

Minutes of Culture, Tourism and Communications Committee

**Held on Wednesday, 24 September 2025 at 2.00pm
Hybrid Meeting at Ostreme Centre and via Teams**

Councillors Present: Cllrs. Angela O'Connor (Chair), Rob Marshall (Vice Chair), Richard Jarvis, David Lewis and Tim Zhou.

Officers Present: Ian Hughes - CSO

- CT2509-01 Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Martin O'Neill and Cllr Jarvis notified The Chair that he had been delayed.
- CT2509-02 Declarations of Interest**
None
- CT2509-03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee**
To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 23 July 2025 as a true record.
- RESOLVED:** to approve the meeting minutes held on 23 July 2025 as an accurate record.
- CT2509-04 Update on actions from previous meetings.**
The CSO updated the committee on all outstanding actions having previously circulated the full list of outstanding 'actions' to committee members.
- RESOLVED:** Outstanding actions updated and shown as complete where appropriate; details recorded in 'action' report, together with newly created actions.
- CT2507-05 Budget Monitoring Report to 31/07/2025 - RFO, Paul Beynon**
Financial reports prepared by RFO, Paul Beynon had previously been distributed to committee members. No questions relating to the budget reports had been provided either to the CSO or the RFO prior to the meeting.
- RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report to 31 July 2025.

CT2509-06 Budget 2026/27

The RFO had previously circulated the Budget Timetable 2026/27 report to the Committee, the report outlined the actions required to be taken by Council and Committees leading up to the approval of the budget and precept by Council by 31/01/2026..

RESOLVED that any budget proposals be discussed and agreed upon at October's Meeting with the forms being submitted to The RFO before 31st October 2025.

CT2509-07 Ideas/Events for The Hub – Recommendations to MCC Officers

The following ideas were discussed as potential events for The Hub:

- Cabaret Evenings
- Opera Suppers
- 'Pop up' events
- Coffee and cake/tea and toast events.

A discussion on the role of the committee making recommendations to Full Council together with the role of officers within the newly created Hub Working Group took place. Clarification was sought in relation to the role of the Culture Committee making such recommendations directly to Full Council.

The relevant section from the minutes of September's Full Council Meeting was read out by CSO which provided clarity on the Full Council's decision to create the new Working Group and its role. Set out below:-

The CO and Chair, Cllr Will Thomas outlined how best to progress suggestions in relation to Underhill Park. The consensus of the Full Council was that due to the number of potential suggestions/recommendations there would be insufficient time to discuss such ideas at Full Council or even at committee level.

It was agreed that this agenda item related only to the management and structure of progressing ideas and that details of proposed suggestions should not be discussed.

It was resolved that any ideas and suggestions in relation to Underhill be forwarded to a working group, initially to consist of The CO, the newly appointed Booking Officer and Natalie Williams of The Hub. Following an initial assessment of the ideas, those deemed to have reached the necessary standard will be forwarded to The Community and Social Development Committee for recommendations to be made. An appeal process will be created.

ACTION the CSO to communicate with CO and RFO and confirm timetable and members to be included within The Hub Recommendations Working Group.

Cllr Jarvis joined the meeting at 2.09pm

CT2509-08 Raft Race Update

The Chair, Cllr O'Connor confirmed that MCC had provided a 'speaker system' to the organisers of the Raft Race, but unfortunately the event was cancelled due to inclement weather.

CT2509-09 Christmas Lights 2025

Prior to the meeting a detailed quote had been provided by Phillips Services (Wales) Ltd for the hiring and installation of lights within MCC. This had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. Arrangements for the Christmas Lights in 2025 were discussed with an overall cost expected to be in the region of £19,000.

RECOMMENDED that Full Council approve expenditure of up to £19,000 for hiring and installation of Christmas Lights within MCC's area.

From budgets CTC 3 & 4

CT2509-10 MumblesFest 2026 – fixed for 6th June 2026

The date for MumblesFest 2026 was discussed and it was agreed to hold the event on the 6th June 2026.

The date of MumblesFest would be Saturday, 6 June 2026 subject to the Castle Grounds being available and there being no clashes with other events being held in Swansea. Should the 6 June 2026 not be suitable then the alternative date would be Saturday, 13 June 2026

RECOMMENDED that MumblesFest 2026 is held on 6 June 2026.

CT2509-11 Newsletter Update

The 2025 Newsletter was discussed and due to Claire Anderson's recent departure from MCC, The Chair, Cllr O'Connor volunteered to progress the content of the Newsletter planned for publication in November 2025

ACTION Cllr O'Connor to liaise with CO over progressing the publication of the newsletter in November 2025.

CT2509-12 Mumbles Folk and Blues Festival Update / Beer Festival 'OctoberFest'

Cllr Richard Jarvis updated the Committee on the arrangements for the Mumbles Folk and Blues Festival which is planned to take place on Saturday, 4 October 2025. Unfortunately, a number of potential venues had cancelled, however The Victoria Inn will be hosting a folk and blues event which has been supported through Cllr Jarvis donating part of his councillor's allowance.

RESOLVED To monitor the success of holding a folk and blues event at one venue with a view to increasing the scale of the event in future years. The event at the Victoria Inn will be treated as a 'taster session'– or pilot event.

C02509-13 Cheese and Wine Event

The Chair, Cllr O'Connor stated that with the departure of The Events Officer, Claire Anderson this proposal should be postponed pending the appointment of a new Events Officer. The committee believed that a Cheese & Wine Event would be very successful but required planning through an officer.

The Vice Chair, Cllr Marshall led tributes to the contribution made by Claire Anderson towards the many events organised through MCC. The whole committee wished to thank Claire and wish her well for the future.

RESOLVED to suspend The Cheese and Wine Event as an action pending the appointment of a new events officer.

The meeting ended at 7.28pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 6.30pm