

Minutes of Meeting of the Community & Social Development Committee held on 18 June 2025 at The Ostreme Centre 6.30pm and via TEAMS

Councillors Present: Cllrs Ian Scott (Chair), Francesca O'Brien, Phil Keeton, Pam Erasmus, Trevor Carr, Laura Gilbert and Sara Keeton.

Officers Present: Ian Hughes - CSO

CSD2506-01 Apologies:
Cllr Will Thomas

CSD2506-02 Declarations of Interest
None

CSD2506-03 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2025 as a true record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the 19 March 2025, meeting as a true and accurate record.

Cllr Gilbert arrived at the meeting at 6.31pm

CSD2506-04 Elect Vice Chair for Committee

The Chair, Cllr Scott sought volunteers for the role of Vice Chair. Cllr Laura Gilbert volunteered her services and was formally nominated by Cllr O'Brien. No other Councillor volunteered.

RESOLVED: Cllr Laura Gilbert appointed as Vice Chair for the committee

CSD2506-05 Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings

CSO informed the committee that there are no outstanding actions.

CSD2506-06 Exercise Equipment on West Cross Seafront Update

The Chair Cllr Scott informed the committee that the exercise equipment had been successfully installed and is being used.

CSD2506-07 Community Bus

Cllr O'Brien outlined how she had met with Cllr James of Pennard Community Council and other representatives together with Cllrs. O'Connor and Thomas and discussed the current funding concerns over the Pennard Community Bus.

During the discussion that followed, current routes together with additional potential routes were discussed together with the regularity of services, currently only three journeys are made on two weekdays.

The success of Bishopston Community Council's, Community Bus Service was noted, and whilst profit making is not the main priority it is an important consideration.

The Councillors were keen to maintain and extend this service which is an important opportunity for residents, particularly the elderly, the young and those with disabilities.

Due to Pennard Community Council's current financial circumstances Councillors were keen to progress the matter as a matter of urgency but believed that they required additional information particularly in relation to financial aspects. The possibility of holding an addition committee prior to July's Full Council in order to make a suitable recommendation for Full Council was also considered.

RESOLVED: Cllr O'Brien to make urgent further enquiries on the above issues with a view to a decision being made by the committee as to whether and financial support should be recommended

CSD2506-08**Bereavement Support Group**

RESOLVED: Due to no additional information having been provided, this item to be brought back to July's Committee Meeting.

CSD2506-09**Re-surfacing/SUDS requirement for Llangland Tennis Court**

A discussion took place in relation to the cost of obtaining a SUDS approval from SCC in line with Welsh Govt policy. The cost of acquiring this standard is in the region of £12,000. Due to the cost to MCC further clarification to be sought.

ACTION: In liaison with The Chair, Cllr Scott, the Clerk to seek clarification on the need for SUDS requirement from SCC, in light of the surface at Llangland Tennis Courts having only recently been replaced.

CSD2506-10**Vandalism (graffiti) at Mumbles Skate Park and criminal damage to parked cars within the vicinity of Waverley Drive (paintwork being 'keyed' and tyres being 'slashed')**

Cllr Scott set out a number of incidents where Mumbles Skate Park had been sprayed with paint. It was the consensus of the committee that such graffiti was not in keeping with Mumbles Skate Park as it is not an 'urban' venue.

The Chair, Cllr Scott had liaised with the local PCSO, Patrick. A discussion took place on how best to remove the graffiti and how the concrete can be damaged with the incorrect cleaning product. Cllr Sara Keeton believed that she had contacted The Clerk requesting that Ashley clean up The Skatepark having also provided details of the appropriate cleaning details.

ACTION CSO to email The Clerk seeking clarification whether she had received an email from Cllr Keeton relating to above issues.

Regarding damage to vehicles within the vicinity of Waverley Drive the Chair, Cllr Scott again stated that he had liaised with the local PCSO.

During the discussion that followed the committee believed that they would benefit from an overview of the situation from Patrick (PCSO) including methods to combat such incidents including the use of CCTV.

ACTION CSO to invite the local PCSO, Patrick to the next committee meeting to provide an overview on both the graffiti at Mumbles Skatepark and to damage to vehicles in Waverley Drive.

Meeting finished 7.22pm

Next Meeting 16th July 2025

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