

Minutes of Meeting of the Community & Social Development Committee held on 15 October 2025 at The Ostreme Centre 6.30pm and via TEAMS

Councillors Present: Cllrs Ian Scott (Chair), Francesca O'Brien, Phil Keeton, Trevor Carr, Laura Gilbert, William Thomas, Pam Erasmus and Sara Keeton

Officers Present: Paul Beynon – RFO and Ian Hughes –CSO

The Chair, Cllr Scott welcomed two PCSOs from South Wales Constabulary. Chris Dix and Andrew Brown attended the meeting at Cllr Scott's invitation to contribute to the agenda items connected to Mumbles Skatepark. Due to the presence of both PCSOs, Cllr Scott indicated that he would bring forward the relevant agenda items ([CSD2510-07](#) and [CSD2510-09](#)) to the start of the meeting.

Vandalism (graffiti) at Mumbles Skate Park

[CSD2510-07](#)

The Chair, Cllr Scott set out the background to the current state of graffiti at Mumbles Skatepark and how this had escalated since June 2025. Cllr Scott noted that he had attended the Mumbles Skatepark Event on 27th September 2025 and had discussed the condition of the skatepark with Paul Evans, SCC's Safety Co-Ordinator Advisor. It was noted that graffiti had spread to the surfaces on the majority of surfaces within the skatepark.

Options for the removal of graffiti were discussed by the committee, and it was noted that a specialist cleaning agent was required for use on the surfaces used for skating.

Some surfaces including rubbish bins, signs and the outside walls of the skating areas had already been cleaned and councillors at their November Meeting agreed to support further removal of graffiti. This included Cllr Phil Keeton undertaking an exploratory cleaning process with volunteers.

In terms of how best to progress the issue of vandalism it was the consensus of the committee and the PCSOs, that without ramifications for those responsible, the cleaning of the graffiti would only create a 'blank surface' for further graffiti to be created.

The use of CCTV to be considered as a method of capturing details of those responsible.

ACTION Cllr Thomas to complete a budget proposal form in relation to the relocation of a CCTV pole from Underhill Park to Mumbles Skatepark.

RESOLVED Further liaison to take place between MCC Councillors, MCC Officers and SWP in relation to targeting graffiti.

Cllr Will Thomas arrived at the meeting at 6.33pm

CSD2510-09**CCTV at Mumbles Skate Park Update and Update on Mumbles Skatepark safety event on 27.09.25**

This agenda item was discussed under the previous agenda item, (vandalism (graffiti) at Mumbles Skate Park) **CSD2510-07** refers.

CSD2510-01**Apologies:**

None

CSD2510-02**Declarations of Interest**

None

CSD2510-03**To approve the minutes of previous meetings as a true record.**

- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2025 as a true record.
- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2025 as a true record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025 as a true record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2025 as a true record.

CSD2510-04**Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings**

The Chair, Cllr Scott outlined outstanding actions.

RESOLVED 'Outstanding action' report to be updated by CSO.

CSD2510-05 Budget Monitoring Reports to 31/08/2025

Reports attached.

Financial reports prepared by RFO, Paul Beynon who had previously circulated the documents to councillors.

RFO outlined outstanding expenditure, all of which had been considered and allocated for within budgets. No concerns raised.

RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring report to 31st August 2025.

CSD2510-06 Budget 2026/27

The Chair, Cllr Scott again emphasised the need for budget proposal forms for future projects to be submitted in a timely manner before 31st October 2025.

RESOLVED to submit budget proposal forms to RFO before 31.10.2025 who will recirculate budget proposal forms to councillors.

CSD2509-08 Langland Tennis Courts - Replacement of netting around Basketball Court (Court No. 3) Update

Cllr Thomas informed the committee that this matter had been successfully resolved at October's Full Council Meeting and that the RFO had already made contact with the contractor.

CSD2509-10 Underhill Park - Car Park

Cllr Gilbert set out concerns that she had received from Newton Athletic Football Club regarding Underhill Car Park. The coaching staff and parents are often required to bring bulky kit and other items necessary for training and playing at Underhill Park. Storage is limited at The Hub and in any case it is not always practical for everything to be stored within The Hub facilities. The car park is poorly lit and spaces are not always available for coaching staff.

Discussions centred on alternative parking arrangements, improving and developing existing parking facilities and improving storage facilities at The Hub.

RESOLVED Cllr Gilbert to explore with The Hub's manager the potential to improve storage facilities within The Hub. Cllr Gilbert will also canvass views from coaching staff at Newton Athletic on how parking at Underhill could be improved.

Meeting finished 7.14pm

Next Meeting 19th November 2025

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