



MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 13 July 2010 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles

THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

250.07. Present:
10 Chairman: Councillor B. Arthur
Councillors: J. Beach, V. Bevan, R. Beynon, P. Birch, A. Colburn, J. Cooper, J. Buckland Davies, J. Griffiths, M. Jones, P. Jones, H. Mitchell & P. Skinner

251.07 Apologies Councillors: A. Hinton, L. Pritchard, P. Swinnerton & L. Tyler-Lloyd

252.07 No Apologies Councillor:

253.07 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 B. Arthur, J. Beach, V. Bevan, R. Beynon, P. Birch, J. Cooper, J. Buckland Davies, M. Jones, P. Jones, H. Mitchell & P. Skinner –
Planning Application 2010/0904 – Personal Interest by Association.

Cllr J. Griffiths – Planning Application 2010/0904 personal and prejudicial interest as owner.

Cllr H. Mitchell – Planning Applications 2010/0784 & 2010/0952 – as neighbour.

Cllr P. Birch – Planning Application 2010/0073

254.07 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8 June 2010

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 8 June 2010 be accepted as a correct record.

Clerk's Report

255.07 Letter from Ostreme Community Association regarding the Christmas Tree was circulated to all Councillors.

256.07 The letters listing was circulated.

Chairman's Report

- 257.07** The Chairman advised Council that he had attended the following events:
- Lord Mayor's Inauguration on 14 May 2010
 - Reception on HMS Montrose on 25 May 2010
 - Official Launch of Navy Days at the Bristol Channel Yacht Club on 28 May 20
- 258.07** Two invitations have been received
- Lord Mayor's Civic Service
 - Opening of the Newton Church Hall

Planning Applications

- 259.07** Cllr Colburn withdrew from the Meeting Room.
- 260.07** Cllr Griffiths left the room during the discussion of planning application 2010/0904.
- 261.07** **2010/0784**– 10A Upper Church Park, Mumbles
Objection – Change of use from residential to business
- 262.07** **2010/0923**– 6 Langland Road (former Langland Manor Nursing Home) Langland
Objection – We have concern regarding the access in/out of site into a busy road. In addition we are concerned over the drainage, the lack of car parking spaces and the visual aspect from Underhill Park (overpowering) We also think that it is out of keeping the character of the area.
- 263.07** **2010/0975** Brynfield Manor Nursing Home, Brynfield Road, Langland
Objection – Conservation Area. Concern for trees. Concern over extra strains on drains. Not enough parking on site. Would be over intensive.
- 26407** **2010/0577** – Land adjoining 28 Summerland Lane, Newton
Objection – Over intensification. Small area. Narrow Laneway.
- 265.07** All other planning applications for this period were passed as 'no objection'.
- 266.07** Cllr Colburn returned to the Meeting Room.

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Recommendations by the Community Planning Committee

267.07 **Community Plan: Distribution List**

Please note attached document.

RESOLVED that the distribution list be approved.

268.07 **Retrospective Approval of Chairman's Expenses to Attend a Meeting of the Shoreline Management Plan Forum 3 November 2009**

Notice of the above Shoreline Management Forum was given to F&GP, whereas the previous correspondence regarding the Shoreline Management Plan had been given to the Community Planning Committee. F&GP discussed the matter and decided not to send a representative (F&GP Minutes 29 October 2009). The Chairman of the Community Planning Committee thought that his committee would want a representative to go, so he attended the meeting and sought retrospective approval. This was given by the Committee on 17 November 2009 (see minutes).

Upon issue of the Council Agenda for December 2009, the Clerk was asked to obtain advice from One Voice Wales (OVW) as to whether the item could be discussed without suspending standing orders. The advice received from OVW was that it could not be discussed for six months without suspending standing orders. OVW now advise that the matter can be discussed again. Community Planning Committee therefore:-

PROPOSED that Cllr Cooper's expenses for attending the Shoreline Management Forum on 4 November 2009, at a cost of £30, be paid.

A vote was taken and this proposal was defeated.

F&GP COMMITTEE

Recommendations by the F&GP Committee

269.07 Underhill Park – Assessment of Flooding Conditions

Extra Reports are needed for both our co-funders and key individuals in City & County of Swansea from whom we are looking for additional funding.

Four quotes for producing these were obtained:

1. Earth Sciences - £50.00 each
2. Design Print - £19.91 each
3. Design Print (B&W) - £9.92 each
4. In House (B&W) - £4.50

Because the documents were needed urgently for applying for extra funding F&GP Committee agreed Design Print be immediately instructed to produce 12 colour copies at a cost of £239.00.

RESOLVED that retrospective approval be given to this action.

270.07 NSPCC/Childline - Request for Financial Support

RESOLVED that we write to NSPCC/Childline advising them that we have recently made a donation and cannot make another one so soon after the last.

271.07 Gower AONB - Management Plan Review

RESOLVED that this be noted with copies available to interested Councillors from the Clerk.

272.07 Mumbles Cricket Club – Request for Financial Support

Letter received from Cricket Club asking for confirmation that they have completed their loan repayments and advising that they are in the process of applying for planning. As soon as they have this and quotations for the works, they will be writing to us applying for a loan.

RESOLVED that MCC write to cricket club confirming loan has now been repaid and advising cricket club that we need the application by October 2010.

273.07 Fire Rescue Authority - Draft Annual Action Plan

RESOLVED that this be noted and available from the Clerk

274.07 Aquarius – Showband – Summer Shows – Request for Support for Events and Promotion

RECOMMEND that this event be publicised via the website.

275.07 Tenovus – Request for Financial Support

Tenovus is a Welsh cancer charity.

RESOLVED that further information about the work done in the Mumbles Community Council area be obtained.

276.07 Mumbles Development Trust (MDT) – Grant

Information in order to pay the final tranche of grant received late on the day before the meeting.

RESOLVED that the final tranche be paid.

277.07 A Guidance to Code of Conduct

RESOLVED that this be noted and available from the Clerk

278.07 The Great Tour – Wednesday 25 August 2010

Some 40 cyclists will arrive in Mumbles between 4 and 5pm. They ask that we publicise the event and suggest a meeting place.

RESOLVED that we write to organisers enclosing map of Mumbles, suggesting that Knab Rock is the best meeting place (on part owned by City & County of Swansea), and advising them that we will be using our website to publicise the event.

279.07 Complaints Wales Consultation – Ombudsman’s Proposals for a Common Complaints System for Public Service Providers in Wales

RESOLVED that this be available from Clerk and that any comments on this procedure are collated and forwarded by the Clerk

280.07 Permanent Closing of Thistleboon Road – Request for Financial Support

This road has been used as a dangerous rat run for some time. Highways Committee having discussed their recent meeting voted to support it.

RESOLVED that MCC pay for the works subject to a maximum amount of £5,000.

281.07 Mumbles Library – Request for Financial Support for Hand Sterilisation Facilities in Computer Area

RESOLVED that no offer of financial support be made.

Financial Report						
Invoices Approved						
Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net	VAT	Gross	
2317	Mumbles Methodist Church	Navy Days	£ 275.00		£ 275.00	
2318	CT Mumbles	Newsletter	£270.00		£270.00	
2319	Rees Sound Systems	Navy Days	£1,216.00	£212.80	£1,428.80	
2320	Mumbles Framing Co.	Twinning	£28.75		£28.75	
2321	VOID	***	£0.00		£0.00	
2322	VOID	***	£0.00		£0.00	
2323	Bristol Channel Yacht Club	Twinning	£164.65		£164.65	
2324	VOID	***	£0.00		£0.00	
2325	Secure Serve	Navy Days	£1,428.00	214.20	£1,642.20	
2326	Steve Heydon	Salary	£916.88		£916.88	
2327	HM Customs & Revenue	Tax/National Insurance	£258.52		£258.52	
2328	S. Kulba (Ruby & Rosie)	Navy Days	£600.00		£600.00	
2329	Yacht Club Catering	Twinning	£157.95		£157.95	
Cash	Cllr Brian Arthur	Expenses - Twinning	£82.60		£82.60	
2330	Spatial Tech (UK) Ltd	Parish Online	£190.00	33.25	£223.25	
2331	Lewis News	Evening Post	£31.20		£31.20	
2332	Equanet	Computer	£924.40	161.76	£161.76	
2333	City & County of Swansea	Cleaner	£6,000.00	1,050.00	£7,050.00	
2334	Royal Mail	Freepost	£0.28		£0.28	
2335	Clive Atkins & Co.	Payroll	£30.00	5.25	£35.25	
2336	Apogee Corp	Photocopying	£71.14	12.45	£83.59	
2337	Phillips Services (Wales) Ltd	Navy Days	£564.00	98.70	£662.70	
2338	Swansea Accordion Band	Navy Days	140.00		140.00	
247.06	Bank Balances					
		Current Account			24,501.63	
		Lighting Account			1,187.50	
		Deposit Account			16,570.61	

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Recommendations by the Development Committee

274.07 Village Greens

MCC Solicitor has now forwarded C&CS's offer (see attached letters).

The options open to MCC are (i) accept the offer (ii) take counsels' opinion of the strength of the case (approximate cost £2,000) and then decide on whether to take the case to a public enquiry (approximate cost £20,000).

Reluctantly, because of the cost likely to be incurred:

RESOLVED that MCC accept the offer.

275.07 Bulbs at Newton

Planting at the site near the seat in New Well Lane has been approved by C&CS.

RESOLVED that bulbs be planted at a cost of £75.

276.07 Discharge of Sewage Washinghouse Brook, West Cross

Please see attached letter to Reena Owen. Because of the urgency this has already been sent and therefore retrospective approval is sought from Council.

RESOLVED that approval be given.

IT & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Recommendations by the IT & Publications Committee

277.07 New Printer/Old Computer

These have been set-up and are ready to use.

RESOLVED that any councillor wishing to use these items is to be responsible for the work and not the Clerk.

278.07 Request by a Gower Community Council for Web Hosting

This will not involve any costs to MCC.

RESOLVED that MCC support this request.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Recommendations by the Policy Committee

279.07 Cleaning Contract

To discuss quote for:

- (i) Spring Clean – £48 plus £70 for carpet
- (ii) Weekly Clean £12 per week (1 hour per week)

RESOLVED that subject to satisfactory contract and schedule of works the quotes be accepted.

280.07 Key Holders

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) The spare set of keys be kept in the office keysafe with the combination known to the two signatories on the bank account.
- (ii) Because a number of ex-councillors still hold keys for the office, the lock on the inside door be changed.

281.07 Council Procedures

Please see attached document.

RESOLVED that all of the Clerk's recommendations on the report be accepted.