

Minutes of Meeting of the Community & Social Development Committee held on 15 May 2024 at The Ostreme Centre 6.30pm and via TEAMS

Councillors Present: Cllrs Ian Scott (Chair), Phil Keeton, Will Thomas, Angela O'Connor and Pam Erasmus

Officers Present: Kerry Grabham – the Clerk, and Ian Hughes – CSO

Others Present: Kimberley Littlemore of Mumbles Yacht Club and Cllr Richard Jarvis were present until the conclusion of agenda item **CM2405-03** (Mumbles Yacht Club Presentation). Cllr Rob Marshall was also present for part of this presentation.

CM2405-01 Apologies: Cllr Francesca O'Brien and Rhian Evans

CM2405-02 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Richard Jarvis declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item **CM2405-03** as he is a member of Mumbles Rowing Club.

CM2405-03 Mumbles Yacht Club Presentation
Kimberley Littlemore of Mumbles Yacht Club (MYC) gave a presentation on behalf of The MYC Strategy Group, this included the financial situation and various options that had been considered to address concerns. In addition to financial considerations Kimberley detailed the importance of MYC to the wider community including the improvement to people's mental health. The range of facilities being provided by MYC has increased dramatically since its formation in 1938 and if these proposals are acted upon additional facilities will be provided to the whole of Swansea and beyond.

Kimberley outlined plans to build a new yacht club facility on the seafront opposite their current location. The funding for this new complex would be made through the sale of their existing premises and lottery money and it is hoped to achieve 500 feedback responses from the public to assist with this funding. Kimberley stated that all stakeholders including Swansea City Council and MCC had been very supportive and enthusiastic about the project, it is hoped that the project will be completed with two years.

Cllr Rob Marshall joined the meeting at 6.44pm, he briefly left at 6.51pm before returning at 6.53pm. Cllr Angela O'Connor joined the meeting at 6.48pm

All Councillors were enthusiastic about the MYC Project and congratulated Kimberley on her efforts to date. The presentation and the preparatory work already carried out were of the highest standard and suggestions were made for raising additional funds through the participation of local school children and hosting a stall at MumblesFest.

The full presentation, together with the remainder of the meeting is available on The MCC Website.

ACTION: Links to surveys and crowd funding to be sent to CSO by Kimberley who will arrange for these to be inserted onto MCC Website

At the conclusion of the presentation Kimberly Littlemore, together with Cllrs Jarvis and Marshall left the meeting at 7.01pm

CM2405-04 Elect Vice Chair for Committee

Deferred to June's Meeting due to all Committee Councillors needing to be considered.

CM2405-05 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the 20th of March 2024, meeting as a true and accurate record.

CM2405-06 Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings

CSO outlined outstanding actions.

RESOLVED 'Outstanding action' report to be updated by CSO.

CM2405-07 Budget Monitoring Report to 31/03/2024

Financial reports prepared by RFO, Paul Beynon had previously been provided to councillors. In the absence of the RFO, The Clerk offered to take questions on his behalf. No queries regarding the financial reports had been raised with The RFO prior to the meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding the tendering process connected to the fencing and resurfacing of Langland Basketball Court, though no actions were generated as a consequence.

RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring reports to 31st March 2024

CM2405-08

To approach SCC regarding Community Asset Transfer of Henebont Gardens at a Peppercorn Rent.

A discussion took place on the use by local traders of Hennebont Gardens. These practices had been brought in to assist local traders during the Covid Pandemic, and the rules had been relaxed in 2023 but were not progressed due to the passing of the then Clerk. Discussions centred on whether the current situation, whereby traders within 100metres of The Gardens had access for customers and who should take responsibility for the upkeep. Currently the traders maintain The Gardens on an ad-hoc basis, but this would need to be formalised or MCC take over full responsibility, with the traders being charged to cover the costs incurred.

ACTION: Cllr Will Thomas and The Clerk to discuss proposals which will be brought to June's Meeting.

CM2405-09

Exercise Equipment on West Cross Seafront

A discussion took place concerning the ageing exercise equipment along West Cross Seafront which is nearly ten years old and reaching its life expectancy for good and safe usage. Whilst some quotes had been obtained at a cost of £1,800 per item of equipment, plus a £200 installation fee by Swansea City Council, the committee believed that further research into suitable equipment was necessary. The replacement of equipment will need to be carried out incrementally and consideration given to more expensive equipment, provided it is more robust.

ACTION: Cllr Will Thomas to research suitable equipment including quotes and update June's Committee Meeting.

CM2405-10

To agree agenda items for June's Meeting

The RFO, Paul Beynon will be attending June's Meeting. In addition to providing the usual monthly financial budget report, he will be asked to update the committee on the Hennebont Asset Transfer.

Meeting finished 7.27pm

Next Meeting 19th June 2024

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