

MINUTES of the **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING COMMITTEE MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Monday, 24 May 2021 at 6pm via Microsoft Teams

EC.21.001 Present

Councillors: Ian Scott, Rob Marshall, Martin O'Neill, Rebecca Singh and Carrie Townsend Jones

EC.21.002 Also Present

Paul Beynon (RFO/Assistant Clerk)

EC.21.003 Apologies

Councillors Tim Bull, Gareth Ford and Myles Langstone

EC.21.004 Declarations of Interest

None

EC.21.005 Minutes of Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2021 be approved as a correct record.

EC.21.006 Review of Action Points

All items on the action points were included on the agenda.

EC.21.007 Oystermouth Coastal Protection Scheme

Following the presentation on the Oystermouth Coastal Protection Scheme made by officers of Swansea Council on 12/05/2021, the Committee wanted to know how Mumbles Community Council intended to respond to Swansea Council by the deadline of 07/06/2021.

It was noted that the Clerk intended circulating relevant documentation to all councillors asking for their comments with a Special Council meeting to be held 01/06/2021 to employ an external consultant to formulate a response on behalf of the Council. However, the Committee queried whether an external consultant was required at this stage to prepare the Council's response.

The Coastal Protection Scheme cuts across all Committees of the Council with Economic being involved due to its responsibility for

highways and cycling. Moving forward, it was felt that the Joint Enabling Committee should take responsibility due to its cross-cutting role.

It is important that the community is involved in this and future consultations and the Council should make every effort to involve the community via social media and the noticeboard at the Ostreme.

AGREED that the consultation documentation should be circulated to all councillors as soon as possible and the Economic Well-being Committee should be involved with the areas under its terms of reference.

EC.21.008 Picketmead Lighting Scheme

A quote of approximately £14,000 has been received from Swansea Council to install 12 illuminated bollards along Picketmead with the power being supplied from Mumbles Community Council existing power supply in the area.

The lighting bollards are the same type as recently installed along the Promenade in West Cross.

AGREED to defer a decision until the next meeting when the underspend on the Committee's budget in 2020/21 will be known as well as the costs of the other lighting schemes being considered by the Committee.

EC.21.009 Extension of Promenade Lighting to Blackpill

A quote has been requested from Swansea Council to extend the low-level lighting along the Promenade from West Cross to Blackpill but has not yet been received.

The City Councillor for the Mayals ward has been approached to identify whether any funding would be available to support the extension of the Promenade lighting but unfortunately, her budgets are fully committed.

AGREED to defer a decision until the next meeting when the quote from Swansea Council should have been received and the underspend on the Committee's budget in 2020/21 will be known.

EC.21.010 Lighting on Oystermouth Cemetery Drive

The installation of lighting along the entrance road into Oystermouth Cemetery has been discussed with Swansea Council who were not against the proposal but wondered whether improved lighting could lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area.

It was also discussed whether any proposed scheme should include the pathway down from Slade Road.

AGREED that Cllr Marshall should continue to explore the scheme with Swansea Council.

EC.21.011 CCTV for Mumbles

Arrangements are still being made with Swansea Council and South Wales Police to undertake a Crime Risk Assessment for the area to identify the best way forward to reduce crime and anti-social behavior.

EC.21.012 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

It was reported that a response is still awaited from Swansea Council of a suitable charging point system which could be installed in an on-street parking area so that a quote can be obtained from Western Power.

It was queried whether Mumbles Community Council should wait until the charging points that Swansea Council has obtained grant funding for were installed so that usage could be assessed prior to a decision being taken on the Community Council funding further charging points.

AGREED that application forms be submitted to Western Power for on-street charging points at the Ostreme Centre and Dunns Lane but that a decision be deferred until more information is known on the installation of the Swansea Council charging points.

EC.21.013 Accessing Recovery Fund Proposed by Swansea Council

Swansea Council has recently issued a press release on the £20m recovery package which will help Swansea emerge from the pandemic.

The recovery package included a number of initiatives in particular £300,000 for improved shop fronts and new awnings in outlying commercial areas including Mumbles.

AGREED that contact be made with Swansea Council to find out how businesses can apply for funding and the details be included on Mumbles Community Council's website.

EC.21.014 Review of the Committee Structure of the Council

The report produced by Paul Egan, Deputy Chief Executive of One Voice Wales was discussed in detail with the following points being discussed.

- This may not be the best time to re-structure the Council's committee structure as there is less than 1 year before the next election where a new Council will be elected.
- At the current time, the Council should retain the existing 4 Well-being Committees but review their terms of reference to eliminate any crossovers in their responsibilities.
- A 6-weekly cycle of meetings is a good idea.
- The names of some of the proposed committees put forward by One Voice Wales may not be understood by the Community.

- It is important that Mumbles Community Council works as effectively as possible and silo working is minimised or eradicated. There is a need to work collaboratively across Committees.
- There should be more use of Task and Finish Groups to deliver projects and remove silo working. The Groups should be made up of councillors from across the Council with councillors making a 'pitch' to outline what skills and abilities they can bring to the relevant task before Group membership is finalised.
- No committee belongs to 1 person or group, they are committees of the entire Council.
- The role of the JEC should be reviewed to ensure it works across the Council and better supports the Well-being Committees. Should the make-up of the JEC be the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council and the 4 Well-being Committee Chairs? Should the JEC have responsibility for Personnel and Premises rather than they be separate committees?

RECOMMENDED that the changes to the Committee Structure should be minimised at this time but there is a need to move away from silo working. The role of the JEC should be reviewed and more use made of Task and Finish Groups.

EC.21.015 Items for Social Media and Website

The following items should be highlighted on social media and the website.

- The Coastal Protection Scheme consultation exercise by run by Swansea Council.
- How to access Swansea Council's Recovery Fund (when known).

EC.21.016 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 28/06/2021 at 6pm