

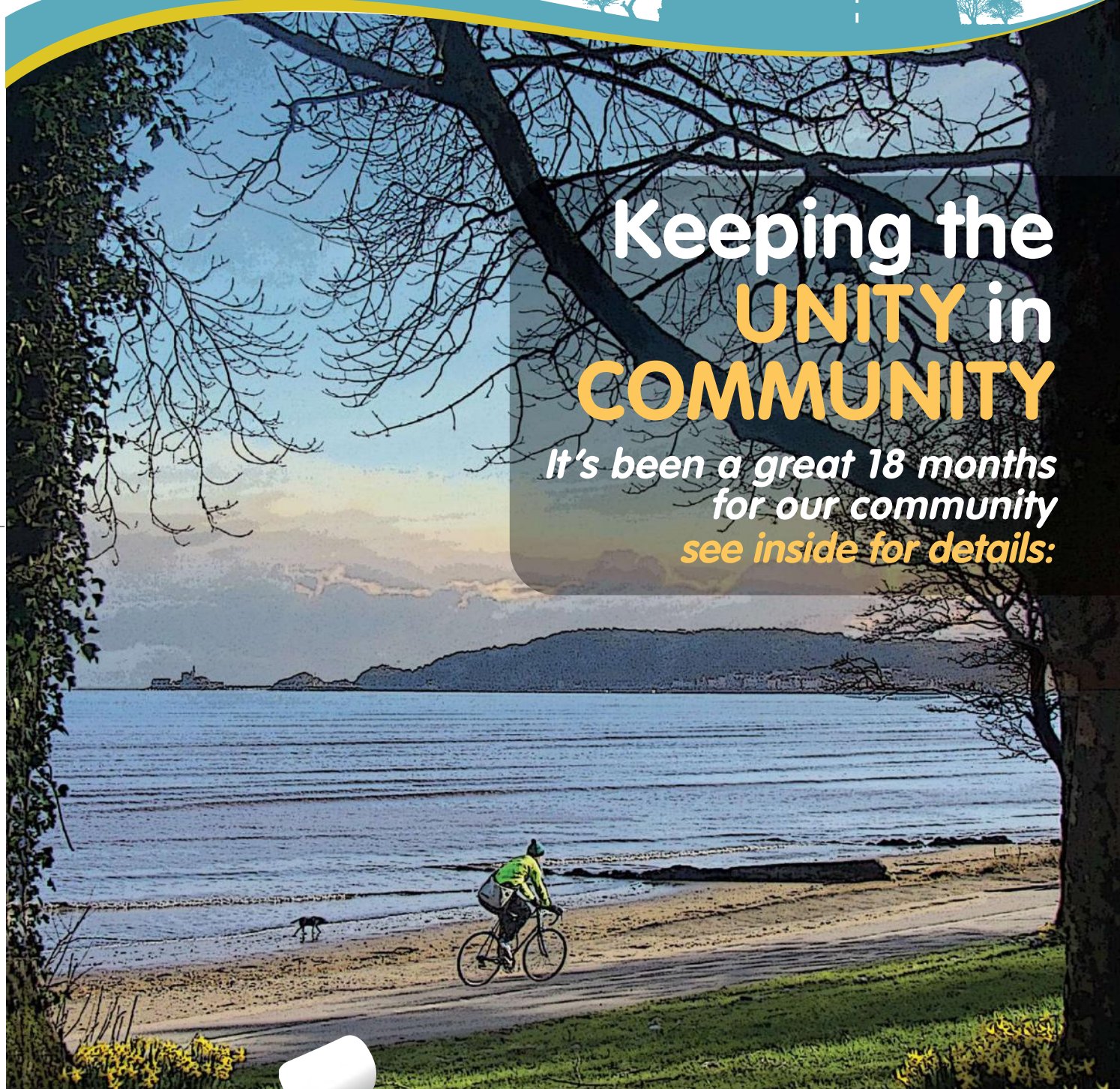
# our mumbles

January 2015



## Keeping the **UNITY** in **COMMUNITY**

*It's been a great 18 months  
for our community  
see inside for details:*



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equipment in  
West Cross*

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rejuvenation project*

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL





## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**The past 18 months  
have been an  
enjoyable and very  
interesting period  
for me as Chairman  
of Mumbles  
Community Council.**

It has been a privilege and honour to have been invited to numerous, notable functions, including the official opening of Oystermouth Castle, where I met The Princess Royal, Princess Anne.

The naming of the new D Class Inshore Lifeboat - 'Marc Lott', followed by the official opening of the new boathouse and naming ceremony of the Tamar Lifeboat - 'RNLB Roy Barker 1V', made me realise the wonderful work our dedicated RNLI volunteers do, risking their own lives in order to save others.

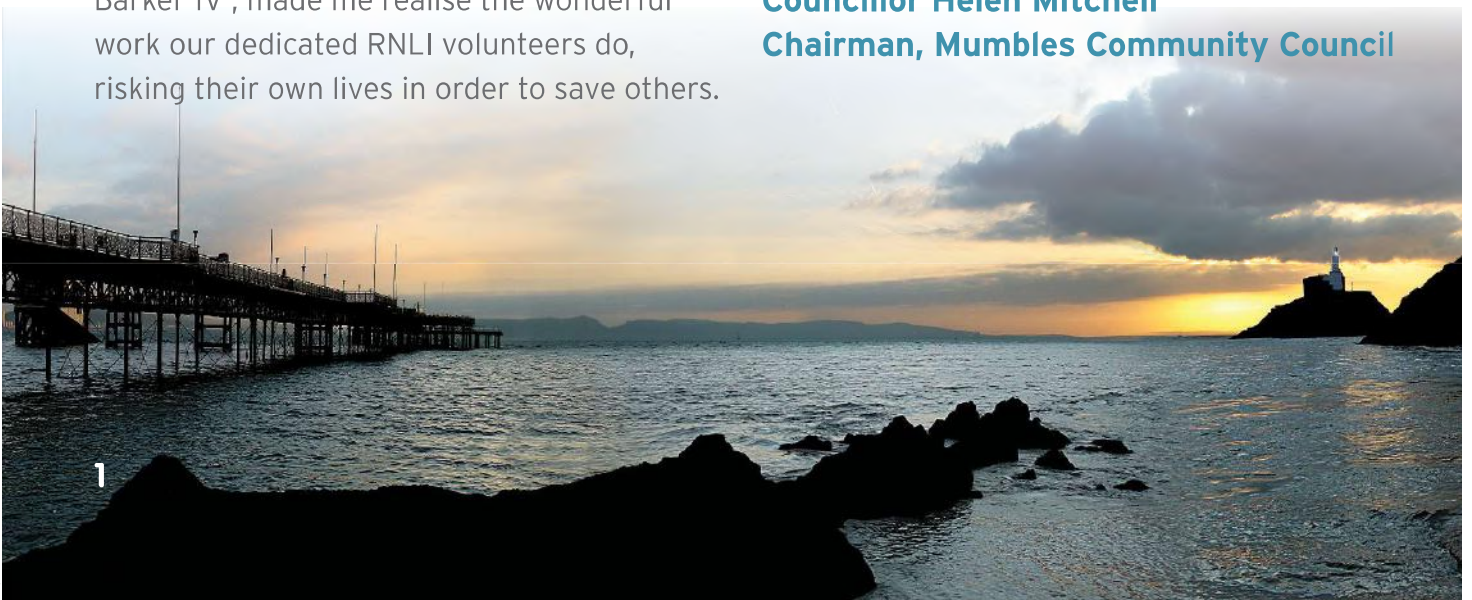
Being officially and closely involved with Remembrance and Commemorative Services in All Saints' Parish Church, has been really poignant. Other activities have included functions associated with RNLI, Raft Races, Mumbles Yacht Club, BCYC and latterly the Dylan Thomas Exhibition, the Oyster Festival and the opening of the Village Green(s) in West Cross.

Mumbles Community Council members continue serving the community and our sub committees work hard in providing for the wellbeing of all the residents in our community, promoting our beautiful area and making it a safe and pleasurable locality.

Thank you for your support

**Councillor Helen Mitchell**

**Chairman, Mumbles Community Council**



## YOU HELP UNDERHILL PARK



**During this financial year, works have been carried out at Underhill Park resulting from a detailed report by experts, commissioned by Mumbles Community Council, at a cost of £14000.00 pounds.** In total, over the past 14 years, approximately £80.000 pounds has been spent which has led to a vast improvement, if not quite a cure, to the flooding problems which have blighted the park for many years.



### YOUR SAY

"My wife and I went to the Over 60s quiz last night at West Cross Community Centre I wanted to say how much we enjoyed the evening and to thank MCC for putting it on."

*Mr E.H. West Cross*

"I would like to congratulate you on the series of events you recently arranged for older people and younger people in our area. I think these are the type of things that bring real benefit and enjoyment to people, help build communities and add to the quality of life in Mumbles."

*Cllr M Child*

"We would like to thank Mumbles Community Council for two recent events we attended. The first was a musical evening at Mumbles

Old Peoples Welfare Hall and the second was a quiz night with Swansea Accordion\Orchestra"  
*Mrs M R, Mrs B C. - Mayals*

"The staff and clients of Norton Lodge would like to thank Mumbles Community Council for providing entertainment and cream teas."

*D B - Senior Day Care Officer*

"Many thanks for the wonderful day trip and all events throughout October for elderly people"

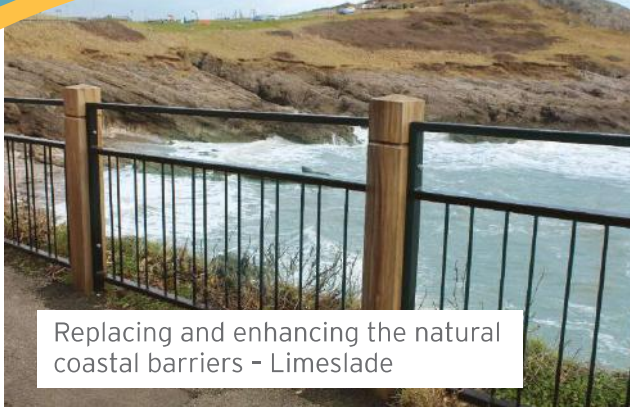
*Sheila Thomas on behalf of social groups at Linden Tree and Red Cafe.*

"The Ipad training was excellent. I wish there was more."

*Mrs S.S Newton (email)*



## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



Replacing and enhancing the natural coastal barriers - Limeslade



The last candidate sites have been decided for inclusion in the LDP. **Mumbles Community Council** has worked with residents to promote and protect the green spaces in our area and in most cases we have been successful.

The threat of development on green spaces such as Castle Acre, in West Cross Ward, Mumbles Hill Caravan Park, in Oystermouth Ward and farm and woodland in Mayals has

been lifted. However one proposed development area, behind the cliffs at Thistleboon (OY16) has been included in the LDP proposals and one new site added. The LDP will be published in May 2015.

To see the profile of the Wards maps are available at:

<http://swansea.jdi-consult.net/ldp/>

The consultation closed at 17:00 on 16th January 2015.

## WALES IN BLOOM

In 2015 the Community Council is entering Mumbles in Wales in Bloom.

The benefits are :

- A stronger sense of community
- Cleaner and greener surroundings
- A safer environment
- Healthier and happier neighbourhoods and more attractive green spaces
- Community engagement in environmentally sustainable practises
- Reduce anti-social behaviour



Please check our website, Facebook and Twitter account in the New Year to see how you can help and participate.



## YOU HELPED PAY FOR THESE EVENTS



*Christmas lights & trees in Mumbles  
& West Cross paid for with **YOUR** money by  
Mumbles Community Council.*



Children enjoying themselves at the West Cross Village Green opening.



Chairman, Cllr. Helen Mitchell (left) at the presentation made to the local schoolchildren who took part in the Dylan Thomas competition.



Irene Alexander one the oldest residents of West Cross who cut the ribbon and declared the West Cross Village Green "open"



World renowned Dylan Thomas aficionado Jeff Towns opens the Dylan Thomas Exhibition funded by MCC at the Development Trust offices.

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## A GYM IN WEST CROSS

Mumbles Community Council has used £9,000 of **YOUR** money for five pieces of gym equipment to be installed along the seafront, with plans to add more should the project prove successful. **GET FIT!**

Cost and accessibility are the two main barriers for people wanting to exercise. Outdoor Gymnastic equipment removes these barriers and that's why we decided to install some for residents and visitors to use.



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

As the world steams forward with the progression of information technology, Social media and the web, here at **MCC** we are striving to keep you informed about what's going on in the area, the community and how your money is being spent.

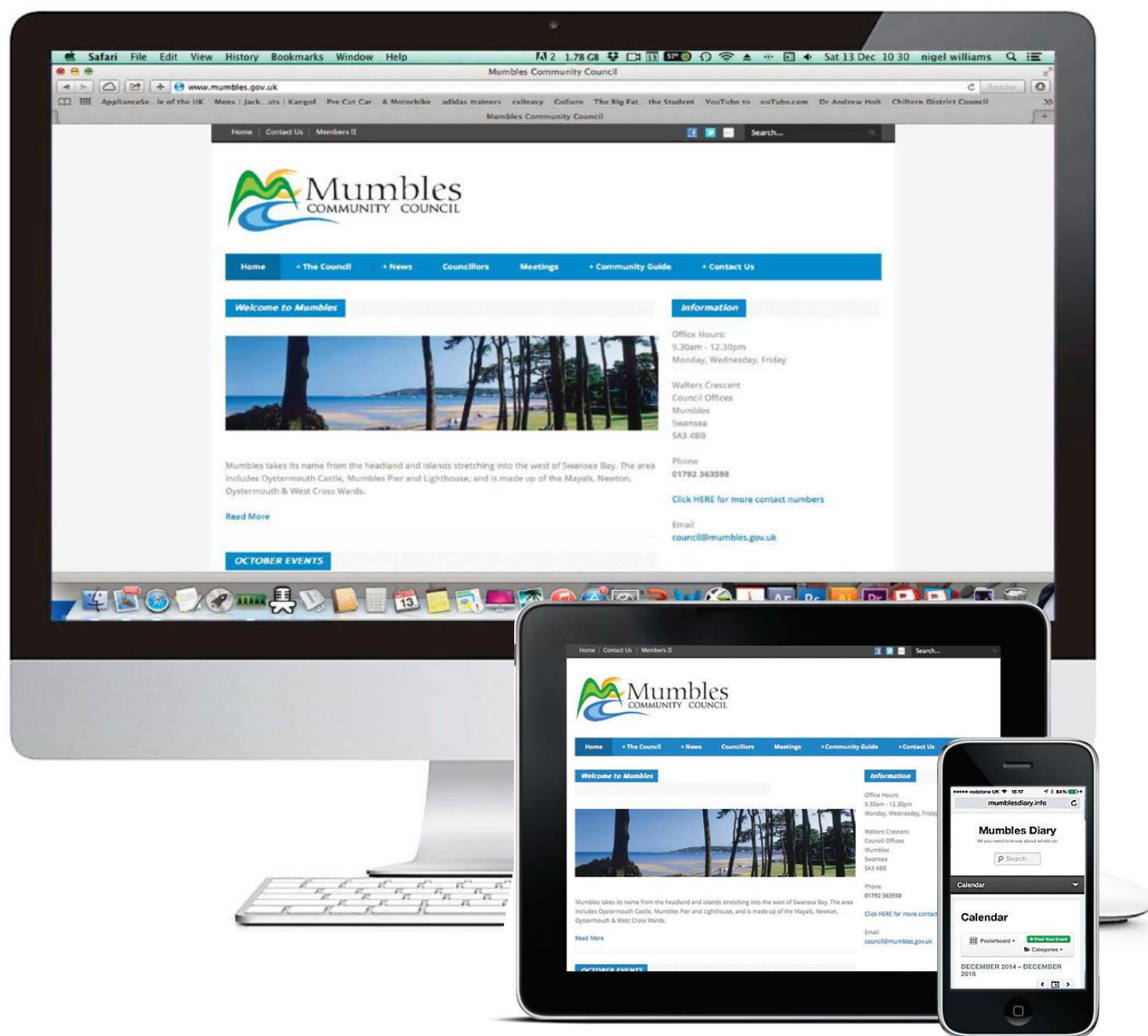
So we now have a functioning web site

**[www.mumbles.gov.uk](http://www.mumbles.gov.uk)**

We have a Facebook **LIKE** page - **Mumbles Community Council**

Twitter page: **@ourmumbles**

Instagram: **Ourmumbles**



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## GALLERY



**Princess Anne** officially opens Oystermouth Castle in the summer and meets **MCC** representatives.



**All Saints Church** Rood screen is in the process of being updated by **MCC**.



**MCC** bouncy castle and collection for RNLI at this year's Mumbles Raft Race.



**Young Peoples Festival** - Five-a-side football competition at Underhill park.



**Older Persons Festival** event in full swing - waiting for the Bingo!



## GALLERY



**Cage Football** competition taking shape last summer.



**Has the kettle boiled yet?**  
Helpers during the many events stages this year for the community by **MCC**.



**Mumbles Marvellous weekend -**  
Saturday nights fun and music helped with a **MCC** grant



**Spectacular views** from Oystermouth Castle which has been supported and helped by grants and donation over the years from **MCC** to preserve it for future generations.



## KEEPING THE ROADS SAFE

**The Highways Committee has in the past, and is for the future, committed in answering requests from the public to ensure road safety is of the utmost importance.**

Some of the achievements, over the past recent years, have been to improve disabled access, onto the promenade, alongside the West Cross Inn, Install 'rumblewave strips' at the top of Mayals Road, parking restrictions at various locations across the 4 wards, widening the pedestrian path on the promenade, to mention but a few.

In the past year, we have, finally, implemented the parking restrictions at the bottom of Mayals Road. This request, which came from not only Mayals residents, but motorists who regularly use Mayals Road, took some 5 years to achieve. Unfortunately, we are still in negotiations regarding the safety



One of the 40 benches provided and maintained by **MCC** to date.

measures we wish to implement along side St. Peters Church, Newton.

The ongoing 'saga' of Mayals Green is, hopefully, reaching a conclusion. This project, which has been fraught with problems, will, when completed, ensure the safety of residents and pedestrians alike.

Finally, the Christmas Motifs were installed along Mumbles Road and we re-introduced the Christmas Tree on Oystermouth Square, together with a Christmas Tree on the Village Green, West Cross.



*Photo courtesy of South Wales Evening Post*

Gum busters cleared discarded chewing gum from the pathways on Mumbles Road.



## FINANCE AND GRANTS



**Mumbles Rangers** under 13's at the football tournament in Genoa, Italy in 2014.

The main role of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** is to consider applications made to the Community Council, by organisations requesting grants or loans

who, thereafter, make recommendations to the Council for a decision. During the current financial year the following grants have been made:

Mumbles Development Trust	Grant - Administration costs	£4,500.00
Sculpture by Sea	Grant	£600.00
Mumbles Rugby Club	Grant - Ground improvement	£2,500.00
Mumbles Rangers	Grant - Sponsorship, for kit and Genoa Trip	£422.40
Mumbles Community Council	Dylan Thomas Exhibition	£1,500.00
Mumbles Traders	Grant	£1,500.00
Blackpill Historical Society	Grant - War Memorial.	£600.00
All Saints' Church	Grant - Seating	£8,000.00
Mumbles Rugby Club	Grant - Ground Improvements	£6,000.00
		<b>TOTAL £26,022.40</b>

To apply for a grant or loan from **MCC** please contact the Clerk for an application form, help and advice.

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