



# Mumbles

Community Council Newsletter

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in Bloom

Santander Bikes  
Arrive in Mumbles

Picnic at the  
Skatepark Site





MCC CHAIR CLLR CARRIE TOWNSEND JONES

### Chair's Address

I was honoured to be re-elected in May as Chair for a second year and it is my pleasure to be able to give you a brief overview of our work during the past year which goes from strength to strength.

We were able to keep the precept this year to a below inflation increase and while there continues to be some frustrations with the progress of some of our flagship projects, there has been much work going on behind the scenes.

We have also seen some real achievements both large and small. The highlight of the year was the fantastic MumblesFest which almost 2000 of you came along to and enjoyed, we look forward to next year's which will be even bigger and better! The Mumbles Santander bike hub was officially opened in April and has already become the busiest hub in Swansea, look out for the red and white bikes all over Mumbles.

Great progress is being made in the development of the Skatepark and we have now contracted Maverick, one of the top Skatepark design companies in the UK to design and build it and following a generally positive response to our pre-planning application we are now preparing to go to full planning. We have an agreement to lease three of the Langland Tennis Courts and once the lease is finalised we will be undertaking a complete refurbishment of the first two.

Mumbles in Bloom was a great success again with particular praise for the green-fingered pupils at our local primary schools who produced the most wonderful displays. This year, children from Oystermouth, Llwynderw and Grange schools have also been helping us to create a bee-friendly garden at the Ostreme Centre and the Wales in Bloom judge was able to meet with some of them when he came to judge us in June for Wales in Bloom.

In the last twelve months we have said goodbye to four of our councillors, including the long-standing member for Mayals, Helen Mitchell, who is much missed for her hard work, vast knowledge and attention to detail. We hope she is enjoying her retirement. In their place we have been delighted to welcome new Councillors Dr Martin O'Neill, Richard Jarvis, Rebecca Fogarty and Rebecca Singh who are already making their mark on the work of the council.

I hope you enjoy this Newsletter and enjoy reading more about these great projects and the many more achievements of the past year.

### Rhagair y Cadeirydd

Roedd yn anrhydedd i gael fy ail-ethol ym mis Mai eleni fel Cadeirydd am yr ail flwyddyn ac mae'n bleser gennyf roi trosolwg byr o'n gwaith ni, sy'n mynd o nerth i nerth, yn ystod y flwyddyn a aeth heibio.

Fe lwyddon ni i gadw'r archebiant eleni yn is na'r gyfradd chwyddiant, a thra mae peth rhwystredigaeth gyda chynnydd rhai o'n prif brosiectau, mae llawer o waith wedi bod yn digwydd tu ôl i'r llenni.

Rydym hefyd wedi cyflawni llawer iawn o wahanol bethau ar raddfa fach a mawr. Uchafbwynt y flwyddyn oedd y MumblesFest gwych, gyda bron i 2000 ohonoch wedi mynychu a mwynhau'r digwyddiad. Edrychwn ymlaen at ddigwyddiad blwyddyn nesaf – fe fydd yn fwy ac yn well eto! Ym mis Mai fe agorwyd hwb beiciau Santander yn y Mwmbwls yn swyddogol. Mae'r hwb eisoes yn brysurach nag unrhyw un arall yn Abertawe – cadwch lygaid ar agor am y beiciau coch a gwyn o gwmpas y Mwmbwls.

Cafwyd cynnydd ardderchog yn natblygiad y parc sglefrio, a bellach rydym wedi cytundebu cwmni Maverick, un o'r prif gwmnïau cynllunio parciau o'r math yn y DU, i gynllunio ac adeiladu'r parc. Yn dilyn ymateb ffafriol yn gyffredinol i'n cais cyn-gynllunio, rydym nawr wrthi'n paratoi cais cynllunio llawn. Mae gennym gytundeb i lesio tri o'r cyrtiau tenis yn Langland, ac unwaith y bydd y les mewn grym, fe fyddwn yn atgyweirio'r ddau gwrnt cyntaf yn llwyr.

Roedd Mwmbwls yn ei Blodau yn llwyddiant mawr eto gyda chanmoliaeth arbennig i ddisgyblion ein hysgolion cynradd lleol am dyfu a chreu arddangosiadau gwych. Eleni mae plant o ysgolion Oystermouth, Llwynderw a Grange wedi bod yn helpu ni i greu gardd i ddenu gwenyn yng Nghanolfan Ostreme, ac fe gafodd beirniad Cymru yn ei Blodau'r cyfle i gyfarfod rhai o'r garddwyr ifanc pan ymwelodd â'r Mwmbwls ym mis Mehefin i feirniadu.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn rydym wedi ffarwelio â phedwar cynghorydd, gan gynnwys yr aelod hirdymor dros ardal Mayals, Helen Mitchell. Rydym yn gweld ei cholled hi yn arbennig am ei gwaith caled, ei gwybodaeth eang a'i sylw i fanylion. Gobeithiwn ei bod yn mwynhau ei hymddeoliad. Yn lle'r cynghorwyr a adawodd rydym wedi croesawu cynghorwyr newydd Dr Martin O'Neill, Richard Jarvis, Rebecca Fogarty a Rebecca Singh, sydd eisoes yn gosod eu marc ar waith y cyngor.

Gobeithio y byddwch yn mwynhau'r Cylchlythyr yma a mwynhau darllen mwy am ein prosiectau gwych a'r cyflawniadau yn ystod y flwyddyn a aeth heibio.



## The Santander Community Bike Share Scheme

It is an accepted fact of life that Mumbles frequently suffers from the problems caused by traffic congestion at weekends and school holidays, particularly in the summer. Accordingly, MCC are delighted that the Santander Bike Scheme has now been expanded to incorporate a 20 station bike hub adjoining the cycle path by Southend Gardens.

Due to the university's success in the UK wide Crowd Funding competition they secured £100,000 to establish a network of bike hire hubs in the Swansea Bay Area. Through a donation of £12,200 from MCC the scope of the network was expanded to include an additional hub in Mumbles. Without this donation Mumbles would not have been part of the scheme. With a hub costing £20,000 to establish, MCC consider this excellent value for money and plays a part in the council's endeavour to alleviate traffic and improve the wellness of the population.

The Mumbles hub links up with the others at the Civic Centre, the National Waterfront Museum, Fabian Way Park and Ride and the two university campuses at Singleton and Bay. Although the Mumbles hub has only been operational since April this year, it has already become the busiest bike hub on the circuit. The scheme currently involves 110 bike stations and 60 bikes, but such is the success of the scheme that more bikes are being purchased and additional hubs are planned. The bikes can be used for as short a hire period as 30 minutes for a single journey into Mumbles from the city centre or vice versa, for one hour or even all day. The bikes are available for hire 24 hours a day for 365 days a year, with hire costs starting from as little as 50p for 30 minutes. The finance for the scheme includes all the revenue costs for maintaining the bikes - which are expected to have a 5-7 year lifespan - and transporting the bikes to where demand is highest on a continuous basis.

Councillor Carwyn Thomas said "The Swansea Bay Cycle path provides a safe and enjoyable link to Mumbles, have a stroll round the many excellent shops, coffee bars, cafes and restaurants Mumbles has to offer or just spend the day enjoying the castle grounds, beaches and sea, then cycle back. Parking bikes take up very little space compared to cars, for which there is limited space in Mumbles, and bikes cause absolutely no pollution and help users keep fit and healthy!"



## Office Move to the Ostreme Centre

Mumbles Community Council is moving! The lease on our current building runs out in September and we will be moving temporarily to the Minor Hall at the Ostreme Centre.

This is linked to our current discussions with the Diocese of Brecon and Swansea, who are Trustees of the Ostreme Centre, and All Saints Church, who are Management Trustees of the Centre, to take on a long-term lease of the Ostreme Centre to secure its future as a Community resource for Mumbles.

Until a decision is made regarding the lease, we will be renting the space from the Ostreme Community Association with a view to potentially refurbishing and extending the Centre to provide better community facilities and a permanent home for MCC in the heart of the village. We would welcome your views on these plans.





## Wales in Bloom - Kids Re-bloom Ostreme

Each of our local primary schools received £500 to plant bee-friendly flowers and enhance their school gardens.

We received an anonymous donation of £500 from a lady who had connections to our village and was keen for the money to go towards the children's gardening efforts. The Ostreme garden, being central to the village, was the chosen destination to spend this money and the children selected their own bee-friendly perennials from Cash Hardware to plant.

Oystermouth School were the first to take part, with one of the pupils, Tom, clutching his list of bee-friendly perennials. We selected a number of them, and took them to the Ostreme to plant. We wanted the children to select their perennial themselves so they had a sense of ownership.

Next up were children from Llwynderw Primary School who were also amazing and ensured more bags of weeds were piled up and more plants selected and planted carefully in the beds.

Next came a whole class from Grange, Mrs Patrick's class of year 1s - our youngest pupils yet. We didn't have to worry - they were brilliant, enthusiastic, lovely kids, all clutching their pots of flowers. Nothing looks more hopeful than children with plants, planting something that will last into the future. In September we will be back planting bulbs for the early spring into early summer and hopefully Ostreme will be bumble bee positive throughout the year.

The judge, Jim Goodwin, was delighted with their efforts, and he met the Oystermouth pupils who started the project off - Tom, Bea, Sophia and Griff.

A special thanks also to our wonderful school staff - Caroline Morgan, Sionad Trick, Mrs Hurley, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Cullen and our Councillors Sara Keeton, Carrie Townsend Jones, Adam Gilbert and a special thank you to Cash Hardware, for their amazing support.







## Ten Reasons not to Feed Seagulls

Here is some information about the harm that can be done to both people and gulls by feeding them inappropriately. Please remember though – while some species of gull are prevalent, others are in decline and are more highly protected. It is illegal to harm any wild bird, damage their nests or destroy their eggs. We live by the sea so must expect there to be seagulls, but stopping feeding them will encourage them to remain in their natural habitat and have a natural diet which will make life more pleasant for both people and gulls.

**1. Feeding gulls** can lead to an increase in the number of rats. In 2017, Swansea was ranked the 6th most rat infested area in Britain (with 3,121 call-outs, 13.06 per 1,000 people) and pest control company (Pest Professionals) warns “...we see rat populations explode near to where people leave out a lot of bird food, especially if it’s on the ground”;

**2. HEALTH.** Gulls are “the new public health risk” (as reported by the BBC in 2004). The rise in the urban gull population is increasing the risks of e-coli, salmonella and botulism. And gulls could soon be more of a pest in urban Britain than rats – a warning given at the first (2003) National Conference on the problems caused by urban gulls;

**3. NUMBERS.** Gulls can live for 40 years, can breed for 25 years and they and their offspring will return to the same nesting site. In South Wales, the urban gull population is increasing at a staggering 16% annually and is set to increase four-fold over the next decade. Peter Rock (an avian expert involved in international gull research since 1980 and the author of several scientific papers on the subject) warns that once a pair gains a foothold, problems will spiral. There is already a growing gull colony in Mayals – please don’t be mistaken to think that you won’t be affected if you are not already;

**4. NOISE** is by far the greatest nuisance factor cited by Peter Rock. He advises that gulls’ screeching typically begins at 4 o’clock in the morning and is impossible to sleep through. When regularly fed they also become tamed and will start to repeatedly call for food during the day too. Many Mayals residents experienced both last year;

**5. MESS** is the second most unpleasant nuisance cited by Peter Rock. In a 2011 Commons debate, it was recognised that gulls have the ability to expel significant quantities of runny faeces on the wing, which makes it difficult for residents to enjoy their gardens; and their washing, windows, cars and garden furniture is continually fouled;

**6. DAMAGE** to property is the third biggest problem cited by Peter Rock. He advises that gulls will destroy insulation, air conditioning, will pull up exposed roofing felt and will even pull away lead flashing. Other damage includes blockages to rain water gutters, down pipes and even gas flues;

**7. PROPERTY PRICE.** Gulls nesting near or on your property will undoubtedly affect the value and/or saleability of your home and the cost to gull-proof your property can be significant;

**8. ATTACKS.** To date there has already been one reported death in the UK. The Guardian reported in 2013 that “pensioners have been hospitalised, knocked to the ground, breaking bones. Small dogs have bled to death, children’s lips been sliced open, and an elderly man died of a heart attack following a particularly vicious assault in his back garden.” Urban gulls also attack and will feed on garden birds; so when gulls move in, small garden birds are driven out;

**9. FINES.** If someone refuses to stop feeding the gulls to the detriment of the quality of life of other residents, then Local Authorities have the power to issue a Community Protection Notice and fine a person if they breach that Notice – Conwy Council exercised this power in 2015; and

**10. HARM TO GULLS.** Both the RSPB and RSPCA warn that feeding gulls will not only lead to attacks but feeding them birds an un-natural, high calorific, low nutritional diet is detrimental to their health as it can lead to long-term health problems and incurable syndromes such as “Angel Wing”.

Peter Rock advises that the only way to control the number of gulls is to control their food source. So for the sake of the safety, health and well-being of our community, we must not encourage them by feeding them and please make your local Councillors or Ward Councillor aware of any cases.



## Mumbles Oyster Fair

Funded by Mumbles Community Council, Mumbles Oyster Fair 2018, was organised by Mumbles Development Trust in association with Swansea Round Table. It took place at the Ostreme Centre in the heart of Mumbles over the weekend of 19th and 20th October. Fresh Oysters and live entertainment featuring The Rumblestrutters and Lost Tuesday Society made for a very successful event.



Daytime Saturday of the Fair was also much enjoyed, with high numbers attending to sample the fine Porlock Bay Oysters with all the trimmings, and enjoy music provided by the U3A ukulele band. Local primary schools had also taken part in a competition to build oyster shell grottoes, with both Oystermouth and Whitestone schools winning a fantastic prize of a Fresh Graffiti workshop session for their entries.



The Oyster Fair is planning to run again this October.



# Mumbles Fest 2019

Almost 2,000 people attended Mumbles Fest in Oystermouth Castle in June, beating our expectations and increasing the likelihood of the event becoming a permanent fixture in Swansea's events calendar.

The rain clouds cleared and the sun broke through, just in time to welcome the first of many live music acts on to the stage – all set against the dramatic backdrop of Oystermouth Castle.

Performers ranged from the local Mums Choir and Kids Rock Band to London-based indie band The Curious and Lorraine Crosby, aka Mrs Loud who rocked the crowd with a set that included her famous duet with Meatloaf, "I'd do anything for love".

The event also featured a diverse selection of street food, a very busy beer tent, ice cream sellers and a gin bar. And while parents lounged in deck chairs, there was glitter and face painting, a bouncy castle and plenty of other activities to keep the children happy.

"I am absolutely delighted that almost 2,000 people came along to Mumbles Fest and were able to enjoy the music, food and refreshments on offer. We have a unique and highly desirable setting in Oystermouth Castle, a fun and music-loving local population and an attractive offering to bands and musicians. We will now look into ensuring this becomes an annual event that Swansea can be proud of." Cllr Rob Marshall - Chairman of Cultural Well-being.

The event passed without incident and we would like to thank all who attended or took part and made sure the day was such a great success. Roll on next year!







## School Banner Competition

Local primary schools were invited to design banners to be displayed at Mumbles Fest and Mumbles in Bloom. Our theme this year was Mumbles through a child's eyes - we were amused to see how many Joe's Ice Cream adverts were entered!

The winning designs were printed onto banners and barrier sleeves to be displayed at Mumbles Fest. The lucky winners received a book token from Cover to Cover, our local book shop.

A big thank you to all our contestants for their fantastic efforts and to all the schools who participated. We look forward to running the same competition next year!



## Mumbles Fest - The Clear Up

A big thank you to the 44th Sketty Scouts, who heroically cleared many bags of recycling with us at Mumbles Fest. They also ran the children's play area, and reunited a few little ones with their parents.

The following day, they joined the event team bright and early, to clear up the last of the debris and dismantle gazebos, barriers and banners for another year. Thanks to The Park publicans Sam and Kev who kindly supplied soft drinks all round!

The Scouts are raising money for their trip to Switzerland next year. The £500 they earned over the two days will help considerably. We were delighted to have such hardworking, diligent young people helping at our festival. We wish them every success with the rest of their fundraising.





## Friendship Group at West Cross Community Centre

On 8th February this year, Mumbles Community Council with the help of the West Cross Community Centre held a “Bleak Mid-Winter” party. The thinking behind this was, Christmas can be a bit full-on, or for some a lonely or emotional time...so we thought let’s avoid the festive season altogether, and instead have a party to cheer up our West Cross friendship group just when the winter is at its bleakest.

Councillors Pam Erasmus, Gareth Ford and Rebecca Fogarty, a ukulele band and the scouts joined the party. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and will happen again, next year, in the bleak mid-winter.

## Picnic at the Skatepark Site

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, many of our skateboarding community came to the skate park on the prom for a picnic and relaxed friendly demonstration of how much a skatepark means to them.

Grandparents, parents, teens and little ones hung out and took turns on the ancient but beloved skate ramp. Councillor Pam Erasmus was there to show her support and reassure everyone that Mumbles Community Council are right behind their endeavour to have this much needed facility.



## National Refill Day, Environmental Well-Being by Sara Keeton

As Chair of Environmental Well-Being I was approached by Ruth Cronin, a lady who has become a bit of a local hero for the Mumbles Community. Ruth - working from St. David’s Primary School - has put bins around the area and has collected the crisp packets, and all manner of packaging that could not be recycled before now. Ruth felt that we as a Community Council should support her on National Refill Day on 19th June. We did.

Carrie Townsend Jones, Chair of MCC and myself with some help from Councillor Tim Bull, set up our somewhat battered gazebo, and with some swanky steel bottles donated from Dwr Cymru, we went about relieving the Mumbles public of their plastic water bottles, and giving them a far greener alternative. We have many shops and Cafes in Mumbles that will refill your water bottle without charge (there is a list, and it’s still growing). Premises have a water drop logo on their front windows if they are part of the scheme.

Clutching my brand new empty Dwr Cymru bottle I went across to Sea Salt boutique to see how easy it was to get filled up. The ladies there were very accommodating. I took the top off my bottle, they went and filled it. I even have a photo to prove it! All in all it was a very successful day, and hopefully the people given their new bottles are still using them. I know I am.





# Mumbles Community Plan



SEPTEMBER 2019

The work of Mumbles Community Council aims to contribute to the social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being of everyone living in the area. We aim to reflect the spirit of the Well-being of Future Generations Act, and have restructured our committees to ensure we focus on these four elements of well-being.

Mumbles Community Council has been working with an organisation called Urban Foundry to develop a Community Plan. The Plan will outline the priorities for the Council and guide what we do for the next five to ten years.

So far, Urban Foundry has spoken to different people within the community, as well as Councillors and Officers from Swansea Council, to identify key themes and suggestions for actions under each of those themes. Over the next two pages you'll be able to see these, as well as current action that the Council is taking under each theme.

To get to this stage, Urban Foundry has spoken to more than 20 local businesses, various voluntary organisations and the wider community. They ran

focus groups with schools and community interest groups, such as groups of older people in the area. These conversations resulted in a long list of areas of work that the Community Council should be involved in at some point over the next five to ten years.

Our funding comes from the precept that you pay each year and it is very important to us that you are fully involved in where your money is spent. Hearing from you about where the Community Council should focus its efforts is a continual process. Therefore, we would like to hear from you about which of the actions overleaf should be tackled in the next year. Or maybe there are missing actions that you think are really important. If we don't do something this year, it won't be forgotten – we'll keep it for another year.

On the back of the next page you'll find a feedback form where you can tell us what is important to you. If you would like to discuss any of these pieces of work further, please do not hesitate to contact your local Councillor – you can find their contact information on page 14 and 15 of this Newsletter or at [www.mumbles.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.mumbles.gov.uk/councillors)



## A Stronger Local Economy

- Look at ways to improve local shopping spots so that they are more attractive 'go-to' locations for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike
- Develop support for small businesses, including a small business grant scheme
- Explore options for short-term use of empty buildings for start-ups
- ✔ Small grant available for shop front improvements e.g. Mumbles Arcade



## A Cleaner & Better Maintained Local Area

- Introduce measures to reduce dog mess and litter
- Tidy up and secure back lanes around the whole Mumbles area
- Install bin stores for local businesses to reduce waste building up on the pavement
- Explore measures to eliminate single-use packaging e.g. introduce recyclable, biodegradable packaging in local shops and take-aways
- ✔ Pay for additional cleaning where issues are identified and reported

## Fewer Transport Issues

- Improve traffic flow to reduce congestion and improve road safety e.g. extending 20mph zones, based on residents' views of where these should be implemented
- Enforce parking restrictions more rigorously to reduce obstruction
- Enhance public transport and active travel options
- ✔ Installed Santander bikes in Mumbles
- ✔ Finalising agreement with Swansea Council to increase number of Traffic Officers operating in the area

## Improved Outdoor Spaces

- Make residential streets safer for children to play
- Make public outdoor spaces e.g. parks and gardens, more fun
- Improve facilities for events to take place even in wet weather
- Find ways to manage and improve the Prom space for both cyclists and pedestrians e.g. solar lighting
- ✔ Play equipment in Underhill and Yalton Park





## A More Eco-Friendly Local Area

- Encourage more insect-friendly planting and maintenance of green space
- Set up community growing projects
- Establish a 'Sustainability Prize' for local businesses and community groups
- ✔ Wildflower and bee-friendly planting, working with local schools



## Increase Visitors to the Area

- Increase the number of events in the Mumbles area
- Support initiatives that celebrate the natural beauty of Mumbles and encourage visitors to spend time with it
- ✔ Successful Mumbles Fest
- ✔ Support for Mumbles Development Trust to sustain annual Oyster Fair
- ✔ Mumbles Traders events on Newton Road
- ✔ Planning St David's Day parade

## Improved Community Facilities

- Survey to understand residents' priorities for their local parks
- Install places to shelter on wet days e.g. covered seating
- Support for local youth clubs or other activities for children & young people
- Explore options for local exercise facilities e.g. indoor gym
- ✔ Outdoor gym equipment along the Prom
- ✔ Working with MCA to bring forward improved facilities for sports clubs and other users of Underhill Park
- ✔ Working to restore tennis courts at Langland
- ✔ Plans underway to develop new Skatepark
- ✔ Securing the long-term future of the Ostreme Centre (see overleaf)

## Reduce Isolation of People in the Community

- Establish intergenerational activities e.g. community gardening
- Creative activities for older people
- Support activities such as exercise and dance classes to increase health and well being
- ✔ Started series of community events e.g. Bleak Midwinter Party in West Cross; Dementia-friendly Afternoon Tea; Newton Neighbourhood Lunch



## Have Your Say

When you have read the previous pages about our Community Plan we would like to hear your views on what we should be doing first and, most importantly, if there are things that we have missed. These will be a real help to us in developing our Strategic Plan for the next 5 to 10 years.

Please rank the priorities in order of importance of where you would like to see the Community Council concentrate its efforts with No. 1 being most important and No. 8 being least important:

- The local economy (businesses, shops and local employment)
- Cleaner and better maintained local areas (litter and general maintenance)
- Transport issues (traffic, public transport and parking)
- Outdoor spaces (parks and play areas)
- Eco-friendly issues (sustainability, recycling, pollution, bio-diversity)
- Increase visitors to the area (tourism, local attractions)
- Community facilities (community centres, libraries)
- Reduce isolation for community members (social activities, social clubs)

Thinking about your three most important priorities, what would you consider to be the most important issues we should be implementing to address these?

Thinking about your three least important priorities, is there anything within those that you still think we should be doing or do you think that these are not issues we should be spending money on?

Are there issues that are important to you that you think we have missed?

Do you have any other comments you wish to make?

Finally we would like your views on MCC's plans to take on the lease of the Ostreme Centre

1. Do you feel it is important that the Ostreme Centre should be preserved for community use?  Yes  No
2. Are you in favour of MCC taking on a 50+ year lease for the Centre?  Yes  No
3. Are you in favour of MCC investing in upgrading and extending the Ostreme Centre to provide improved and additional community facilities?  Yes  No
4. If yes, what additional facilities would you like to see at the Ostreme Centre?

Please return your completed form to the Community Council office at the Ostreme Centre or post to Mumbles Community Council, The Ostreme Centre, Castle Avenue, Mumbles, SA3 4BA





## Welcome to Mumbles for Refugees

On Saturday 8th June, Mumbles welcomed over 50 asylum seekers and refugees. They came to enjoy the sunshine, fantastic music and activities of 'Mumbles Fest'.

Thanks to a £300 grant from Mumbles Community Council and the hard work of our volunteers, a delicious lunch of biryanis and salads was served in Tabernacle Church Hall to locals and visitors alike. There was a wonderful, happy atmosphere as new friendships were made. The meal was completed with a tub of Joe's ice cream for each person thanks to a kindly well-wisher. This was a very popular treat! The food was served in boxes donated by Boo's Cafe and Johnnie's Fish and Chip Shop and everyone received a reusable water bottle. We did our best to be environmentally friendly.

The Chairperson for the MCC, Carrie Townsend-Jones and Rebecca Evans, AM, gave warm speeches of welcome to everyone before our guests went to the festival in Oystermouth Castle.

While adults enjoyed sitting on deckchairs relaxing and listening to the great music in the sunshine, children enjoyed getting their faces painted and playing on the bouncy castle.

At teatime, everyone returned to Tabernacle Hall where fantastic cakes were waiting along with a much needed cup of tea. We couldn't have done without the help and food donations from Our Lady, Star of the Sea RC Church, All Saints Church and Oystermouth Market. They were fabulous.

Everyone involved enjoyed a wonderful day. A big thank you goes to the people who supported the 'Welcome to Mumbles' fundraiser last January, local businesses, churches, Mumbles Community Council and so many local volunteers.

All of our guests went home with a box of treats, so no food was left over.

We look forward to similar events in future to build links across the community.

To all at MCC

Thank you so much for all your help in making Welcome to Mumbles a success. You have been BRILLIANT!

Ian Prothero  
Diane Lewis  
Tracy Anstee



## Guided Walks Around Mumbles

The Light House Theatre received a grant from Mumbles Community Council to run literary walks around Mumbles.

Historical, performance-based walking tours of Mumbles are being performed on weekends during the summer months. The walks are designed to celebrate the diverse history of our fascinating village by taking a route which introduces visitors and locals alike to subjects as varied as Shakespeare and shellfish, hanged men and hidden contraband.

The walks begin at the castle steps and finish at Verdi's, taking in the road behind Newton Rd, the churchyard and several stops along the front.

At each stop Adrian, who leads the walks, tells anecdotes about a person with literary connections with Mumbles, and also brings in aspects of the history of Mumbles and Swansea, like the 3 Nights Blitz and the Ladies of Mumbles Head. He also performs several readings of poems and prose.

Further walks are scheduled for 10.30am, starting from the Castle steps at the end of Castle Avenue on:

Aug 17th, 24th, 25th

Sept 8th





# Councillors

## Mayals Ward



**Cllr Mike Griffiths**

*"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 Rebecca Singh**

*"A life-long resident of Swansea I grew up in Moriston and moved to the west side of Swansea five years ago with my husband and young daughter. As Community Councillor for Mayals I hope to help maintain and enrich this beautiful area of Swansea that I'm so glad to be a part of."*

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**Cllr Linda Tyler-Lloyd**

*"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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## Newton Ward



**Cllr Rob Marshall**

*"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&CS Labour Group spokesperson for Newton and Social Secretary for the Gower Constituency Labour Group."*

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**Cllr Ian Scott**

*"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**

*"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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## Newton Ward



**Cllr William Thomas**

*"Hi, I'm Will. As well as being the County Councillor for Newton I like to take a very active role in MCC. I am excited by what we hope to achieve over the next few years at MCC and it is a great honour to be part of it."*

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**Cllr Tim Bull**

*"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**

*"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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Oystermouth Ward



**Cllr Myles Langstone**

*“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**

*“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**

*“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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West Cross Ward



**Cllr Gareth Ford**

*“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 Richard Jarvis**

*“I am married with 3 grown up children. Originally from Aberdare, I joined the army at 17 and served in Northern Ireland and the Falklands. I then spent 8 years with the Metropolitan Police before transferring to Hampshire Police. I decided to move to Mumbles in 2016 having had many day trips/holidays in the area.”*

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**Cllr Sara Keeton**

*“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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West Cross Ward



**Cllr Pam Erasmus**

*“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 Rebecca Fogarty**

*“I moved to the area in 2016 to work for a local charity and now work for the NHS in improving accessibility of services. I live with my husband Eugene in West Cross and care passionately about sustaining an active, vibrant community for young and old with plenty going on for all. In my spare time I like to surf and dance, and I am learning Welsh at Swansea University.”*

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**Cllr Martin O’Neill**

*“I have lived in the West Cross area of Mumbles for some twenty-two years. I am married with two grown children who were previously pupils at Whitestone, Bishopston and Bishop Gore Schools. I currently work at Cardiff University where I am a lecturer at the School of Medicine having spent my early career in the NHS. I have a particular interest in older people in our community as I believe it is vitally important that as we all age we develop services and facilities that help our older residents enjoy a fulfilling, healthy and happy life.”*

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## Grant Allocations



### Mumbles Rangers U14's - Genoa Bound

Mumbles Rangers would like to extend grateful thanks to Mumbles Community Council for the £1,000 grant made to the club in support of the under 14s Rangers Team participation in the James Spensely International Youth Tournament held in Genoa, Italy.

The Tournament will take place between the 5th & 8th September 2019 being organised by Genoa Cricket and Football Club, whose senior team play in Serie A League.

Attendance at this illustrious Italian Tournament is by invitation only, with teams from all over the world entering. Previous years' participants have been from as far afield as Romania and Brazil, as well as closer to home; Spain, Holland and France. The likes of Barcelona, Real Betis and ADO Den Haag have all entered teams, the former winning the competition on five separate occasions.

The invitation for the 17-player team to play in such a prestigious competition and represent Wales is a truly fantastic honour. The experience of playing and socialising alongside such teams will broaden the boys' perspectives on life and their cultural understanding of other countries. The support provided by Mumbles Community Council has enabled the club to purchase kit and equipment for the trip, including footballs, bibs and a presentation polo shirt which the players will wear on official evenings in Genoa.

Mumbles Rangers are truly grateful for the support the MCC has given the U14 team and the players will do their very best to positively represent Wales and the community of Mumbles.

### Sculpture by the Sea

Art and Education by the Sea received a grant of £2,500 from Mumbles Community Council to assist with costs for their festival project which ran in July.

Their mission is to educate and inspire children and communities, enhancing natural creativity and well-being, through environmental art. The vision being that children and adults will engage with nature in a creative way, helping to protect and sustain it for future generations.

The annual Beach Sculpture Festival, now in its 15th year provides a team of artists to create an open-air display of temporary sculpture made from natural materials, such as sand, shells or pebbles found at the festival beaches. The artworks are inspired by our special beaches and their marine life making the event both educational and fun.



### Additional Defibrillators for Mumbles

HeartBeat Trust UK is a Mumbles based charity who have been working tirelessly to increase the number of 24-hour accessible defibrillators in and around Mumbles, Newton, West Cross, Mayals, Blackpill, Caswell and Langland. A grant of £1500 was awarded to provide additional signage.

During the summer months additional defibrillators will be installed, along with numerous lamppost signs, window stickers, posters, information boards and other items of awareness material. All with the purpose of advising residents and visitors of the location of their nearest defibrillator and how to use it in an emergency situation if somebody has a cardiac arrest.

In June, 16 training sessions took place in Mumbles supported by St Johns Cymru Wales, offering instruction on CPR and the timely use of a defibrillator. These were very well attended by local businesses and residents. Further sessions are planned for later on in the year.

Henry Gilbert, Trustee and past High Sheriff of West Glamorgan comments, "Statistically in Mumbles every year we can expect about 20 people to have a cardiac arrest and sadly the likelihood is that only 2 will survive. With the timely intervention of CPR and the use of a defibrillator the survival rate can be as high as 75%. So having access to a defibrillators and knowing how to perform CPR is vital to the chances of saving someone's life."

"Making Mumbles the first defibrillator friendly community in the UK would not have happened if not for the support of Mumbles Community Council and the local councillors of Swansea City Council. Many thanks for both their financial support and encouragement. Thanks also goes to The Contenders for their fundraising efforts, WH Smith's Mumbles branch for their sponsorship of a defibrillator and St Johns Cymru Wales for their support in our community training sessions."







## Community Garden

A grant of £4,800 was allocated to Newton Parents Association to help develop a community garden of fruits, vegetables and flowers. The aim of this project is to:

- Connect with the community by involving local residents, allotment societies, and volunteers in sharing their gardening knowledge with kids.
- Teach children how to grow and care for their own food & flowers.
- Grow plants and flowers that will attract bees and other pollinators and of course all the other bugs and butterflies that help to rejuvenate our world.
- Develop an outside classroom/ garden in Newton School that will be a valuable learning experience for all children.
- Feed back into the community by sharing produce with local residents and by setting up trugs or islands of plants in residential homes/churches that are wheel chair accessible. Also by allowing the children to learn from the older generation and share their knowledge and love of nature with them.
- Aim to develop 'guerrilla gardening' in the future - using seeds and plants to fill unused spaces with nectar rich plants etc - but that is for the future!

## Other Grant Allocations

### Mumbles Bowls Club

A grant of £2,309 was awarded to Mumbles Bowls Club to meet the cost of grass cutting, hedge cutting, and maintenance costs.

### Lighthouse Theatre - £1,000

### St David's Catholic Primary School

A grant of £100 to encourage recycling of packaging that Swansea Council don't collect

### Friends of Mumbles Parks

Upgrading of Underhill Playground. Awarded grants of £2,235 for fencing and kerbs and £30,000 for 'wetpour' safety surface.

### Mumbles Traders

Grant of £1,350 towards the Christmas Lights and Parade



## Alan Martin Festival

A £1,000 grant made to Mumbles Rangers Football Club for its Annual Alan Martin Festival held last month in Underhill Park. The grant enabled the club to build on the success of the Club's Annual Football Festival. This year there was an emphasis on developing girls' football and eight girls teams participated for the first time. Mumbles Rangers now has approximately 100 girls playing for the club at various age groups.

The two-day festival was a great success with returning teams from Cardiff and England. In total 56 teams participated with approximately 560 boys and girls aged from 8 to 12 years of age.

The weather was good and the club was congratulated on the event with numerous individuals saying; 'the best run mini football festival we attend'.

The Annual Alan Martin Invitation Festival which has been running for 20 years continues to go from strength to strength and the grant enabled the club to purchase four sets of new portable goals for girls' football, balls, corner flags and crowd barriers (bespoke rope and pole sets, to keep over enthusiastic parents off the pitches).

Mumbles Rangers coaches and volunteers from all the mini football age groups plus the girls' section and management committee put a considerable amount of time and effort into the two days - organising, setting up and taking down and refereeing matches. An exhausting but successful weekend!

### Ostreme Centre

Grant of £2,000 to replace the stage curtains.

### Royal British Legion

A grant of £200 towards cost of a Remembrance Day Concert

### Oystermouth Primary School

A grant of £4,067 towards the cost of replacing condemned play equipment in the school yard.



**Office Costs**

Rent	3,019
Broadband, Fax & Telephone	849
Rates	683
Electricity	250
Stationery, Cleaning Materials etc	551
Postage	661
Photographs/Photocopying	221
Office Cleaner	520
Ostreme Centre	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,754</b>

**Payroll**

Salary	33,487
Pension Payments	382
National Insurance	1,842
Accountants Fees (Payroll)	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,887</b>

**General Fund**

Insurance	1,551
Subscriptions	276
Audit Fee	882
One Voice Wales	2,756
Storage	1,400
Elections	5,000
Royal Mail Reply Service	110
Rental for Parish Online Maps	276
Chair's Remuneration	500
Councillor's Remuneration	2,700
Evaluation Services	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,451</b>

**Community and Social Well-Being Committee**

Small and Medium Grants	60,000
Large Capital Grants (Underhill)	140,000
Skatepark	134,000
Langland Tennis Courts	87,500
Underhill Park Play Area - Wetpour Surface	30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>451,500</b>

**Cultural Well-Being Committee**

Twinning	1,500
Mumbles in Bloom - Contestant	90
Mumbles in Bloom - Competition	2,000
Christmas Motifs	5,540
Christmas Trees (Inc. Picket Mead Living Trees)	6,491
Inspection of Southend Tree	520
New Christmas Motifs (2)	1,000
New Lights - Blackpill Christmas Tree	1,000
Event Planning and Organisation	3,600
Oystermouth Castle Summer Knights Festival	17,000
Oyster Festival and Food Festival Event	6,000
Community Parties	2,200
Schools Competition	1,000
St David's Day Event and Dragon Parade	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,941</b>





**Economic Well-Being Committee**

Commercial and Residential Painting Grants	2,500
Extension of Bus Service	3,400
Ostreme Centre - Development Costs	10,000
Planning Applications	5,000
Road Safety	10,000

**Total** **30,900**

**Environment Well-Being Committee**

Civic Amenities - Street Furniture	10,516
Floral Decorations	8,171
Wildflowers	262
Jubilee Garden	100
Landscaping Ostreme Centre	100
Flora in Schools	3,500
Mayals Road/Fairwood Road - Double Yellow Lines	3,300
Cleansing - General/Dog Poo - 4 hours per day	14,084
Cleansing - Winter Opening Southend Toilet	4,000
Cleansing - Bus Shelters	1,000
Environmental/Natural History Activities	600

**Total** **45,633**

**Joint Enabling Committee**

Multimedia Consultant	2,400
Website, Email, Media Management	600
Website and Email Hosting and Domain Name	1,268
Marketing/Publicity Leaflets and Posters	7,128
Newsletter Editor	1,000
Newsletter Printing	2,226
Newsletter Distribution	1,000
Publicity Banners	1,200
Training Courses and Associated Costs	5,000
Community Consultation	5,000

**Total** **26,822**

**Budget Sub Total** **694,888**

Add Contingency 69,489

**Budget Total** **764,377**

Less Funded from Earmarked Reserves 213,116

**Budget Requirement 2019/20** **551,261**







## 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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You can also contact any of your ward councillors directly. Contact information is on the centre pages of this newsletter and on the website.

Our new website is now available at [www.mumbles.gov.uk](http://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.

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