

Minutes of Meeting of the Community & Social Committee held on 20 September 2023 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre and via Zoom

Councillors Present: Pam Erasmus (Chair), Phil Keeton, Sara Keeton, Tim Zhou, Ian Scott and Rhian Evans

Officers Present: Paul Beynon – RFO and Ian Hughes Committee Support Officer (CSO)

CM2309-01 Apologies: Will Thomas, and Francesca O'Brien,

CM2309-02 Declarations of Interest

None.

CM2309-03 Election of a vice chair and appointment of co-opted members

Cllr Sara Keeton volunteered to be vice chair of the committee. The Chair Cllr Pam Erasmus proposed that Ian Thomas and Johnathan Atkins continue as co-opted members.

RESOLVED the appointment of Cllr Sara Keeton was unanimously approved by councillors.

ACTION CSO to write to both Ian Thomas and Johnathan Atkins requesting their continued participation as co-opted members

CM2309-04 Skatepark

Discussion on use of Skatepark and monitoring of compliance in relation to Lottery Funding. With the appointment of the new Clerk, Kerry Grabham a steering group for the Skatepark had been set up. This involved a number of local

partners and had met once in September with a further meeting planned for October 2023.

Other issues included safety training and the water fountain not functioning at The Skatepark.

AGREED that the Mumbles Skatepark Steering Group will meet on a regular basis and will feedback updates to the committee through The Clerk who is a standing member of the group. The Steering Group will feedback financial and compliance issues to both Full Council and the Finance and Compliance Committee. Safety training at the Skate Park is being arranged through liaison between The Steering Group and EXIST.

ACTION RFO to write to relevant water company responsible for the installation/maintenance of water fountain at Mumbles Skate Park.

CM2309-05 Underhill Park

A working group has been created to monitor progress at The Underhill Development.

AGREED that the committee will be provided with an update at the October Meeting through councillors/officers who are members of both The Community and Social Development Committee and The Underhill Working Group.

CM2309-06 Langland Tennis Courts

A discussion took place concerning the vandalised condition of the Langland Tennis Courts in particular to locks fitted to tennis net mechanisms and basketball equipment. RFO, Paul Beynon informed the committee that new basketball hoops had been received but that they would not be installed until tamper proof locks had been received (arrival anticipated October/November 2023). Methods of combatting vandalism discussed.

RECOMMEND that steps be taken to mitigate vandalism. Signs should be displayed indicating that the area is being monitored by CCTV and warning that should further damage occur equipment will not be replaced by MCC due to the cost involved.

AGREED that the committee will meet at the earliest opportunity with The Clerk with the intention of discussing the Langland Tennis Court issues as the sole item of agenda.

CM2309-07 Budget Monitoring Report to 30/06/2023

Paul Beynon, The RFO, gave a presentation to the committee on an awareness of financial matters relevant to councillors. This included the processes of individual committees being allocated a budget in January for which they are responsible for monitoring throughout the financial year. Councillors should refer to spending detailed in spreadsheets prepared on a monthly basis by the RFO. They should question both underspending and overspending of money allocated, by questions (actions) to the RFO and in discussion at monthly committee meetings.

In answer to questions by councillors, Paul Beynon (RFO) explained delays in expenditure taking place including a £5,000 grant to Mumbles Bowls Club which awaited processing by Swansea Council.

ACTION that The Clerk should write to SCC requesting an update on the Community Asset Transfer in relation to the £5,000 approved for Mumbles Bowls Club.

AGREED that 'budgeting' be given a raised priority in the 'running order' of agenda items at future meetings

CM2309-08 Budget 2024/25

Paul Beynon, the RFO, raised awareness of the significance of each committee preparing a budget for 2024/2025. This proposed budget needs to be agreed by Full Council in January 2024, either at the regular monthly Full Council or at a specially convened meeting. The budget would need to be agreed by the committee through the use of Proposal Forms prior to approval being sought by Full Council in January; this would ideally take place at the November Committee Meeting.

Councillors had a discussion about potential projects and their locations. These included basketball facilities, five a side football, climbing wall and netball taking place at Langland Tennis Courts, The Mumbles Skate Park and other locations including Underhill Park. All potential sites would need to consider the impact on local residents particularly in relation to noise, environmental concerns and the possibility of planning permission.

ACTION that The Clerk as a member of Underhill Working Group should establish the feasibility of installing basketball facilities in Underhill Park.

ACTION the Clerk write to SCC with a view to MCC taking over responsibility for the running of Tennis Court No. 4 at Langland.

ACTION Cllr Tim Zhou to research the options for outside five a side football within MCC's area.

ACTION CSO to write to all councillors seeking suitable locations for activities such as basketball or five a side football within their ward or elsewhere locally.

AGREED RFO Paul Beynon to send out Proposal Forms to committee members with a view to budgeting being agreed in November.

CM2309-09 Other Projects

No other projects discussed however it was agreed to fix an earlier date for the December Committee Meeting

ACTION CSO to liaise with committee officers and officers directly to arrange a new December date.

Meeting finished 7.50pm

