

MINUTES of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Tuesday 9 August 2011 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Walters Crescent, Mumbles

THESE MINUTES ARE AS YET UNCONFIRMED

304.08. Present: Chairman: Councillor L. Tyler-Lloyd
11 Councillors: B. Arthur, J. Beach, R. Beynon, A. Colburn, J. Cooper, J. Buckland Davies, P. Erasmus, A. Hinton, K. Jones, M. Jones, L. Pritchard, H. Mitchell; P. Skinner & P. Swinnerton

305.08 Apologies Councillors V. Bevan, P. Birch & P. Jones

306.08 No Apologies Councillors:

307.08 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THIS COUNCIL ON 8TH APRIL 2008 .

308.08 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting on 12 July 2011

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 12 July 2011 be accepted as a correct record

Clerk's Report

309.08 The letter listing was circulated.

Chairman's Report

310.08 The Chairman has not attended any official functions on behalf of the Council within the last month.

311.08 The Chairman has received an invitation to the Lord Mayor's Civic Service

Planning Applications

312.08 Cllr Colburn left the meeting room.

313.08 2011/0834– 72 Mayals Road. Mayals
Objection – Visual Impact on Clyne Park

314.08 2011/1009– 31 Llwynderw Drive, West Cross
Objection – Yew Tree specimen that should not be crowned. Sycamore is healthy and should not be felled.

315.08 2011/0995– 39 Caswell Road, Caswell
Objection – Size of garage overbearing.

316.08 2011/1037– Ty Isaf, 19 Brynau Drive, Mayals

Objection – No need to harm perfectly healthy trees that pre-date the house

317.08 All other planning applications for this period were passed as 'no objection'

318.08 Report to Council on appointment of CDN Planning

CDN planning were asked for a Report on the Revised Plans for Planning Application Mumbles Pier and Foreshore Development. A report from Cllr Arthur formed part of the Agenda Pack.

RESOLVED to formally accept Cllr Arthur's report.

319.08 Meeting of MCC Tree Officer (plus 1) and new C&CS Tree Officer

RESOLVED to give permission for MCC tree officer to meet with C&CS tree officer as and when required.

320.08 Cllr Colburn returned to the meeting room.

F&GP COMMITTEE

Recommendations from the F&GP Committee

321.08 Grant to Mostly Jazz & Blues Festival

Response to MCC letter forms part of the Agenda Pack.

RESOLVED that

- a. MCC write to Mumbles Mostly Jazz & Blues Festival Ltd pointing out
 - i. We do not believe that the accounts supplied confirm that the money was spent entirely in accordance with the terms of our grant. We do not believe that the £673 spent on "dressing the village" falls into the category of "publicity".
 - ii. Asking where in literature/publicity materials our logo has been used
- b. MCC write to the Chairman of the Mumbles Traders Association pointing out that it was MCC money that was used to decorate the village.

322.08 Grant Request from Mumbles Yacht Club

The Chairman advised the Committee that the letter did not in fact come from Mumbles Yacht Club but was signed by a number of independent people. In the light of this F&GP committee:

RESOLVED that MCC write to Mumbles Yacht Club asking them if they could:

- a. make a grant of £400 toward cost of the scheme
- b. become overseers of the scheme

323.08 Letter From Chief Superintendent Mathias Re Reorganisation Of Police

RESOLVED that

- a. the details of the local police are circulated
- b. the remainder of the letter be noted and available from the Clerk

324.08 Request for Grant from Newton Churchmen's Club

RESOLVED that MCC write to Newton Churchmen's club asking for:

- a. A copy of their accounts
- b. Details of their status (e.g. are they FSA registered?)
- c. A copy of their membership Rules
- d. Clarification regarding how scheme works, e.g. if MCC gave £1,000 would the Club be able to get another £9,000?

325.08 Request for Grant from Mr Z. Gilpin

The email forms part of the Agenda Pack.

RESOLVED that this be noted.

326.08 Copy of Annual Report from the Public Sector Ombudsman

RESOLVED that this be noted and be available from the Clerk.

327.08 Letter of Thanks from MacMillan Cancer Support

RESOLVED that this be noted.

328.08 Letter of thanks from Swansea Community Farm

RESOLVED that this be noted

Financial Report

Chq No:	Payee	Purpose	Net	VAT	Gross
329.08					
2508	City & County of Swansea	Programmes for Navy Days	£749.00		£749.00
330.08					
2509	Lewis News	South Wales Evening Post	£10.08		£10.08
331.08					
2510	GMID	Website Maintenance	£17.50	£3.50	£21.00
332.08					
2511	Steve Heydon	Expenses Claim - McAfee Subscription	£54.99		£54.99
333.08					
2512	Mumbles & Gower Surfest	Grant	£225.00		£225.00
334.08					
2513	Steve Heydon	Salary	£953.61		£953.61
335.08					
2514	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & National Insurance	£231.17		£231.17
336.08					
2515	Staples	Stationary	£75.08	£15.02	£90.10

337.08	2516	SA3 Magazine	Newsletter in Magazine	£180.00		£180.00
338.08	2517	Morrison Big Band	Navy Days Concert 2011	£500.00		£500.00
339.08	2518	City & County of Swansea	Sensory Garden	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00

340.08 Bank Balances

These were not available at the time of the meeting. Clerk to send out details with minutes.

Highways Committee

Recommendations from the Highways Committee

341.08 Construction of Public Footpath from Top of Mayals to Campion Gardens

Letter received from Mr Bill Wade requesting our support, (not financial) for a Public Access between top of Mayals and Campion Gardens on the common.

RESOLVED that MCC write to Mr Wade asking for full details of the proposal, e.g. route, type of surface, gates.

IT & Publications Committee

Recommendations from the IT & Publications Committee

342.08 Annual Newsletter Distribution

Copy of letter from Dor2Dor forms part of the Agenda Pack.

RESOLVED that offer from Dor2Dor they deliver area 10 (Mayals) which covers 700 households free of charge during MCC's next distribution (Autumn 2011).

343.08 Councillor's Computer in Office

RESOLVED that:

- a. existing files be transferred to the portable hard drive
- b. the computer be returned to Factory Settings to help improve its performance

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Recommendations from the Community Planning Committee

344.08 Protection of Intertidal Zone

The disturbance by dogs, walkers and bait diggers to the wading birds feeding along the tide line in Swansea Bay was discussed. The intertidal zone is an important bird feeding ground, is designated a SSSI and is within the MCC boundary.

RESOLVED that MCC write to CCS expressing concern and requesting action to reduce the habitat disturbance of this important site.

345.08 Water Quality

Cllr. Colburn explained that under a Swansea Interreg programme, throughout the summer regular water quality sampling will take place in Swansea Bay using tracer dyes to track possible pollution sources.

RESOLVED that MCC write to CCS/Environment Agency requesting report details of the grey water outfall investigation for Caswell Bay and Swansea Bay undertaken in 2009/2010.

346.08 Boundary of Car Park

The removal of the old railway line posts in Oystermouth Square blocking access to the promenade and the potential problems of parking on the promenade or the risk of cars being accidentally driven along it were discussed by the committee.

RESOLVED that MCC write to CCS asking for this boundary of the car park to be clearly marked with 'no access for vehicles' signage.

347.08 Pathfinder project

This project relates to communities working towards reducing their carbon footprint. Cllr Pritchard presented a report to the committee (see minutes of Community Planning Committee).

RESOLVED that that MCC should attempt to determine its own carbon footprint. Cllr Pritchard and the Clerk to meet to produce initial report.

RESOLVED that MCC approve the proposals contained in Cllr. Pritchard's report:

1. that the Pathfinder Project and other WAG proposals be publicized on the website
2. that an item on carbon cutting be included in next newsletter
3. that we keep in contact with Robert Proctor

348.08 Swansea Local Development Plan (Candidate Site Register)

No further sites have been added to the register since the last meeting but an issue has arisen relating to one of the woodland/green space sites proposed by MCC. **OY0004 - Land at Junction of Rotherlade Road and Higher Lane.** Cllr Cooper reported that a group of trees within the boundary of this site were dying and that a CCS Parks Department Officer had inspected them and confirmed that they had been poisoned. It was suspected that this was caused by road salt leeching through the soil but this could not be confirmed and it could be caused by another chemical. Soil and leaf testing is the only definitive method to clarify this but it had been stated that the Parks Department had no funds available (£80-100).

RESOLVED that because these trees are next to an overhanging a busy footpath MCC write to CCS Environmental Health Department requesting that testing takes place to confirm the chemical killing the trees.

(Due to the urgency of the situation it was agreed this letter should be sent immediately with approval from Council requested retrospectively.)

Development Committee

Recommendations from the Development Committee

349.08 Christmas Tree

MCC has received advice from the solicitor Mr. Huw James. It appears that the tree suffered from lack of water when it was planted and the root ball did not recover from this deprivation. In the light of the advice from Mr. James and after due consideration and discussion:-

RESOLVED that the MCC do not proceed any further with pursuing the claim on Afan Landscapes.

350.08 Coastguard Station

The following motion has been proposed by Cllr Brian Arthur and Seconded by Cllr Helen Mitchell

That Mumbles Community Council ask The Transport Secretary, Philip Hammon, to reconsider his proposal to close the Swansea Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre, Tutt Head, Mumbles.

We believe the impact of the closure could lead to danger to life, both with commercial and recreation craft and those who swim in the sea, together with walkers who use the many hundred miles of coastal footpaths. The area covered by the station has the second highest rise and fall tidal range in the world. The station is the busiest in Wales and the second busiest in the UK. Its outstanding record is testament to why the station should not close.

Meeting ended at 8.05pm