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Chair's Address

As Chair it is my pleasure to offer some introductory detail to this Newsletter. Following the May 2017 election you voted for a considerable change in the make-up of the Mumbles Community Council by electing 14 new Councillors.

As a consequence of this, the council is currently in a transitional period and I look to you for support and patience to enable your Council to move forward in providing services fit for purpose for the benefit of all residents, businesses and visitors to the area.

It has been a busy year so far with both highlights and disappointments. Mumbles In Bloom was well supported and we were awarded Silver in Wales In Bloom, the highest award given, and Gold in the Swansea In Bloom award. It is uplifting to see the commencement of works on the former British Legion site but MCC are disappointed that the Summerland Lane development has gained planning approval. Our efforts now must go into ensuring that all the conditions attached to the approval are strictly adhered to and to working hard to ensure that the AONB land on Higher Lane does not suffer the same fate.

The council was delighted to be able to present former Councillor Peggy Jones with the Honour Of Mumbles but were saddened to hear of the death of former Councillor Anthony Colburn.

There is much enthusiasm in the Council as well as many aspirational ideas. Understandably these come at a cost and your Council is committed to ensuring that the precept is spent for the long-term benefit of all residents of the Mumbles Community Council area.

Ian Scott

A Fitter and Healthier Mumbles

Mumbles Community Council is committed to enhancing the physical and mental health and well-being of all our community. There are many exciting initiatives, both large and small, already underway or planned for the forthcoming year. These are in response to the needs and wishes that you have voiced over many years and will support the Welsh Government Wellbeing Act. These are just a few of the forthcoming initiatives:

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As part of our aim to reduce the number of cars coming in to Mumbles, we supported Swansea University's bid in the Santander Crowdfunding Challenge for a Community Bike-sharing Scheme. They were successful in raising the most money and by significantly exceeding the target, set at £50,000, the scheme has been able to extend the original five hubs to an additional one at Blackpill and the £13,200 contributed by MCC will also enable a further hub to be located in Mumbles village. Had MCC not contributed towards the crowdfunding total, it would have cost significantly more to have joined the scheme later.

Many thanks to all of you who responded to our post on Facebook regarding the locations you thought would be most appropriate, due to the additional funding the most popular locations, at Blackpill and Mumbles prom, will both be provided. It is likely that the Mumbles hub will be near to Oystermouth Square and will provide 20 stands with 10 bikes available to hire. Santander aim to have the scheme up and running around May this year.

All the set-up costs and running costs for the first year will be covered by Santander with revenue raised ensuring that the scheme can be self-funding after that so there will be no further cost to Mumbles Community Council.

Secure Bike Shelter

Linked to the Santander scheme is the provision of a secure and covered bike shelter at Oystermouth Square which will enable individuals, groups and families to bring their bikes to Mumbles knowing that they can be safely stored while they enjoy the shops, restaurants, promenade and beaches.

Datganiad y Cadeirydd

Fel Cadeirydd mae'n bleser gennyf cyflwyno rhywfaint o fanylion fel rhagair i'r Cylchlythyr hwn. Yn dilyn etholiad Mai 2017, fe bleidleisioch chi'r etholwyr am newid sylweddol i strwythur Cyngor Cymuned y Mwmbwls trwy ethol 14 Cynghorydd newydd.

Yn sgil hyn, mae'r Cyngor ar hyn o bryd mewn cyfnod o drawsnewid. Rwy'n gobeithio felly y byddwch chi'n cynnig eich cefnogaeth a'ch amynedd er mwyn galluogi'r Cyngor i symud ymlaen gyda'r gwaith o ddarparu gwasanaethau addas at bwrpas ar gyfer holl drigolion, busnesau ac ymwelwyr yr ardal.

Mae wedi bod yn flwyddyn brysur hyd yn hyn, gydag uchafbwyntiau yn-ghyd â siomedigaethau. Cafwyd cefnogaeth brwd ar gyfer Mwmbwls Yn Ei Blodau, ac fe dderbyniwyd y Wobr Arian yng nghystadleuaeth Cymru Yn Ei Blodau, y brif wobwr a ddyfarnwyd, a hefyd y Wobr Aur yng nghystadleuaeth Abertawe Yn Ei Blodau. Calonog yw gweld gwaith wedi dechrau ar hen safle'r Llang Brydeinig, ond siomedig yw nodi bod caniatad cynllunio wedi ei roi ar gyfer datblygiad Summerland Lane. Rhaid canolbwyntio ein hymdrechion bellach er mwyn sicrhau y bydd yr holl amodau a osodwyd ar y caniatad yn cael eu dilyn yn fanwl, a hefyd rhaid gweithio'n galed i sicrhau na fydd caniatad cynllunio yn cael ei ddyfarnu ar y tir ar Higher Lane sydd o fewn yr Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol.

Roedd yn bleser o'r mwyaf gan y Cyngor i anrhydeddu'r cyn Gyngorydd Peggy Jones â Braint y Mwmbwls, ond trist oedd clywed am farwolaeth y cyn Gyngorydd Anthony Colburn.

Mae llawer iawn o frwdfrydedd yn perthyn i'r Cyngor, a hefyd nifer fawr o syniadau uchelgeisiol. Rydym yn llawn deall bod costau ynghlwm wrth y fath syniadau; fel Cyngor rydym yn llwyr ymrwymo i wariant sydd o fudd hir-dymor i holl drigolion ardal Cyngor Cymuned y Mwmbwls.



AN EXAMPLE OF A SANTANDER BIKE HUB

Mumbles Skatepark

Following a PACT meeting where concerns were raised about the nuisance being caused by young people around the village, it was recognised that there is a real need for better provision for them.

A Skatepark was suggested as being a popular and healthy option that would be very attractive to skateboarders of all ages. MCC undertook a Survey and received over 400 responses. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and consultations with local schools were similarly in favour. Local schoolchildren have also been busy coming up with ideas for what it should look like.

The location has not yet been finalised but the preferred option is to locate it alongside the existing Skateboard Ramp on Mumbles Road, between Blackpill and West Cross.

As with any major project there is still much planning to be done as well as a need to identify additional sources of funding for it, but we hope to cover the initial work in the coming year.

Once built there will be no on-going maintenance costs required from MCC.

Go Underhill

The Go Underhill project has been many years in the planning - it started originally as "Underhill 2000" - and it will be some years before the whole project reaches fruition.

The final project will not only significantly upgrade all the sports facilities at Underhill but will also provide a Community Hub incorporating meeting rooms for use by a range of local community groups, multi-purpose spaces for classes such as art, dance and yoga, and a function room and social areas for the sports clubs.

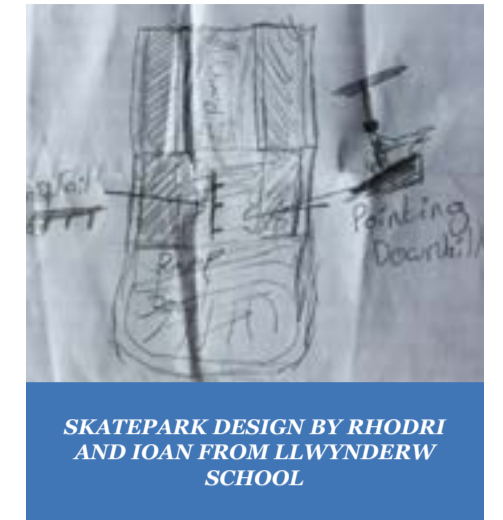
It has now reached a point where work can be started on Phase 1. This Phase will develop new, state-of-the-art changing rooms and with potential for an all-weather pitch for use by sports teams and casual players of all ages. MCC is providing vital financial support which will enable Mumbles Community Association (MCA) to attract grant funding from a variety of different sources to begin this work. MCC will continue to offer advice and support to MCA as the project progresses.

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and play equipment for Underhill

MCC is looking into installing a MUGA backboard and basketball area, having taken advice from Basketball Wales on the most suitable type of facility and planning to provide £5000 worth of new play equipment for the children's play area.

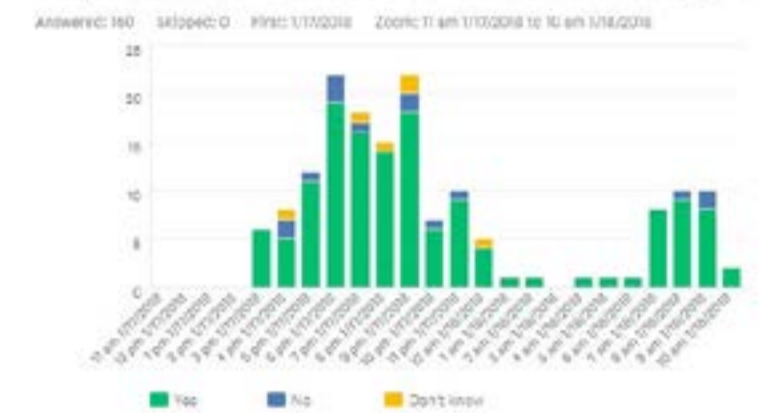


CONCRETE SKATEPARK IN GORSEINON



SKATEPARK DESIGN BY RHODRI AND IOAN FROM LLWYNDERW SCHOOL

Do you think a Skateboard Park for Mumbles is a good idea?



SKATEPARK QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES



ARTISTS IMPRESSION OF UNDERHILL COMMUNITY HUB

Langland Bay Tennis Courts

Langland Bay Tennis Courts are a real asset to both residents and visitors but have fallen into a very poor state of repair.

MCC is investigating possible options for the courts, including a potential asset transfer of all 6 courts and the public toilets, from City and County of Swansea to MCC. This will of course require considerable investment and MCC has undertaken detailed research into options for the courts and into any ongoing financial commitments that would be incurred by taking them on. In the meantime MCC has allocated more than £40,000 to undertake urgent repair work to the perimeter walls and for resurfacing two of the courts to enable them to be put back into safe use.

Events

2017 saw a variety of highly successful events delivered by MCC or by local community groups supported by MCC.

The ever popular It's a Knockout took place at Oystermouth Castle in June and was followed by Music in the Park in Southend Gardens in August. MCC entertained elderly residents of Newton and Oystermouth to a Christmas Lunch at Newton Village Hall in December and will be holding a Social Afternoon in March at West Cross Community Centre for residents of Mayals and West Cross.

Many other events put on by local community, voluntary and sports groups were supported by grants from MCC (see Grants to Local Organisations 2017-18 on page 11).



IT'S A KNOCKOUT 2017



OYSTER TABLE MUMBLES C1900



TRADITIONAL OYSTER FISHERMEN C1900



MUMBLES OYSTER FESTIVAL



NEWTON AND OYSTERMOUTH SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A Summer of Events

The White Lady Family Summer Festival

June 1st to 3rd 2018, Oystermouth Castle

MCC will be holding a summer festival of arts, music and games over the weekend of 1st to 3rd June which will offer entertainment for all the family.

There will be music from popular bands on both Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon will host the crazy It's a Knockout Competition - so get your teams in training! On Sunday there will be musical entertainment from our talented local school and youth orchestras, bands and dance groups plus a literary event - and the Festival will finale on Sunday evening with an Orchestral Concert.

Full details and programme will be out soon.

Mumbles Oyster Festival

Saturday October 20th, Ostreme Centre

MCC will be supporting Mumbles Development Trust in putting on a 'mini' Oyster Festival to celebrate our heritage of Oyster production - which we now know from the Archaeological Dig on Mumbles Hill dates back to Roman times!

It is also planning a series of activities, such as a guided Mumbles Way walk, to celebrate and enjoy our natural environment

Events and Competitions throughout the year

MCC will also be supporting many of our local voluntary and sports groups to hold competitions and events including the Alan Martin Football Tournament, Mumbles Cricket Club Cricket Festival and the Rotary Club and Mumbles Ale House Mumboules competition.

MCC will be supporting Mumbles Traders in their annual Christmas Events and a St David's Day event bringing the whole community together to celebrate and including the Mumbles Development Trust Dragon Parade.

There will be Christmas Socials organised for the residents of Newton and Oystermouth and Mayals and West Cross and a reception and entertainment to welcome visitors from Hennebont, our Twinned town in Brittany.

Mumbles Community Plan

Mumbles Community Council will be undertaking a comprehensive planning exercise to set the direction and strategy for their work over the next 5 to 10 years. They will be assisted in this task over the next 6 months by Urban Foundry Ltd.

We will be evaluating the possible options within three key areas:

- Economic Development, including balancing the needs of residents with the promotion of Mumbles as a tourist destination
- Environmental Sustainability including both the natural environment and the built environment
- Community Cohesion addressing the needs of residents of all ages including those with disabilities

Focusing in particular on:

- How best to support Mumbles Community Association in creating Go Underhill as a first class Community Hub and to look at other potential alternative or additional substantial legacy projects
- To evaluate the options and running costs for transfer and management of community assets such as toilets, parks and open spaces and leisure facilities, plus services such as litter collection, from C&CS to MCC
- To evaluate the options pertaining to traffic management and parking problems that impact on Mumbles (Oystermouth) in particular by high flows of day trip and tourist private motor vehicle in good weather
- To consider the optimum areas within our boundaries for the development of new housing, particularly affordable starter and social housing, in line with National and local planning policies
- Advice on the type of marquee cultural events that would significantly raise the national and even international profile of Mumbles
- Ways of maximising cooperation between existing voluntary and local special interest groups to work together in a cohesive manner and how MCC seed funding can facilitate this.



We need your help

A key part of this task will be an in-depth and wide-ranging consultation exercise involving as many residents, businesses and visitors as possible.

Over the next six months we will be gathering views and opinions through a range of consultation exercises including surveys, questionnaires, focus groups and meetings with common interest groups such as elderly, young mums, parents and young people and local voluntary and community groups and sports and arts clubs.

We will ensure that these exercises are advertised as widely as possible so that as many people as possible can contribute to the plan. Information will be coming out about meetings and focus groups over the next few weeks so look out for these on posters, leaflets and on our Website, Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter (see page 12 for contact information).

Councillors

Mayals Ward



Cllr Mike Griffiths

Committees: Highways, Development and Finance & General Purposes

"I'm married with 1 son. Attended Oystermouth then Bishop Gore. Worked in retail then catering in late 80's and now work in insurance as a Quality Manager. My interest in MCC is non political, my aim is to help improve and maintain our community and be a voice for the residents of Mayals."

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Cllr Helen Mitchell

Current Position Held: Chair of Highways
Committees: Finance & General Purposes and Highways

"I am a Welsh speaker, born in Llanelli. I have twin daughters and one grandson. I have lived in Mayals since 1985. Worked for BT and retired as a manager, then joined Samaritans. Elected onto MCC in 2008. Am Chairman of Highways and was MCC Chairman for 4 years, until May 2017."

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Cllr Linda Tyler-Lloyd

Committees: Development and Highways

"City Councillor representing Mayals since 2012. Past Chairman of MCC. Past chairman of Development Committee on MCC. Live with husband and walk dog in Clyne Gardens which is why I want to support the maintenance of these beautiful gardens."

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Oystermouth Ward



Cllr Myles Langstone

Committees: Finance & General Purposes and Marketing, Media & Events

"Hi, I'm Myles and I've been elected to represent Oystermouth Ward on MCC, as well as serving as the County Councillor. Coming from the Mumbles area, I am determined to see Mumbles reach its huge potential and become an even better place to live, work and visit."

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Cllr Carrie Townsend Jones

Current Position Held: Co-Chair of Marketing, Media & Events Committee
Committees: Community Planning, Finance & General Purposes and Marketing, Media & Events

"Lived in Mumbles since 1998 having moved from London to work as External Funding Manager at Gorseinon College then International Manager at Gower College. My two daughters attended Oystermouth and Bishopston schools. I was a director of Mumbles Development Trust for 10 years and have been Secretary of the Twinning Association of Mumbles since 2016."

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Cllr Carwyn Thomas

Current Position Held: Chair of Community Planning
Committees: Community Planning and Planning

"Brought up in Llandeilo in a Welsh speaking family. After University I joined the Army and trained at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Left the Army in 2011 and did a Masters at Oxford Brookes University. Now own the Guesthouse on Rotherslade Road with partner Sarah and our two boys."

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Newton Ward



Cllr Rob Marshall

Current Position Held: Co-Chair of the Marketing, Media & Events Committee
Committees: Community Planning, Marketing, Media & Events and Finance & General Purposes

"Lived in Newton all my life and am a professional pianist performing recitals, chamber music and concertos throughout the UK and Europe. I'm also a music producer and promoter and perform on S4C with singers on 'Heno'. I represent Newton, am C&S Labour Group spokesperson for Newton and Social Secretary for the Gower Constituency Labour Group."

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Cllr Ian Scott

Current Position Held: Chair of Council
Committees: Community Planning, Highways and Planning

"Worked for 30 years in the Fire Service. First in an operational role throughout West Glamorgan then transferred to the Fire Prevention Department for 9 years specialising in licensed premises involving court work and public protection committee meetings at Port Talbot, Neath Lliw Valley and Swansea Councils. Elected Chair of MCC in May 2017"

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Cllr Philip Reason

Committees: Marketing Media & Events

"I am married to Kath and have two sons who both went to Bishopston School. Having lived in the Newton area all my life it's great to get the opportunity to represent the area on Mumbles Community Council. Career wise, I am a business owner and have worked for both local and national companies."

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West Cross Ward



Cllr Gareth Ford

Current Position Held: Chair of the Planning Committee
Committees: Developments and Highways

"I'm married to Jackie and have two children David and Sarah. I have lived in West Cross since the age of five so have grown up in the area and am passionate about it. I am self-employed running my own carpentry business. I joined the community council in May and am chair of planning."

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Cllr Matthew Gilbert

Committees: Development

"I am a teacher of children with additional learning needs. I am also an electrician and a published author of children's books and a novel. I live in West Cross with my wife and two children, Ellie and Finley. I am keen to see Mumbles reach its full potential."

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Cllr Sara Keeton

Committees: Development, Highways and Marketing, Media & Events

"I used to run the video shop in West Cross, now probably best known as the lollypop lady outside Llwynderw school so I'm easy to find! I also volunteer there as a gardener. I want to see better facilities for young people and am happy to be the Community Council post box for any comments, suggestions, questions."

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Newton Ward



Cllr William Thomas

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Cllr Tim Bull

Current Position Held: Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
Committees: Community Planning, Finance & General Purposes and Marketing, Media & Events

"I have lived in Overland Road, Oystermouth for 26 years and have three daughters and two grandsons. I have considerable experience and success in large-scale fund-raising and in devising strategic plans for Sports, Leisure and Greener Transport policies. I would like to reduce the reliance on private cars to access Mumbles and to achieve a fairer local parking regime for residents."

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Cllr Adam Gilbert

Committees: Development

"I'm Adam, I'm originally from Mumbles, I'm a keen hiker and sailor. In my day job, I help charities campaign on a range of issues. I want to use these skills to fight for you. Get in touch if there's anything I can do to help."

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West Cross Ward



Cllr Pam Erasmus

Current Position Held: Vice-Chair of the Council, Chair of Development Committee
Committees: Development, Finance & General Purposes and Marketing, Media & Events Media

"I am fortunate to be one of the 4 re-elected councillors working with the new councillors who bring in fresh ideas and impetus. I am a school governor to both Grange and Bishop Gore. Also, Chair of West Cross Community Centre, so hopefully, covering and representing all ages and interests in our ward."

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Cllr Kate Smith

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A Clean, Safe and Attractive Mumbles

We are privileged to live in a beautiful place with attractive urban areas, stunning beaches and glorious cliffs and countryside, but so much of it is underused and spoiled by irresponsible littering and vandalism.

MCC has been working hard to address residents' concerns over litter and dog fouling, parking, road safety and footpaths as well as providing attractive equipment such as benches, picnic tables and gym equipment.



PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE FAMILY AREA AT RIPPLES GREEN

Enjoying the Outdoors

MCC has been working on a five year plan to encourage people to enjoy the outdoors, beaches and parks and this year and next should see the completion of the following work:

- Repairing and renewing benches, picnic tables and chess tables all across the area
- Completing the installation of the gym equipment on the promenade
- Making Ripples Green a family area with benches, chess tables and a fun gym
- Improving the sunken paths in Mumbles Nature Reserve
- Replacing the muddy and potholed path across Picket Mead
- Improving the paths, facilities and play areas in Underhill and Yalton Parks and providing football nets at Highmead
- Improving the access to the Castle Fields allotments
- Replacing old noticeboards and information points
- Trialling a scheme to work with local businesses to refresh their street-front facades



FOOTPATH REPAIR ON MUMBLES HILL



MCC GOES FOR PLASTIC-FREE MEETINGS!

A plastic-free Mumbles

We are a seaside village and we want our oceans to be clean and safe for many generations to come. We will be starting a campaign to encourage Mumbles to go plastic-free. To show the way, MCC no longer buys single use water bottles and councilors bring their own reusable drinks containers to meeting - we realise it's a small step but we need to start somewhere!

We will be working with businesses and schools to encourage them to reduce their usage of plastic. We will be asking cafes, bars and restaurants to consider changing from plastic to paper straws.

Already we know of one local shop that has gone plastic free wherever possible, we hope others will follow the lead.

Bottle Filling Stations

We are installing a bottle refilling station in Oystermouth Square to discourage people from throwing away their plastic drinks bottles after a single use. We will be monitoring the usage and if it is well-used, which we are confident it will be, we will look to install more. We would welcome your ideas on where you think they should be located.

How you can help:

- Take your own bags and pack your shopping loose as much as possible
- Stop using single use plastic drinks bottles
- Try asking for a glass or jug of water rather than a plastic bottle
- Avoid buying cotton buds with plastic stems and cosmetics and cleansers containing microbeads

Please give us more ideas on how we can spread the message.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OUR CAFES AND BARS FOLLOWING SUIT?



CLLRS IAN SCOTT AND SARA KEETON PLANTING OUT THE MCC FLOWER BED

Blooming Mumbles!

MCC has worked hard over the years to brighten up the whole area with planters, lamp post displays and railing troughs as well as looking after community gardens.

We have also worked closely with the City Council to identify suitable open spaces that can be brightened up with wildflowers. We also pay for the Christmas trees and illuminations, primarily in Oystermouth for the benefit of tourists as well as residents, but also in locations across the four wards. As in previous years, we were very successful in the 2017 Wales and Swansea in Bloom competitions winning Gold in Swansea and Silver (highest place awarded) in Wales. Let's go for Gold this year!

How you can get involved:

There are six categories for the awards - Front Gardens, Container Gardens, Cottage/Informal Gardens, Schools, Commercial Premises and Community Gardens. Judging takes place towards the end of June with the results announced in October.

Is your garden, or your neighbour's a joy to behold? If so let us know and we can make sure we include it in the competition.

Maybe you would like to brighten up your front garden with a few hanging baskets or tubs of flowers? Now is the time to start planning what you might like to plant.

Is there an unloved bit of ground near you, a scruffy verge or a forgotten corner? Maybe you can adopt it and brighten it up, or let us know and we can ask the City Council to put some wildflower seeds there.



Clyne Gardens

Clyne Gardens are our botanical jewel in the crown. In order to keep them that way they need your help. There are plans to set up a Friends of Clyne Group to help to maintain the gardens by looking for additional sources of funding. A date and time is being arranged for a meeting in the Vivian Hall at Blackpill. If you would like to attend or join the Friends of Clyne please contact us with your name and contact details. The date and time of the meeting will be on our Facebook page and website - so watch this space!

A cleaner, pleasanter place for all of us

Litter and dog fouling are a problem all across our community. MCC aims to reach a point where our streets, parks and open spaces are always clean and safe because residents and visitors look after them. However, we recognise that this takes time and needs someone to lead the way. Therefore, as in previous years, we have allocated £17084 towards providing regular additional street and dog poo cleaning and bin emptying with further cleansing work carried out over weekends and evenings in peak periods. We also pay for additional cleaning at the toilets at Southend Gardens so that they can stay open over the winter for the families and visitors who use the playground and the prom.

You can all help us to reach a point where this expense will no longer be necessary:

- Dispose of litter appropriately. If bins are full, take your rubbish home with you
- Be a responsible dog owner, clean up after your dog and use the poo bins
- Report rubbish left on the streets to the City Council



RUBBISH AND DOG POO BAGS ARE SPOILING WALKS. DO WE NEED MORE SIGNS LIKE THESE?

Keeping our children safe

Mumbles Community Council has an on-going programme of road safety work to address issues identified by you, our residents. These are some of the works that have been or are being done over this year and next:

- Parking restrictions on West Cross Lane / Alderwood Road
- Double yellow lines on Castle Road, Oystermouth and the corner of Whitestone Lane, Newton
- Dropped kerb outside Paraclete Chapel, Newton Road
- Safe crossing on Fairwood Road for children at Mayals School
- Safety measures on West Cross Lane to improve safe crossing for children at Llwynderw, Grange and St. David's Schools
- Parking restrictions behind the Rock and Fountain off Summerland Lane

Thanks to our City Councillors and residents who have supported us with getting these safety issues addressed.

To support these measures we have listened to you, the residents, about the constant dangerous and illegal parking issues across the four wards and next year we will be trialling the contracting of a dedicated Traffic Enforcement Officer for the MCC area. Whilst most parking issues arise around Newton Road, we know that there are also issues regarding parking in residential streets across the area and so we will be making sure that the Officer works across all the known trouble spots. If you have a problem with persistent dangerous or illegal parking, please let us know and we can make sure the officer visits your area.

Budget 2018/19

Mumbles Community Council has set an ambitious and exciting budget for 2018 – 19 which addresses many of the projects, facilities and initiatives that you have been calling for and that have lain dormant over past years.

You will have already read about many of our plans for next year and here you can see how we plan to spend the rest of the money. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us (see page 12 for contact information).

Office Costs		MME Committee		
OC1	Rent	£6,038	ME1 Multimedia Consultant	£1,198
OC2	Broadband, Fax & Telephone	£809	ME2 Website, email, Media magement	£2,800
OC3	Rates	£1,301	ME3 Website and Email hosting and domain name	£1,249
OC4	Electricity	£525	ME4 Marketing/Publicity leaflets and posters	£2,128
OC5	Stationary, cleaning materials etc	£525	ME5 Newsletter printing	£2,226
OC6	Postage	£630	ME6 Newsletter Distribution	£1,000
OC7	Photographs/Photocopying	£210	ME7 Publicity Banners	£1,200
OC8	Office Cleaner	£819	ME8 Banner Display Stand	£3,000
	Total	£10,856	ME9 Football Festival	£500
	Payroll		ME10 Event Planning & Organisation	£1,600
PR1	Salary	£12,779	ME11 Oystermouth Castle White Lady Festival	£17,333
PR2	Pension Payments	£148	ME12 Mumbles Cricket Festival	£1,000
PR3	National Insurance	£1,982	ME13 Twinning Event	£500
PR4	Accountants Fees (Payroll)	£168	ME14 Mumboules and Crazy Golf Competition	£500
	Total	£15,077	ME15 Oyster Festival	£5,000
	General Fund		ME16 Christmas Event	£1,000
GN1	Insurance	£1,339	ME17 Community Party	£1,000
GN2	Subscriptions	£263	ME18 Schools Competition	£1,000
GN3	Audit Fee	£840	ME19 St David's Day Event	£1,000
GN4	One Voice Wales	£2,625	ME20 Dragon Parade	£1,000
GN5	Storage	£750	ME21 Environmental/Natural History activities	£600
GN6	Elections	£11,412	Total	£46,834
GN7	Royal Mail Reply Service	£105		
GN8	Office 365	£101	Development	
GN9	Rental for Parish Online Maps	£263	DV1 Civic Amenities - Street Furniture	£10,000
GN10	Chairman's Expenses	£300	DV2 Skateboard Park (inc Youth Shelter)	£16,000
	Total	£17,997	DV3 Youth Club	£3,500
	Highways		DV4 Fountain/Bottle Filler	£2,217
HW1	Floral Decorations	£8,504	DV5 Underhill Playground	£5,000
HW2	Wildflowers	£280	DV6 Langland Tennis Courts (inc Toilets)	£40,000
HW3	Jubilee Garden	£100	DV7 MUGA - Fairwood Park	£21,045
HW4	Flowerbed, Walters Crescent	£100	DV8 Yalton Park - Resurface Pathway	£15,144
HW5	Mumbles in Bloom - Contestant	£90	DV9 Bicycle Rack - Oystermouth	£3,324
HW6	Mumbles in Bloom - Competition	£1,010	D10 Shop Painting & Scaffolding	£5,000
HW7	Christmas Motifs	£5,400	DV11 Bowis Club Green	£3,500
HW8	Existing Christmas Trees (3)	£6,440	DV12 MCC Notice Boards (x3)	£590
HW9	Inspection of Southend Tree	£520	DV13 New Information Boards	£2,196
HW10	Llwynderw School Safety Measures	£7,000	DV14 Football nets at Highmead	£1,044
HW11	Road Safety	£10,000	DV15 Picket Mead Path	£20,000
HW12	Cleansing - General - 2 hours per day	£7,042	Total	£148,560
HW13	Cleansing - Dog Poo - 2 hours per day	£7,042		
HW14	Cleaning - Additional summer cleaning	£3,000	Community Plan	
HW15	Cleansing - Winter Opening Southend Toilet	£4,000	CP1 Community (inc Parking) Plan	£5,000
HW16	Traffic Warden	£24,615	CP2 Training course and associated costs	£2,000
	Total	£85,143	Total	£7,000
	F&GP Committee		Budget Sub-Total	£521,466
FG1	Grants	£40,000		
FG2	Underhill (MCA)	£150,000	CRE Contingency Reserve	£52,147
	Total	£190,000	Budget Total	£573,613

Grants

We have allocated £40,000 in the 2018-19 Budget for grants so that many more local groups and clubs can be supported in their work with local residents. Applications are welcomed from all community and voluntary groups in the MCC area, particularly those who may not have applied for funding previously. We would not generally provide funding for on-going running costs. There is no limit on the amount of funding that can be requested, but in order to spread the funds as widely as possible, we would encourage organisations to demonstrate that they are also contributing towards the costs. Below you can see what grants have been awarded so far in the current financial year.

Grants awarded by MCC to date in 2017-18

Newton Short Mat Bowls Club -£400

Mumbles Rangers - £500

Gower Chorale - £600

Forget-me-not Dementia Day Centre - £235

Mumbles Rangers - £300

Mumbles Traders - £700

Mumbles Development Trust - £1000

Newton Neighbourhood Friends - £1000

Grange Primary School PTA - £750

Mumbles Festival of Music - £1000



HANDEL'S MESSIAH PERFORMED AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH IN DECEMBER 2017. A GRANT FROM MCC CONTRIBUTED TO THE COST OF THE ORCHESTRA



MCC AWARDED THE GOWER CHORALE A GRANT TO HELP PAY TOWARDS THE SOLOISTS AT THE GOWER CHORALE CONCERT LAST JUNE. PICTURED ARE MCC CHAIRMAN IAN SCOTT, CLLR ROB MARSHALL WHO IS THE ACCOMPANIST TO THE GOWER CHORALE, CONDUCTOR WILLIAM REYNOLDS AND THE FOUR SOLOISTS



MCC CONTRIBUTED £500 TO MUMBLES RANGERS UNDER 14S TO COMPETE AT A FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IN GENOA



LEFT TO RIGHT: MUMBLES COACH ADAM CLARKE, EDDIE WADE, CARLO PRETE, COACH MARK WADE, THE TOURNAMENT ORGANISER AND COACH COLIN DEMERY



Contact Us

If you have any questions or comments you wish to make about any of the work of MCC or would like more information about any of the items in the newsletter, you can contact us in these ways:

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Our new website is now available at www.mumbles.gov.uk and you can sign up to our mailing list to receive the newsletter and information about forthcoming events and activities.

You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Useful contacts

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