

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Mumbles Community Council held on 10 June 2025 at 6.30pm (Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre and via Teams)

Members Present: Cllrs Will Thomas (Chair), Martin O'Neill (Vice Chair), Rob Marshall, Angela O'Connor, Francesca O'Brien, Ian Scott, Rebecca Fogarty, Trevor Carr, Richard Jarvis, David Lewis, Tim Zhou, Laura Gilbert, Sara Keeton, Phil Keeton, Pam Erasmus and Carrie Townsend Jones

Officers Present: Paul Beynon – RFO and Ian Hughes – CSO.

C02506-01 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Helen Nelson

C02506-02 Declarations of Interest:
Both Cllr Rebecca Fogarty and Cllr Sara Keeton declared a personal interest in relation to the Honour of Mumbles (agenda item **C02506-17** refers) as they know the recipient Rachel Matthews

C02506-03 Public Participation
Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at this meeting in respect of the business on the agenda.

Sara Holden joined the meeting between 6.35pm and 7.02pm. Sara Holden, the applicant in relation to The Sculpture by the Sea Grant Application (agenda item **C02506-05** refers) provided additional background information to the application and addressed questions from Councillors.

C02506-04 To approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th May 2025

To approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th May 2025 as a true record.

Cllr Marshall noted discrepancies in relation to the Honour of Mumbles agenda item which were subsequently addresses by The CSO in the minutes.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th May 2025 as a true record.

C02506-05 To receive a presentation from Sara Holden - Sculpture by the Sea UK

The applicant for this grant application, Sara Holden joined the meeting at 6.35pm. At the invitation of the Chair, Cllr Thomas, Sara outlined key aspects from her written application before addressing questions from Councillors. Sara outlined that there will be six events at beaches along the Gower Coast although the funding requested would only contribute to the areas within MCC, Bracelet Bay and Blackpill. Sara outlined how in addition to the artistic contribution to the children's development the events incorporate nature learning into the programmes, in particular Sealife. Sara also outlined other funding and how these long-standing events required future planning and that changes to the programmes are not possible at short notice. The events are free to children with no restriction being placed on their place of residence. During the discussion that followed with Councillors it was suggested that this programme would be suitable for a three-year funding programme through SCC, which would provide greater security for the programme and assist with future planning.

RESOLVED; Cllr Fogarty to meet with applicant in the Autumn of 2025 to discuss a three-year funding programme.

RESOLVED that a grant of £2,175 be made to contribute towards the Beach Sculpture Festival 2025 and pre-festival children's workshops. Providing healthy mind and body activities.
From **Budget FC1 Small and Medium Grants.**

RESOLVED that the outstanding amount of £1,175 from the original grant application be considered at July's Full Council Meeting.

C02506-06 To receive a presentation from Rhyddian Evans - Compton Group Land at Castle Road Mumbles

This agenda item was deferred to July's Meeting of Full Council

RESOLVED to postpone the presentation until the July Meeting of Full Council.

C02506-07 Clerk's Report

The Clerk will be providing a report at the July Meeting of Full Council.

C02506-08 Chair's Report

Cllr Will Thomas thanked all Councillors, in particular Cllrs Marshall and O'Connor and Officers, notably Kerry and Claire for making MumblesFest 2025 the most successful yet, despite unfavourable weather.

Cllr Thomas was delighted to confirm that the application to redevelop The Mumbles Bowls Pavillion, made by Cllr O'Brien has been approved by SCC. A total of £60,000 is being made available for the refurbishment of the Pavillion with MCC providing £25,000.

Following the return of The Honour of Mumbles Award, Cllr Thomas wished to congratulate Rachel Matthews on her award which she recently received at MumblesFest. Cllr Thomas also wished to thank Rachel for her contribution to Mumbles.

Cllr Thomas provided an update on improvements to paths and roads within MCC including new surfaces on Mumbles Seafront and a number of 'drop kerbs' being installed.

C02506-09 Financial Report for June 2025

RECOMMENDED that

The payments made by the RFO for June 2025 be retrospectively approved

Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon had previously been provided to councillors.

RESOLVED to retrospectively approve payments made by the RFO for June 2025.

C02506-10 To accept Cllr Helen Nelson's decision to step down from the Underhill Working Group and to appoint a replacement.

Cllr Nelson's decision to stand down from the Underhill Working Group was accepted and a discussion took place on a replacement.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Martin O'Neill to the Underhill Working Group.

Cllr Erasmus joined the meeting at 7.02pm

C02506-11 To appoint Cllr Trevor Carr as a member of the Ostreme Centre Working Group.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Trevor Carr to the Ostreme Centre Working Group subject to the terms of reference of the Working Group.

C02506-12 Report from Chair of Finance and Compliance Committee

Cllr Rob Marshall noted that Cllr Tim Zhou had been appointed as vice chair to the committee.

C02506-13 Report from Chair of Environmental Committee

A detailed environmental report prepared by Robert Hernando had been circulated prior to the meeting, and no questions were raised.

Cllr Townsend Jones highlighted key points from the attached report. In addition, Cllr Townsend Jones outlined that in future the Environmental Report would be distributed more widely including being circulated to One Voice Wales and local libraries. In answer to Councillors questions Cllr Townsend Jones confirmed that the wider distribution of the Environmental Report would have minimal budgeting implications.

C02506-14 Report from Chair of Culture, Tourism and Communications Committee

Cllr Angela O'Connor thanked all Councillors and Officers for their contributions in making MumblesFest such a success, in particular the RFO, Paul Beynon and Events Organiser, Claire Anderson.

In answer to questions from Councillors, Cllr O'Connor confirmed that there would be a de-brief of the event at the next Committee Meeting on 11th June 2025. Acquiring a percentage of MCC residents from on-line ticket sales will form part of the feedback.

C02506-15 Report from Chair of Community and Social Development Committee

Cllr Ian Scott informed Full Council that no committee meeting took place in May 2025 due to it not being quorate. Recent concerns over graffiti at Mumbles Skatepark and vandalism to vehicles will be addressed at June's Committee Meeting.

Cllr Thomas updated Full Council on the playing surfaces at Langland Tennis Courts, following liaison with SCC. Further update to be provided once all aspects including a SUDS application have been considered.

C02506-16 Committee Recommendations

To consider the recommendations to Council made by Committees at their May meetings.

All outstanding recommendations from May's committee meetings addressed at May's Full Council Meeting.

C02506-17 Honour of Mumbles Award

To consider recommendations made in the attached report

The report outlining suggestions how best to recognise recipients of The Honour of Mumbles was discussed.

RESOLVED: That £100 be made available to recognise each recipient of the Honour of Mumbles

C02506-18 Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that the press and public be excluded from the following items of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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

The recording of the meeting was suspended at 7.32pm.

C02506-19

Underhill Update

The Council discussed updates in relation to Underhill Park.

RESOLVED; That up to £10,000 is available for the purpose of seeking Legal and VAT advice in relation to Underhill Park.

Trevor Carr left the meeting at 7.42pm

Meeting Finished at 8.02pm

Next meeting: Full Council 8th July 2025

ANNEX A

To be added