

## **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Mumbles Community Council held on 13 June 2023 at 6.30 pm (Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre and via Zoom)**

**Members Present:** Cllrs Martin O'Neill (Chair), Will Thomas (Vice-Chair), Rob Marshall, Helen Nelson, Francesca O'Brien, Angela O'Connor, Rhian Evans, Tim Zhou, Michael Parkin, Richard Jarvis and Rebecca Fogarty

**Officer Present:** Paul Beynon Assistant Clerk/RFO and Ian Hughes - Committee Support Officer

### **C02306-01 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Ian Scott, Pamela Erasmus, Sara Keeton, Carrie Townsend Jones and Phil Keeton

### **C02306-02 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **C02306-03 Public Participation**

There were two members of the public represented at the meeting.

### **C02306-04 Minutes of Previous Meeting on 11 April 2023**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 16 May 2023 as a true record. Cllr Fogarty indicated that the minutes of 16 May 2023 incorrectly recorded Wholeness Dance as Homeless Dance under agenda item **C02305-02**.

### **C02306-05 Clerk's Report**

No report for June 2023

### **C02306-06 Chair's Report**

In addition to reading out his report, Cllr O'Neill wished to thank the councillors and Claire Anderson on their efforts in connection to the launch of the new Mumbles Skatepark.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**C02306-07 Financial Reports for April and May 2023**

Paul Beynon (RFO) outlined financial reports.

**RESOLVED** Budget monitoring to be completed before July's Full Council Meeting. Electronic payments made prior to June Meeting to be retrospectively approved.

**C02306-08 Relocation of MCC Benches at Southend Gardens**

The Council discussed how best to share the picnic benches amongst the wards, that had been purchased during the Pandemic by MCC

In addition to the above 'picnic benches' a discussion took place concerning the 'single' benches located along the foreshore that will need to be removed due to the sea defence development. It was noted that 8 benches have been re-located to the Quarry Car Park which need to be checked and removed as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED** that each ward be allocated 5 benches as agreed by the Council And quotes be obtained for transporting and fixing the benches in place.

In relation to the 'single' benches an audit to be carried out to establish the number and condition of the benches together with the feasibility of re-locating them.

**C02306-09 Langland Tennis Courts**

Discussion took place concerning young people and adults using the unlocked tennis courts for activities, particularly football. The tennis courts have recently been refurbished and damage is occurring to the courts and complaints have been received by local residents. The cost of managing the courts together with the cost of hiring the courts was discussed, in particular making the courts affordable to a wide audience. Wales LTA had previously assessed the cost of operating such a system, but clarity was sought as to whether MCC would be able to control the hiring costs of the courts in such circumstances.

**RESOLVED** It was agreed that MCC request Wales LTA to manage the 'locking' and management of the courts provided MCC retain control of setting the hiring fees of the courts.

**C02306-10 The HOW People - Grant Application**

Grant application of £700 for the HOW Creative project to provide further artwork for the Langland Lifeguards building.

**RESOLVED** that the grant application be approved.

### **C02306-11 Division of Funding for Family Fun Days**

Discussion that the budget for Family Fun Days (£5000) is split equally across the four wards so that each ward may spend up to £1250 on holiday activities for children and their families over the summer holidays.

Proposed by Cllr Rebecca Fogarty, seconded by Cllr Sara Keeton

**RESOLVED** It was noted that MCC will be seeking a grant from SCC, but even if unsuccessful the proposal was supported by Council. Decision-making about what activities will be run, to be delegated to ward members, provided councillors liaise to ensure event dates are spread out across the summer holidays. Any underspend to be retained for holiday activities in school holidays later in the school year.

### **C02206-12 Return of Committee Meetings**

Following the appointment of Ian Hughes, the Committee Support Officer, committee meetings that were suspended are to re-commence.

**RESOLVED** That Committees should return on a regular basis from June 2023. Ian Hughes to forward proposed dates for the forthcoming year to respective chairs.

### **C02306-13 Committee Vacancies**

Discussion on filling the remaining committee vacancies.

**RESOLVED** that the following movements between committees are approved

Cllr Angela O'Connor from Environmental to Finance and Compliance  
Cllr Tim Zhou from Environmental to Community and Social Development  
Cllr Mike Parkin from Finance and Compliance to Environmental

Minimum requirement for Committee participation established. In addition, new councillors to be added to committees once appointed.

### **C02306-14 MCC Co-opted Vacancies**

Discussion on installing co-opted councillors to MCC.

**RESOLVED** in accordance with One Voice Wales advice that the two applicants, Gary Burkhardt and Emelia Cox, being the only candidates and meeting the required criteria they should both be appointed as co-opted members. Both successful candidates to be informed by RFO and be invited to the next Full Council Meeting where they will be asked to present their aims and objectives.

### **C02306-15 Questions for the Chair of the Community and Social Development Committee**

No questions were asked.

**C02306-16 Questions to the Chair of the Culture, Tourism and Communications Committee**

No questions were asked.

**C02306-17 Questions to the Chair of the Environmental Committee**

In answer to Cllr Thomas' question relating to footpaths in Underhill Park, Cllr Nelson stated that this had been created an agenda item for the forthcoming Environmental Committee Meeting.

**C02306-18 Questions to the Chair of the Finance and Compliance Committee**

No questions were asked.

**C02306-19 Exclusion of Press and Public**

A discussion centred on the need to exclude the public in relation sensitive information connected to the Underhill Park Development and the Ostreme Development.

**RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**C02306-20 Progress of Underhill**

Discussion centred on development of Underhill Park facilities, in particular the impact on Mumbles Rangers Senior Team's ability to play football at Underhill in a Tier 2 or Tier 3 league.

**RESOLVED** that MCC to continue to make close contact with MCA through working groups. Claire Anderson to prepare a press release and that liaison continue between MCC and an independent architect in relation to the proposed crowd stand at Underhill Park.

**C02306-21 Ostreme Centre Redevelopment**

Cllr Thomas outlined that as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023, MCC became fully responsible for the running of the Ostreme Centre. Architects, having been appointed will provide draft plans that are to be approved by MCC and the wider Mumbles Community.

The meeting ended at 8.23pm.