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| **Minutes of Meeting of the Community & Social Development Committee held on 17 September 2025 at**   **The Ostreme Centre 6.30pm and** via **TEAMS** | |
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|  | **Councillors Present:** CllrsIan Scott (Chair), Francesca 0’Brien, Phil Keeton,  Trevor Carr, Laura Gilbert and William Thomas. |
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|  | **Officers Present:**  Kerry Grabham – CO and Ian Hughes - CSO |
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| **CSD2509-01** | **Apologies:**  Cllrs Pam Erasmus and Sara Keeton |
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| **CSD2509-02** | **Declarations of Interest** |
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| **CSD2509-03**  **CSD2509-04**  **CSD2509-05**  **CSD2509-06**  **CSD2509-07**  **CSD2509-08**  **CSD2509-09**  **CSD2509-10**  **CSD2509-11**  **CSD2509-12**  **CSD2509-13**  **CSD2509-14** | **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.**  To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2025 as a true record.  No meeting took place in July  **RESOLVED** To defer approval of the minutes for June’s meeting to October’s Committee Meeting.  **Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings**  The CSO outlined outstanding actions.  **RESOLVED**  ‘Outstanding action’ report to be updated by CSO.  **Budget Monitoring Reports to 31/07/2025**  Reports attached.  Financial reports prepared by RFO, Paul Beynon who had previously circulated the documents to councillors.  No queries were raised with either the RFO or CSO prior to the meeting in relation to the reports.  **RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report to 31st July 2025.  **Budget 2026/27**  The Chair, Cllr Scott emphasised the need for budget proposal forms for future projects to be submitted in a timely manner before 31st October 2025.  Potential projects were discussed including further development to Mumbles Bowls Pavillion and improving disabled access to Oystermouth Cemetery via Slade Road.  **RESOLVED** to submit budget proposal forms before 31.10.2025  Cllr Phil Keeton joined the meeting at 6.40pm  **Community Bus**  Cllr O’Brien outlined how she had liaised further with Cllr James of Pennard Community Council and other community councillors together with representatives from SCC. As previously outlined to the committee there are complex issues connected with further developing a community bus service including financial support  **RESOLVED:** Cllr O’Brien to continue to make enquiries and liaise with SCC and other councillors in relation to developing the community bus service and update the committee at October’s meeting.  **Bereavement Support Group**  Whilst the Chair, Cllr Scott has not received any update in relation to the original aspirations of the initiative, the CO volunteered to contact MIND with a view to their participation at MCC sponsored events such as Coffee with Friends. Whilst these would not be held on a weekly basis it would provide an opportunity for local residents to be provided with relevant bereavement information perhaps on a monthly basis.  **Action:** The CO to email MIND with a view to their participation at MCC events.  **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’)**  The Chair, Cllr Scott set out that the level of graffiti at Mumbles Skate Park had increased and that it had been Full Council’s decision not to tolerate graffiti.  Cllr Scott had liaised with the local PCSO, Patrick, but unfortunately was not in attendance.  The CO explained that the cleaning of graffiti from the skating surfaces required a specialist treatment in order not to damage the surface. The CO had only been able to receive one quote of £2,200 from a local company to carry out the removal of the graffiti. The CO, despite contacting Mumbles Skateboarding Association (MSA) was unable to identify no alternative cleaning company to carry out this work. MSA did state that they had between £300 and £400 left in their reserves and would be prepared to contribute this to the cleaning process.  The CO stated that in the event of Full agreeing to MCC contribute to the graffiti removal the normal financial regulations would need to be suspended due to only one suitable company being identified.  A discussion took place on alternatives to using a cleaning company, but these were considered unsuitable at present.  **RECOMMENDATION** That Full Council suspend their normal financial regulations when deciding upon the following recommendation due to only suitable company being identified.  **RECOMMENDATION** MCC provide up to £1,900 to pay for the removal of graffiti from the Mumbles Skatepark.  **Langland Tennis Courts - Replacement of netting around Basketball Court (Court No. 3)**  Cllr Thomas informed the committee that the same company that was responsible for resurfacing the basketball court is in the process of providing a quote for replacing the surrounding fence.  **RESOLVED** Cllr Thomas to provide a further update at October’s Meeting  **CCTV at Mumbles Skate Park.**  The CO stated that whilst installing CCTV may be impractical and prohibitively expensive, she had liaised with SCC who had provided her with detailed information on the use of deployable cameras. The CO offered to assess this information and provide feedback at October’s Meeting.  Other contributions to the discussion included Cllr O’Briens experience of deploying remote cameras and the use of hydrogen powered cameras. Cllr Thomas believed that a spare pole is located at Underhill Park which would be suitable for accommodating a remote camera.  **RESOLVED** The use of CCTV/deployable cameras to be addressed at October’s Meeting when the CO would have assessed information on their use.  **ACTION** Cllr O’Brien to circulate information on remote cameras to other committee members.  **ACTION** Cllr Thomas to obtain quote/information on the cost of relocating a camera pole from Underhill Park to Mumbles Skatepark. In addition, costings in relation to the camera itself and its maintenance.  **Mumbles Skatepark Annual Inspection**  The Annual Safety Inspection of Mumbles Skatepark had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.  The Chair, Cllr Scott outlined key aspects of the report with only one area needing to be addressed, namely the need for grassed areas to be repaired/maintained.  **RESOLVED** To accept the Annual Safety Inspection of Mumbles Skatepark Report.  **ACTION** Ashley Haynes to repair/maintain areas of worn-out grassed areas as detailed in the above report.  **Invitation to Mumbles Skatepark on 27.09.25 (10am to noon) – Paul Evans SCC community safety co-ordinator**  The Chair, Cllr Scott detailed an open invitation to a safety event in 27th September 2025. The CO further outlined how the event would be held in conjunction with SCC and South Wales Police.  **Mumbles Skatepark – Roller-Skating Proposal**  The Chair, Cllr Scott detailed a request from a local resident requesting that an area for roller skating be created at Mumbles Skatepark.  A discussion took place between councillors on options to add to the existing facilities whilst being mindful of areas being prone to flooding. Ideas included a raised BMX facility and basketball hoop. It was also noted that any future development would need to be mindful of the wishes of local residents.  **ACTION** CO to write back to the proposer seeking additional information on the proposal.  Meeting finished 7.26pm  Next Meeting 15th  October 2025 |