

Minutes of Council Meeting

13 November 2018

MINUTES of the MONTHLY MEETING of MUMBLES COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the Council Office, Walters Crescent, Mumbles on Tuesday 13 November 2018

Present:

481.11 Councillors(s) **.18**

Tim Bull
Pam Erasmus
Gareth Ford
Adam Gilbert
Mike Griffiths
Sara Keeton
Myles Langstone
Rob Marshall

Councillors(s)

Helen Mitchell
Martin O'Neil
Ian Scott
Carwyn Thomas
William Thomas
Carrie Townsend Jones
Linda Tyler-Lloyd

482.11 In attendance:

Steve Heydon (Clerk)

483.11 Apologies for Absence

Councillor: Matthew Gilbert

484.11 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Adam Gilbert declared a personal interest in item 506.11 as the applicant is his father.

Cllr Helen Mitchell declared a personal interest in item 494.11 as she is a member of the committee of the local branch.

Cllr Sara Keeton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 504.11 as she attends the meetings of Friends of Mumbles Parks

Cllr Myles Langstone declared a personal & prejudicial interest in item 504.11 as he is Chair of Friends of Mumbles Parks

Cllr William Thomas declared a personal & prejudicial interest in item 504.11 as he is Vice-Chair of Friends of Mumbles Parks

Cllr Carrie Townsend Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 521.11 – her expenses claim

485.11 The meeting be adjourned to allow:

486.11 Parking & Housing Scheme – Castle Road

Talk by architect Adrian W Rowlands to explain their proposed development in Castle Road.

487.11 The meeting was reconvened

488.11 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9 October 2018

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9 October 2018

489.11 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 25 October 2018

RESOLVED to as a correct record the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 25 October 2018

490.11 Cllr Myles Langstone joined the meeting

Clerk's Report

491.11 Casual Vacancy

The Clerk explained that under the Local Government Act 1972 if a councillor fails to attend at least one meeting in any 6-month period they cease to be a councillor. He advised that unfortunately, Matthew Smith has, under that rule, ceased to be a councillor and Council now formally needs to declare date of the 'casual vacancy'.

RESOVLED to declare the date of the casual vacancy as 13 November 2018.

492.11 Appointment to Committees

RESOLVED that Cllrs Sara Keeton, Martin O'Neill and Ian Scott become members of the F&GP committee.

493.11 Residents Attacked by Nesting Seagulls

Councillors' attention was drawn to a letter from residents in Mayals, who were experiencing attacks by nesting seagulls.

RESOLVED that whilst council was sympathetic to their plight, there was nothing we could effectively do to solve it and that the letter be noted.

494.11 Request to add plaques to MCC benches

A request was received from the Royal British Legion to add plaques to two of our benches.

RESOLVED to give permission for these to be added.

495.11 The Clerk answered questions regarding the correspondence received.

496.11 White Lady Festival

RESOLVED that MME are granted devolved powers to spend up to £26,000 to allow them to book acts and infrastructure for White Lady Festival to be held on Weekend of 7-9 June 2019 subject to Monthly updates and financial reports, plus invoices posted on Dropbox/OneDrive.

497.11 Cllr Rob Marshall left the meeting

498.11 Chair's Report

The Chair's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

499.11 Twining Request from Harve de Grace (Maryland - USA)

Please see report on OneDrive

RESOLVED that MCC twin with Harve de Grace on the same terms as we currently do with Hennebont.

500.11 Langland Tennis Courts

RESOLVED that

- i. We provisionally accept C&CS offer of 3 out of 6 courts on 10-year-licence
- ii. The three courts be tennis courts
- iii. The working party become a sub-committee of Development

In respect of item ii there was a named vote.

For - Cllrs: Gareth Ford, Adam Gilbert, Mike Griffiths, Myles Langstone, Helen Mitchell, Philip Reason, Ian Scott, Carwyn Thomas, Wiliam Thomas and Linda Tyler-Lloyd

Against – Cllrs: Pam Earasmus, Sara Keeton, Martin O'Neill and Carrie Townsend Jones

Abstention – Cllr: Tim Bull

501.11 Ostreme Centre

RESOLVED agreement in principle to taking on a long lease of the Ostreme Centre and give instructions to:

- District Valuer at cost of between around £1,000
- Our Solicitor at cost of between £850 - £1,050
- kPa Structural Surveyors at cost of £885

502.11 Santander Bike Hub

Cllr Carwyn Thomas gave a quick update on current position regarding finding a suitable location for the 'hub'.

503.11 Cllr Linda Tyler-Lloyd left the meeting

Recommendations by the F&GP Committee

504.11 Grant Application from the Friends of Mumbles Parks (FOMP)

Grant application to cover the cost of moving some of the fencing surrounding the playground in Underhill Park to create a bigger grassy area and put two picnic benches into the playground for families to use when visiting the park.

RESOLVED that FOMP are awarded £2235 for the fencing and concrete kerbs. Recommend to FOMP that they use other sources of funding/fundraising for benches.

505.11 Grant Application from Mumbles Traders

Grant application towards cost of the Mumbles Christmas Lights and Parade.

RECOMMEND that a grant of £1350 (50% of the amount requested) be awarded subject to receipt of invoices.

506.11 Grant Application from Henry Gilbert, High Sheriff of West Glamorgan

Grant application (and supporting letter) requesting funding towards defibrillator awareness project.

RESOLVED that a grant of £1500 be awarded subject to receipt of estimates for signs and information about their location.

Financial Report

507.11 Wales Audit Office

Further to last month's report, we are still awaiting a formal response from the Welsh Audit Office.

508.11 Second Quarter Accounts & Spend vs Budget

Due to some councilors not being able to access these on Dropbox/OneDrive approval was deferred to the next meeting of Council.

509.11 Remuneration Panel Recommendations

RESOLVED that on 1 December 2018, a payment of £150 be made to each councillor unless they elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these allowances by giving notice in writing to the proper officer of the council. Previous claims for the financial year will be deducted from the £150 sum.

RESOLVED that on 1 December 2018, one payment of at £500 be made to the Chair of Council in respect of the specific responsibilities of the role.

RESOLVED that payments under other determinations be referred to the F&GP committee for their consideration.

RESOLVED to approve the following invoices

510.11	3881	St John's Ambulance	£480.00	£0.00	£963.40
511.11	3882	Mumbles Community Association	£2,245.20	£0.00	£2,245.20
512.11	3883	Barclaycard	£2,082.86	£0.00	£2,082.86
513.11	3884	Social Media Adviser	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
514.11	3885	Mumbles 6 th Cubs	£3,500	£0.00	£3,500
515.11	3886	Void Cheque	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
516.11	3887	Whitestone Primary School	£7,230.00	£0.00	£7,230.00
517.11	3888	Royal British Legion	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
518.11	3889	One Voice Wales	£963.40	£0.00	£963.40

519.11	3890	Mumbles Cricket Club	£224.30	£0.00	£224.30
520.11	3891	One Voice Wales	40.00	£0.00	40.00
521.11	3892	Carrie TJ – Reimbursement	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
522.11	3893	Judith Porch	£96.00	£0.00	£96.00
523.11	3894	Barclaycard	£97.92	£0.00	£97.92
524.11	3895	Ostreme	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00
525.11	3896	Seaside Office Supplies	£213.15	£42.63	£255.78
526.11	3897	HMRC	£191.13	£0.00	£191.13
527.11	3898	Npower	£77.96	£3.90	£81.86
528.11	3899	Ann Morgan	£1012.58	£0.00	1012.58
529.11	3900	Manoeuvre Media	£191.80	£0.00	£191.80

Bank Balances

530.11

531.11	Current Account	£18,942.08
	Deposit Account	£230,296.32

532.11 **RESOLVED** that because of the Confidential Nature of the items about to be discussed the press and public be excluded.

533.11 Sports Clubhouses

RESOLVED to appoint Sports Clubhouses to undertake consultations and proved detailed feasibility study for Underhill at a cost of £2,550

534.11 Personnel Matters

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations set-out in the confidential report.