Mumbles Community Council

Minutes of Culture, Tourism and Communications Committee

Held on Wednesday, 23 September 2026 at 2pm at the Ostreme Centre and via Teams

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

Officers Present: Ian Hughes - CSO

CT2609-01	**Apologies for Absence** Cllr Laura Gilbert
CT2609-02	**Declarations of Interest** None
CT2609-03	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee** To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 22 July 2026 as a true record. **RESOLVED:** to approve the meeting minutes held on 22 July 2026 as an accurate record.
CT2607-04	**Update on actions from previous meetings.** The CSO updated the committee on all outstanding actions which had previously been circulated by him to committee members. **RESOLVED:** Outstanding actions to be updated and shown as complete where appropriate; details recorded in 'action' report, together with newly created actions
CT2609-05	**Elect Vice Chair for Committee** Cllr Jarvis was proposed for the role by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr O'Neill **RESOLVED:** Cllr Jarvis appointed as Vice-Chair of The Committee

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CT2609-06	**Budget Monitoring Reports to 31/07/2026 - Paul Beynon, RFO** **Reports attached.** Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon who when circulating them prior to the meeting indicated that the reports only covered the period until May 2026 and not July 2026 as indicated in the agenda. The Committee considered the reports, and no queries arose in relation to them. **RESOLVED** to approve the above reports
CT2609-07	**Budget 2027/2028** A report had been prepared and circulated to Councillors by RFO Paul Beynon in relation to the budget timetable. The Chair, Cllr Marshall outlined key aspects from the above report and took the opportunity to combine aspects of the 'Events Review' agenda item (CT2609-19) when discussing future options. The committee believed that a number of existing projects including Coffee with Friends and the Toys & Toast weekly event had been very successful. ACTION: CSO to confirm with RFO whether Budget Proposal Forms are required for ongoing events. A number of future projects were discussed:- • Cllr O'Connor proposed a band playing each Friday evening during August 2027 at a suitable venue. Southend Gardens and The Hub were suggested. **ACTION** Cllr O'Connor to complete a Budget Proposal Form. • Cllr Jarvis proposed a Sea Shanty Experience in 2027 to compliment the Mumbles Regatta/Raft Race. **ACTION** Cllr Jarvis to complete a Budget Proposal Form. • Cllr Jarvis proposed a further Folk Festival in 2027. **ACTION** Cllr Jarvis to complete a Budget Proposal Form. **RESOLVED:** To accept the above report provided by The RFO and submit budget proposal forms within the agreed timescale.

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CT2609-08	**Tribute to Bonnie Tyler** The Chair, Cllr Marshall considered that whilst the family of Bonnie Tyler will mark the passing of Bonnie in the future, that it would be a fitting tribute for MCC to mark the anniversary of Bonnie's passing and birthday in 2027 through a feature on a 'Retro Weekend'. Whilst precise details would need to be established the tribute could last between 2pm and 4.30pm on a Sunday afternoon within the grounds of Oystermouth Castle. There would be an emphasis on local residents participating and singing to Bonnie's songs with the closing act consisting of Bonnie's recording of 'Total Eclipse of The Heart' being played. **Media, including TV crews would be invited.** **ACTION** Cllr Marshall to complete a Budget Proposal Form.
CT2609-09	**Essence of Mumbles: Photographic competition 2026/27 Update** **Cllr O'Neill detailed how this will be the third consecutive year for the event of what has become a regular calander event for Mumbles. The competition grew considerably this year from its launch in 2025. The competition is popular with resident and visitors alike and is extremely good value for the amount of budget allocated.** **ACTION** Cllr Zhou to complete a Budget Proposal Form.
CT2609-10	**Folk Festival Update** **Cllr Jarvis updated the committee on the planned events over the first weekend in October (Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th). The performers have been booked and all necessary arrangements with the venue made. In addition to a number of local public houses being used over the three-day period, the Ostreme will be hosting an event on Saturday 3rd October 2026.** **The total cost of the festival for MCC amounts to £2,500 however this figure will be reduced as a result of a £5 entrance fee for guests to the Ostreme Centre.** **The Chair, Cllr Marshall on behalf of the whole committee wished to thank Cllr Jarvis for his endeavours in organising the festival.** **RESOLVED Cllr Jarvis to provide feedback on the festival at October's meeting.**
CT2609-11	**Mumbles Tourism Update** **The Chair, Cllr Marshall and CSO outlined how** Mark and Gemma Hosking of Mumbles Life had detailed the purpose and functioning of the Mumbles Life Website to Councillors at Full Council on 8th September 2026. The presentation and queries raised were recorded and is available on the MCC Website.

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	Prior to the presentation to Full Council the Chair, Cllr Thomas and RFO had outlined that MCC had sought advice from One Voice Wales in relation to MCC providing grants to private companies. One Voice Wales are in the process of seeking legal advice and will be providing an outcome prior to October's Full Council Meeting.
CT2609-12	**Breast Cancer Awareness** Cllr O'Connor updated the Committee that the 'Yarn Bombers' had provided knitted bras to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness and wished to thank the volunteers for their contributions. A discussion took place on how best to maximise the event including methods of raising money and using an event as a photo opportunity to promote breast cancer awareness. As agreed at the July Meeting the use of the Ostreme's outside lighting with the appropriate colour is to be used to mark breast cancer awareness. **RESOLVED:** Cllr O'Connor to continue to liaise on the issues raised above.
CT2609-13	**Toy and Toast Event** Cllr O'Connor updated the Committee that the that the Toy and Toast Event is progressing well and continues to grow in popularity.
CT2609-14	**RNLI Raft Race and Sea Shanty Festival 2027 updates** Cllr Jarvis provided an update on both the Raft Race and Sea Shanty Festival to committee members. Cllr Jarvis has been in liaison with The RNLI, Mumbles Yacht Club and The Bristol Channel Yacht Club. Cllr Jarvis proposed that a Sea Shanty Event should take place during the weekend of the Mumbles Regatta/Raft Race. The event would raise money for The RNLI and would be organised with the co-operation of the yacht clubs and RNLI. Cllr Jarvis had previously agreed to provide a budget proposal form in relation to the matter. (Update on actions from previous meetings CT2609-04 refers.)

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	The Committee were supportive of the initiative, who, like Cllr Jarvis were mindful of such an event not 'clashing' with any regatta event such as the Raft Race **RECOMMENDED:** To hold a Sea Shanty Festival in conjunction with Mumbles Regatta/Raft Race 2027.
CT2609-15	**Christmas Event 2026 (including lighting)** CSO informed the committee that the CO had requested that this agenda item be deferred to October 2026 **RESOLVED** To defer item until October's Meeting.
CT2609-16	**Events Review** The CO had provided an Events Calander prior to the meeting which outlined regular and main events during the year. The impact of events on resources, particularly officers' time was discussed. Cllr Nelson is currently preparing an events strategy. **RESOLVED:** To postpone an Events Review until Cllr Nelson has completed an events strategy.
CT2609-17	**Exclusion of Press and Public** Following the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that the press and public be excluded from the following item of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the press and public be excluded from the meeting. The recording of the meeting was stopped at 3.01pm
CT2609-18	**Mumblesfest 2027** The Chair, Cllr Marshall provided an update on Mumblesfest 2027 to the committee.
CT2609-19	**Future Events** All potential events discussed under other agenda items including the Budget 2027/2028 agenda item (CT2609-07) refers.

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The meeting ended at 3.03pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 28th October 2026 at 6.30pm

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