

Minutes of the Special Meeting

6 August 2018

MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of MUMBLES COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the Council Office, Walters Crescent, Mumbles on Monday 6 August 2018.

Present:

S.044 Councillors(s)

.18 Pam Erasmus
Gareth Ford
Mike Griffiths
Sara Keeton

Councillors(s)

Rob Marshall
Helen Mitchell
Ian Scott
Carrie Townsend Jones

S.045 In attendance:

Steve Heydon (Clerk)

S.046 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: Tim Bull, Adam Gilbert, Matthew Gilbert, Myles Langstone, Philip Reason, Matthew Smith, Carwyn Thomas, Will Thomas & Linda Tyler-Lloyd

S.047 Declarations of Interest

None.

S.048 The meeting was held at the request of over 70 residents.

S.049 The Council read formal replies to a number of questions raised prior to the meeting by representatives of those calling for the meeting.

S.050 The questions are the answers are reproduced below:

a) When was the decision taken to implement the poll, which committee determined the questions

Response

Originally discussed at Planning Committee. The approval for MCC and Committees to use SurveyMonkey, where it was felt that it would be useful to receive views of a wider audience than the

councillors themselves, was approved at the meeting of February 13th.

Dr Ben Reynolds of Urban Foundry was asked to produce the questions for the survey as he is an expert in such matters. The questions were circulated to all councillors prior to the Full Council meeting on July 10th and apart from a concern raised from Cllr Scott regarding the length of the survey, no other comments were made either before or at the meeting so the Survey was opened on July 11th.

- b) The actions taken to validate the on-line responses in order to ensure the integrity of the data submitted.

Response

There was never an intention to use the data to 'prove' anything or to provide any formal conclusions but purely as a consultative mechanism for people to feed back their views to us in the same way as the public meeting was.

- c) The publicity programme MCC implemented to make local residents aware of this poll

Response

The poll was put up on the MCC Facebook page and on the MCC website and a link to it was on the posters for the public meeting.

- d) Who authorized the release of the SurveyMonkey poll data collected prior to the 19th July to the Evening Post

Response

There was no release of any data to the Evening Post.

MCC to provide:

- a) Details of the publicity programme for the Mumbles Pier Community Consultation Meeting of 19th July

Response

A poster was put up on the MCC Facebook page and on the MCC website and on the MCC noticeboards as well as in the Ostreme Centre and on Noticeboards around the area. Evening Post were also requested to publicise it.

- b) Arrangements for the attendance of the developers at the meeting of 19th July with copies of invitations and replies received.

Response

Telephone request to the Developers inviting them to attend a public meeting and asking for dates they would be available.

Invitation was verbally declined by Laurence Bailey, Consultant for the Developers

Item 5.

The Chair of MCC to explain statements made at the Mumbles Pier Complex Consultation meeting, including:

- a) Repeatedly claiming that SurveyMonkey poll was a valid market research survey and that MCC considered it to be representative of the views of its residents

Response

As stated above this was never intended as a formal and statistically valid survey in the same way as a public meeting is not. I apologise if this was not made clear.

- b) Stating that no representative of the development scheme was prepared to attend the meeting

Response

As stated above, this is correct.

- c) Apologising for the other publicity meeting leaflet

Response

The leaflet referred to was produced by an individual resident using the MCC logo, thus giving people who received the leaflet the impression that it had been produced and authorized by MCC. The comment was to make clear that this was not the case. The resident was aware that the MCC poster was available in the MCC office and that the resident could have taken as many as they wanted to distribute.

Item 6

MCC to clarify the claim that a director of the development company was at the Mumbles Pier Community Consultation meeting (but not in the audience) and confirm which councillors knew of this attendance.

Response

No councillor has any knowledge of this.

- S.051** At the end of the meeting, councillors stayed on to answer questions put by the public, chaired by Mr John Cooper.