

Clerk apologised for the delay in sending these out. They will be circulated with the minutes of the August meeting.

Invoices for Approval & Bank Balances

	Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net (£)	VAT (£)	Gross (£)
338.08	2982	Charterbrook Signs	Removal of posts	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00
339.08	2983	City & County of Swansea	Floral Decorations	£4,425.41	£885.08	£5,310.49
340.08	DD	British Telecom	Internet Services	£88.85	£17.77	£106.62
341.08	2984	Bristol Channel Yacht	Twinning Meal	£128.40	£0.00	£128.40
342.08	2985	VOID CHEQUE		0 £0.00	£0.00	£0.00
343.08	2986	Yacht Club Catering	Twinning Meal	£719.40	£0.00	£719.40
344.08	2987	All Saints Church	Grant	£8,000.00	£0.00	£8,000.00
345.08	2988	Mumbles Rugby Football	Grant	£6,000.00	£0.00	£6,000.00

346.08	2989	Steve Heydon	Clerk- Salary	£994.64	£0.00	£994.64
347.08	2990	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & National	£154.28	£0.00	£154.28
348.08	2991	City & County of Swansea	Printing	£65.00	£13.00	£78.00
349.08	2992	Seaside Office Supplies	Postage	£122.40	£0.00	£122.40
350.08	2993	Seaside Office Supplies	Stationary	£208.59	£41.72	£250.31
351.08	2994	Clive Atkins & Co Ltd	Preparation of Payroll	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00
352.08	2995	Apogee Corp	Photocopying	£38.12	£7.62	£45.74
353.08	2996	Lewis News	South Wales Evening	£39.50	£0.00	£39.50
354.08		Current Account				£22,905.99
		Deposit Account				£45,155.61

355.08 Additional Representative on Ostreme Committee

PROPOSED that an additional representative on the Ostreme Committee be appointed.

Proposed by: Cllr Pam Erasmus
 Seconded by: Cllr John Cooper

RESOLVED to discuss at the September Meeting of Council

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm