

MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 13 September 2011 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles

THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

351.09. Present: Chairman: Councillor L. Tyler-Lloyd
11 Councillors: B. Arthur, R. Beynon, A. Colburn, J. Cooper, J. Buckland Davies, A. Hinton, K. Jones, M. Jones, P. Jones L. Pritchard, H. Mitchell; O P. Skinner

352.09 Apologies Councillors J. Beach, V. Bevan, P. Birch, P. Erasmus & P. Swinnerton

353.09 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 Buckland Davies declared a prejudicial interest re 375.09 and left the meeting when the item was discussed.

354.09 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting on 9 August 2011

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 9 August 2011 be accepted as a correct record

Clerk's Report

355.09 The letter listing was circulated.

Chairman's Report

356.09 The Chairman has attended the following functions on behalf of the Council since the last meeting:

- i. Oystermouth Music Society Lunchtime Recital
- ii. Mumbles Raft Race
- iii. The Lord Mayor's Civic Service.

357.09 The Chairman has not received any invitations this month.

358.09 The Chairman reminded Councillors to be mindful of the code of conduct and MCC policy on speaking to the press

Planning Applications

359.09 Cllr Colburn left the meeting room.

360.09 2011/1106 Plot 14 Moorland Avenue, Newton
Objection – Lopping of three –four metres of both trees is excessive and will destroy the balance of the trees. .TPO590 – die-back can be removed.

361.09 2011/1148– Land adjacent to 17 Brynцердин Road, Newton
Objection – Over intensification. Still concern regarding existing trees.

362.09 All other planning applications for this period were passed as ‘no objection’

363.09 Cllr Colburn returned to the meeting.

36430 Tree Officer’s Report

See later item on tree poisoning

365.09 One Voice Wales Conference

Two of our motions have been accepted by One Voice Wales for their AGM.

RESOLVED that:

- i. Cllr Pritchard attend and propose the motion on carbon footprint
- ii. Cllr Cooper attend and propose the motion on Community Planning
- iii. Cllr Tyler-Lloyd attend
- iv. Clerk to ensure that a seconder is found for each motion from other community councils

366.09. Accounts & Audit 2010/11

- (i) To approve the Annual Accounts
- (ii) To consider authorising Clerk to send a copy of Section 1,2 & 4 of the Annual Return to the external auditor

POLICY COMMITTEE

Recommendations from the Policy Committee

367.09 Youth Representatives on Community Councils

The proposal from the Community Planning Committee “that Council takes steps to appoint up to two youth representatives in the manner defined under s.118 – 121 of the above Measure” was referred by Council to the Policy Committee.

RESOLVED that MCC take advice from the Monitoring Officer and once his advice is received, discuss as soon as practicable at a further meeting of the Policy Committee.

368.09 Youth Council

To improve Mumbles Community Council’s interaction with younger members of the Community it is proposed that a Youth Council be formed. This would be made up by two members from each School Council.

It is envisaged that they would agree a project amongst themselves and they two representatives would present the project to Full Council. A small budget would be provided for the project if it was approved.

RESOLVED that MCC write to the Primary Schools to see if they were interested and discuss as soon as practicable at a further meeting of the Policy Committee.

369.09 Deletion of clause 38 from Standing Orders

At the recent meeting of the Policy Committee it was proposed that:

“On the grounds that:

- a. The prohibition of attendance of the public at any meeting of CPC is undemocratic and this clause has been determined illegal by One Voice Wales
- b. ‘Not invoking this clause’ as was proposed by F&GP is insufficient to comply with the law because this clause is contained in MCC documents and is in the public domain and on our web site. (*Ref; FG.11.094 New Model Standing Orders, 29.06.11*)
- c. It could be contended that knowingly retaining this clause would constitute an offence, as it is void and has been declared illegal, and that a member of the public who may refer to this document would be misled by the retention of this clause.”

The Clerk pointed out that our current standing orders had been replaced on the Council’s website by a notice saying: “Our Standing Orders are currently under revision. As soon as they are approved by Council they will be published here.”

RESOLVED that no further action need to taken.

370.09 Misleading Article in local Labour Party Newsletter

In the Summer 2011 Edition of the Labour Party in West Cross & Norton Newsletter there is an article entitled ‘Double Dealings on our Village Greens In the article Cllr Pam Erasmus is quoted as saying “I was not happy, but Mumbles Council accepted it” This gives the impression that she was a member of Mumbles Community Council at the time the decision was made. This is not the case.

RESOLVED that MCC write to the local Labour Party asking that:

- a. In their next publication they retract the statement by Cllr Erasmus as at the time of the decision she was not a member of the Community Council
- b. They publish the relevant minute detailing the decision
- c. All calls to Councillors re the Village Green to be referred to the Clerk

Highways Committee

Recommendations from the Highways Committee

371.09 Christmas Lights

A second letter has not been sent to the Traders via the Traders Association. Dialogue and emails taken place since last months' meeting between some traders and MCC. Cllr Colburn reported that the traders did not understand the contents of the first letter as to either 'take over' or 'take down' the lights.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Traders Association stating:

- i. Decision **MUST** be made
- ii. Majority decision to be acted on
- iii. Decision date to be given.

372.09 Drains On Newton Road

Letter received from Welsh Water quoting a telephone number to report any problems.

RESOLVED that MCC write to all traders on Newton Road informing them of the telephone number (which is 0800 085 3968).

373.09 Mayals Green

Total cost to close Mayals Green as a 'through road' is £4000.

RESOLVED that MCC write to all the residents, offering them the opportunity to share the cost. (This closure was and still is with C&CS as part of 'Safer Routes in the Community')

374.09 Cattle Grid – Clyne Golf Club

Cattle grid is broken and noisy

RESOLVED that MCC could not assist, as it was the responsibility of Clyne Commoners

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Recommendations from the Community Planning Committee

375.09 Candidate Site Register

Because support in favour of any application is as necessary as objections against an application and it is considered important to inform our community of this and to encourage support for all the *Greenspace* applications submitted by MCC and others.

RESOLVED that

- i. Before 30th September 2011 Council adds a positive and

supportive comment to all the *Greenspace* site applications it, and others, have submitted

- ii. The importance of retaining all these *Greenspace* sites is emphasised to our community and publicised (by a series of information releases, emails, flyers and posters) as widely as possible and as time allows. (Closing deadline 30th September)
- iii. That if deemed appropriate a series of information events to promote the above objectives are held at ward level, wherever possible in conjunction with other organization.

Development Committee

Recommendations from the Development Committee

376.09 Village Green

Because the MCC office and MCC Councillors have received so many calls asking for information about the Village application and also wishing to see solicitors letters:

RESOLVED that a clear letter of explanation should be drawn up by the Chairman and Clerk at the earliest possible opportunity

377.09 Christmas Tree

Clerk will be asked to secure 3 estimates for the removal of the dead tree (if C&CS will not remove it for us).

RESOLVED that a cut tree be placed at the old site at the entrance to Mumbles.

F&GP COMMITTEE

Recommendations from the F&GP Committee

378.09 Request for Grant from Newton Churchman's Club

Their letter formed part of the Agenda Pack.

RESOLVED that on the understanding that they received Entrust grant and up to a total of £4000 we will grant half and make a loan on usual terms of the other half.

379.09 Letters from Cllr Graham Thomas & Chris Vinstock(C&CS) re Underhill Drainage Project

Letter from Chris Vinstock forms part of the Agenda Pack.

RESOLVED that MCC proceed at any event but a meeting be arranged with C&CS, Cllr Beynon and our consultant.

380.09 Grant Request from Ty Hafan

Their letter formed part of the Agenda Pack.

RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be made.

381.09 Email from Marie Curie Cancer Care

Promoting their sponsored walk in the Black Mountains.

RESOLVED that this be noted.

382.09 Email from Victim Support

Promoting their recycled CD/DVD scheme and parachute jump.

RESOLVED that this be noted.

383.09 Grant Request from Victim Support

Their letter forms part of the Agenda Pack. Last donation to them was £50 sent on 12 November 2010.

RESOLVED that a grant of £50 be made

384.09 Letter from One Voice Wales re The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

RESOLVED that MCC contribute a beacon on Oystermouth Castle

Financial Report

	Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net	VAT	Gross
385.09	2519	Royal Mail	Freepost	80.20		80.20
386.09	2520	Camedee Properties Ltd	Rent	1,437.50		1,437.50
387.09	2521	Void Cheque		0.00		0.00
388.09	2522	City & County of Swansea	Cleaning Partnership	6,000.00	1,200.00	7,200.00
389.09	2523	Steve Heydon	Salary	953.01		953.01
390.09	2524	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and National Ins	231.17		231.17
391.09	2525	Staples	Stationary	64.70	12.94	77.64
392.09	2526	Rees Sound Systems	Navy Days Equipment	1,391.00	278.20	1,669.20
393.09	2527	Clive Atkins & Co Ltd	Payroll Services	30.00	6.00	36.00
394.09	2528	SWALEC	Christmas Lights	61.28		61.28
395.09	2529	City & County of Swansea	Hanging Baskets & Containers	3,794.84	758.97	4,553.81
396.09	2530	Llyn Llewellyn	Internal Audit	350.00		350.00
397.09	2531	Lewis News	South Wales Evening Post	12.60		12.60
398.09		Bank Balances	Current Account			£28,118.98
			Lighting Account			£1,287.50
			Deposit Account			£64,080.30

399.09 Appointment of Training Co-ordinator

The following motion was proposed by Cllr John Cooper and seconded

by Cllr Lilian Pritchard

Following Council's approval of the creation of the role of Training Coordinator it is proposed that Cllr. Buckland Davies is appointed.

The motion was **PASSED**.

400.09 Poisoned Trees

The following motion was proposed by Cllr John Cooper and seconded by Cllr Lilian Pritchard

Following Council's approval of CPC action to date regarding the suspected poisoning of the tree group at Higher lane and C&CS reply of 22 August 2011 (a copy forms part of the Agenda Pack) it is proposed that the Clerk write to the Environment Department of C&CS requesting that samples are taken (with Cllr Cooper present) and sent to the Forestry Commission laboratories at Farnham, Surrey where testing for tree poisons is undertaken; and that MCC pays for this testing. Cost £80/100

The motion was **PASSED**.

401.09 Sustainable Communities Act

The following motion was proposed by Cllr John Cooper and seconded by Cllr Lilian Pritchard

It is proposed that Mumbles community Council support the proposal from Leiston-cum-Sizewell as described in the CPC minutes of 17 August 2011.

The motion was **PASSED**.

The Meeting Ended at 8.03pm