

**MINUTES** of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 10 September 2013 in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles

**THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED**

**322.09.13** Chairman: Councillor H. Mitchell  
Councillors: B. Arthur, V. Bevan, A. Colburn, D. Dorsett, M. Jones, E. Morgan & M. Thomas

**323.09** Apologies: Councillors: J. Beach, T. Duffy, P. Erasmus, G. Kaminaris, Cllr R. Speht & L. Tyler-Lloyd

No Apologies: Councillors: P. Birch & T. Scales

**324.09 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL ON 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008**

**Cllr Bevan** declared a personal interest (as a neighbour) in planning application 2013/1101.

**325.09 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 13 August 2013**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 13 August 2013 be accepted as a correct record.

**Clerk's Report**

**326.09** The letter listing was circulated.

**Chairman's Report**

**327.09** The Chairman advised Council that, due to work and study commitments, Ian Rees had resigned as a Councillor.

**328.09** The Chairman reported on the meeting held with the Ombudsman and the Monitoring Officer.

**329.30** The Chairman reported that she had been invited to Oystermouth Castle when HRH The Princess Royal visits on Friday 27 September 2013.

Concern was expressed by Councillors that neither the Clerk, nor any other Councillor had been invited to attend.

**330.30** A card to congratulate Mumbles Cricket Club on becoming South Wales Premier Cricket League Champions is to be sent.

## Planning Applications

**331.09** Cllrs Colburn & Thomas left the meeting room.

**332.09 2013/1163 154 Mumbles Road, Blackpill**

**OBJECTION** – Visual impact from Mumbles Road, neighbouring properties and Fernhill Close. Overpowering impact by its size. Concern over loss of a number of mature trees.

**333.09 2013/1284 – 16 Somerset House, Langland**

**OBJECTION** – The visual impact on all the bungalows in Somerset Road. Visual impact from Higher Lane. If planning permission is allowed, by its height, a precedent will be set.

**334.09** All other planning applications were passed as 'No Objection'.

**335.09** Cllrs Colburn & Thomas returned to the meeting room.

**336.09 Atlantic Array Proposed Wind farm**

The report of the Task & Finish Group formed part of the Agenda Pack.

**RESOLVED** that MCC should register their interests and adopt the objections as set out by C&CS in their registration, namely:

The significant adverse seascape, landscape and visual effects on the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Gower AONB which would be contrary to the primary purpose of the designation and the national duty to conserve and enhance the area's natural beauty, contrary to Planning Policy Wales and to Policies EV22, EV26 and EV31 of the adopted UDP of City & County of Swansea (C&CS).

- The areas most affected by the proposals cover the majority of the coast of the south western end of the Gower peninsula which include many of the most scenic, attractive and well known parts of the AONB. The undeveloped coastline in this area is recognised as a valuable but fragile asset and is identified in the UDP of C&CS as a key element in the image, identity and quality of life of the area.
- The acknowledged significant adverse impacts will therefore in turn result in significant adverse impacts on the AONB and its key, iconic assets.
- The scale, form, design, appearance and cumulative impacts of the proposals would significantly adversely affect visual amenity, local environment and the recreational/tourist use of the Gower AONB.
- The social, economic and environmental benefits of the scheme in meeting local, and national energy targets do not outweigh the acknowledged significant adverse impacts, contrary to UDP of C&CS PolicyR11.

## Recommendations from the F&GP Committee

### 337.09 Report on the Annual Audit

The report formed part of the Agenda Pack.

**RESOLVED** that in MCC formally approve the annual return

**RESOLVED** that MCC re-appoint Mr Lyn Llewellyn as our Internal Auditor for the 2013/14 Internal Audit.

**RESOLVED** that the four sequential unbanked cheques, which were made as grants to organisations supporting Navy Days 2011 be re-issued.

**RESOLVED** that the VAT arrears be collected via Claims in September 2013 and March 2014.

### 338.09 Grant request from Shelter

Their letter formed part of the Agenda Pack

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Shelter asking:

- i. If they receive any funding from C&CS
- ii. How many people they have helped in the Mumbles Community Council over the last year.

### 339.09 Request to use MCC Electricity Supply from Mumbles Development Trust

Their letter formed part of the Agenda Pack

**RESOLVED** that Mumbles Development Trust (MDT) be allowed to use Mumbles Community Council electricity junction box in Southend Gardens on the following conditions:

- i. MDT use MCC electrical contractor, Phillips Services (Wales) Ltd
- ii. MDT agree to cover the cost of electricity used and any damage to MCC equipment
- iii. MDT furnish MCC with a copy of their public liability insurance certificate.

### 340.09 Grant request from All Saints' Church Restoration Appeal

**RESOLVED** that a meeting with the Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cannon Evans be arranged.

## Financial Report – Invoices Approved & Bank Balances

	Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net	VAT	Gross
<b>341.09</b>	2833	Welsh Memorial in Flanders	Grant	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
<b>342.09</b>	2834	Royal Mail Group Ltd	Freepost Response	£86.00	£17.20	£103.20
<b>343.09</b>	2835	E. Deakin Events	Hire of Children's Ride	£450.00	£0.00	£450.00

<b>344.09</b>	2836	epm marketing	Work on website to May	£180.00	£0.00	£180.00
<b>345.09</b>	2837	Clerk	Salary	£955.21	£0.00	£955.21
<b>346.09</b>	2838	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and National Insurance	£222.26	£0.00	£222.26
<b>347.09</b>	2839	Seaside Office Supplies	Stationary	£132.27	£26.45	£158.72
<b>348.09</b>	2840	Seaside Office Supplies	Postage Stamps	£105.00	£0.00	£105.00
<b>349.09</b>	2841	Clerk	Expenses Claim	£52.20	£0.00	£52.20
<b>350.09</b>		Current Account				14,024.31
		Christmas Lights Account				1,287.50
		Deposit Account				80,125.15

### **Recommendations by the IT & Publications Committee**

#### **351.09 Screen and Projector Purchase**

**RESOLVED** the purchase of a fold down screen on stand with the already recommended projector to connect to the MCC office computer.

#### **352.09 Training on Wordpress**

**RESOLVED** that a training programme for those with allocated programming access be arranged with EPM before the October meeting of the IT Committee.

### **Items from the Events Committee**

#### **353.09 Senior Citizens Events**

A number of mini-events have been planned for senior citizens

**RESOLVED** that plenary powers be given the Chairman of the Committee to spend up to the approved budget of £3,000 for the events and up to £1,000 on publicity for the events.

Meeting Closed at 7.55pm