

**MINUTES of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
of the Mumbles Community Council held on Wednesday, 1 April 2015 in the Office,  
Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

**1. Present**

Chairman : Councillor A.Colburn  
Councillors: B.Arthur, P.Birch, M.Colburn, P.Erasmus, M.Griffiths, P.Jones,  
H.Mitchell, E.Morgan, J.Twining, L.Tyler-Lloyd.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Councillors : D.Dorsett, T.Duffy.

**3. No Apologies**

Councillors : J.Beach, J.Cooper, T.Scales.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 February 2015.**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of Finance & General Purposes meeting held  
26 February 2015 as a correct record.

**6. Grant Request Friends of Oystermouth Castle**

Friends of Oystermouth Castle state that the repairs have now been completed and  
paid for.

Under regulations, payment cannot be made retrospectively.

Remove from Agenda

**7. Grant Request from MDT for new entry to Peel Wood**

Awaiting response from MDT. To be included on next agenda. No response - item  
to be discharged.

**8. Virgin v BT for phone / internet**

Clerk reported that Virgin provides a quicker response time than BT.

**RECOMMEND - Change to Virgin.**

## 9. Storage Proposals

J43 Storage can provide 10ft unit (80 square feet) coated with Grafo-Therm to protect against condensation - accessible 24/7 at £67.50 per month. This cost is less than MCC pay currently and documents will be secure and permanent. Clerk to arrange site visit, plus site visit to 2 other sites.

## 10. Resolution to Amend Financial Regulations.

The following resolution was referred to F&GP by full council:

**Propose** that in line with the December 2014 amendment to the definitive accounting document for community councils, 'Governance and accountability for local councils in Wales - A Practitioners' Guide (2011)' the following passage from that Guide is added at the appropriate place within MCC's Financial Regulations :

"At the same time that the budget is set, members will also approve any delegation of responsibility for spending amounts set out in the budget. For example, the budget might include amounts for paying a grant to the local youth club. The RFO may then be authorised to pay the grant without having to make further reference to the council. In the case of member training, the Council might usefully approve an annual training budget with the Clerk/RFO having the authority to make training bookings without further recourse to the Council subject to the budget sum not being exceeded"

The Clerk advised that this resolution was not needed

**RECOMMEND** that the financial regulations not be altered.

## 11. Request for grant(s) from Newton School.

Requests made for 2 grants for Newton School. One for £1000 and the second for £9000. to repair damage by builders.

Clerk to write to Newton School asking why they did not take action against the Builders

## 12. Grant request from Whitestones School.

Grant request for £1000 for purchase of a sign.

It was decided to contact the 2 West Cross City Councillors first

**RECOMMEND -Clerk contact C&CS West Cross Councillors.**

## 13. Grant request from West Cross Ladies Bowls Club.

Grant request for £500 to hire a coach for a trip to celebrate 20yrs anniversary.

**RECOMMEND- No grant be made.**

**14. Letter from Huw Evans (C&CS) re. Mergers of Standards Committees.**

Letter attached.

**RECOMMEND - Letter be noted.**

**15. Fuel Poverty.**

Email from Mr. Clive Hopper attached.

**RECOMMEND- Letter be noted.**

**16. Grant request from Kidney Wales Foundation.**

Letter attached.

**RECOMMEND grant of £100 be made.**

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, 29 April 2015. @ 7.00pm**