

Minutes of Meeting of the Community & Social Development Committee held on 19 November 2025 at The Ostreme Centre 6.30pm and via TEAMS

Councillors Present: Cllrs Ian Scott (Chair), Pam Erasmus, Francesca O'Brien, Laura Gilbert and Will Thomas.

Officers Present: Kerry Grabham – CO and Ian Hughes – CSO

Public Attendance: Emma McNamara and Michael Eames

CSD2511-01 Apologies: Cllrs Trevor Carr, Phil Keeton, and Sara Keeton. The Chair, Cllr Scott noted that he expected Prof. Lella Nouri of Swansea University to attend in relation to the Flip the Streets Initiative (Agenda item **CSD2511-07** refers).

CSD2511-02 Declarations of Interest
None

CSD2511-03 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2025 as a true record.

RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2025 as a true record

CSD2511-04 Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings

The CSO outlined outstanding actions.

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

CSD2511-05 Budget Monitoring Reports to 30/09/2025

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 30th September 2025.

CSD2511-06 Budget 2026/27

The RFO had circulated details of draft proposals for 2026/27 prior to the meeting, together with four budget proposals that had been submitted.

The Chair, Cllr Scott outlined the draft proposals to the committee highlighting the additional cost to maintain Mumbles Skatepark due to vandalism. These were accepted by the committee.

The four budget proposals were outlined and related to creating a function room at Underhill, installing additional bollards at Underhill, improving access to Oystermouth Cemetery from Slade Road and improving access at Castle Field

RESOLVED to discuss the above budget proposals in detail at a future time if appropriate.

RESOLVED that the Draft Budget 2026/27 of £228,500 be recommended to Council at the budget meeting to be held in January 2026.

Michael Eames joined the meeting at 6.40pm

CSD2511-07 Flip the Streets Initiative

Professor Nouri had provided background information in relation to the Flip the Streets Initiative which had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. It had been hoped that Prof Nouri would be in attendance to provide additional information on the project.

The Chair, Cllr Scott, invited Emma McNamara to address the committee in relation to agenda items. Ms McNamara stated that she is actively involved in the West Cross Community, participating in The Story of Mumbles and The West Cross Tidy Team. Ms McNamara wished to address concerns pertinent to this agenda item (Flip The Streets) and other agenda items relating to vandalism at Mumbles Skatepark and other areas within MCC.

Ms McNamara paid tribute to councillors within the Mumbles Ward who had adopted initiatives including the painting of boxes on pavements. Ms McNamara believed that more should be done within her ward.

The Chair, Cllr Scott thanked Ms McNamara for her contribution and committee members provided details of initiatives carried out by West Cross Councillors including wildflower and bulb planting.

Ms McNamara was advised by Cllr Scott to make representations directly to her ward councillors.

CSD2511-08**Vandalism (graffiti) at Mumbles Skate Park**

The CO provided an outline of developments, including a summary of initiatives already carried out. Noticeboards and bins had been cleaned of graffiti but the removal of graffiti from the skateboarding surfaces is more complex due to the risk of treated surfaces being damaged through the application of unsuitable cleaning products.

The CO continues to be in liaison with SCC over the issue of graffiti and Cllr Phil Keeton has carried out cleaning work with specialised products on 'test areas'.

RESOLVED: Awaits update from Cllr Keeton on cleaning of graffiti on test areas.

ACTION: The CO to further liaise with SCC on removing graffiti from Mumbles Skatepark.

RESOLVED: Subject to The CO obtaining additional information from SCC a recommendation for additional funding to remove graffiti to be made to Full Council at December Meeting.

Cllr O'Brien left the meeting at 7.18pm

CSD2511-09**CCTV at Mumbles Skate Park (Update)**

The Committee discussed the use of cameras and the necessary maintenance of equipment together with the retrieval of data following a reported incident.

Cllr Thomas stated that he had liaised with SCC and that a camera post currently located at Underhill could be re-located to Mumbles Skatepark. The level of anti-social envisaged at Underhill following its redevelopment has been negligible and the pole installed to accommodate a surveillance camera at Underhill would probably be utilised more at Mumbles Skatepark. This would be substantially cheaper than purchasing a new camera pole.

Cllr Thomas confirmed that he had consulted SCC in relation to legalities concerning the use of any such camera.

RESOLVED Cllr Thomas to continue to liaise with SCC and CO in relation to transferring the camera pole to Mumbles Skatepark, the purchase/hire of a suitable surveillance camera and issues connected to the on-going maintenance of the equipment

RECOMMENDED That up to £1,000 be made available through the virement of budget funds for the relocation of a camera pole from Underhill Park to Mumbles Skatepark and the purchase/hire of surveillance equipment.

Cllr O'Brien returned to the meeting at 7.27pm.

CSD2511-10**Neighbourhood Alert Initiative**

The Chair, Cllr Scott outlined key aspects from The Neighbourhood Alert Initiative including text alerts being sent on mobile phoned from South Wales Police.

Cllr Scott invited Michael to comment on this or any other agenda item.

Michael Eames whilst noting what had already been debated regarding vandalism and in particular graffiti at Mumbles Skatepark, pointed out that since graffiti had commenced at the skatepark, the amount of graffiti had spread along the promenade, particularly towards the direction of Mumbles Pier.

Cllr Scott noted Michael Eames' concerns and updated the committee that the relevant team within SCC were addressing the situation

Meeting finished 7.33pm

Next Meeting 15th January 2026

