

## **Minutes of Meeting of the Community & Social Development Committee held on 21 January 2026 at The Ostreme Centre 6.30pm and via TEAMS**

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

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

**CSD2601-01 Apologies:** Cllrs Trevor Carr, Will Thomas and Sara Keeton.

**CSD2601-02 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**CSD2601-03 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 as a true record.

**RESOLVED** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 as a true record

**CSD2601-04 Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings**

The CSO outlined outstanding actions.

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

**CSD2601-05 Budget Monitoring Reports to 30/11/2025**  
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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**RESOLVED** to approve the Expenditure Transactions to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**RESOLVED** to approve the Income Transactions to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Further to the above, The RFO suggested within the notes of the Budget Monitoring Report, that regarding the underspend of £1,700 on the Underhill Bollard Lighting budget; that this be vired to the Basketball Court Fencing and Resurfacing budget. If the virement of the underspend was approved by Council, this would reduce the call on the Contingency Budget for the Basketball Court from £9,200 to £7,500

The above proposal by The RFO was discussed and agreed upon by Councillors.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the underspend of £1,700 on the Underhill Bollard Lighting budget be vired to the Basketball Court Fencing and Resurfacing budget. If the virement of the underspend was approved by Council, this would reduce the call on the Contingency Budget for the Basketball Court from £9,200 to £7,500.

#### CSD2601-06

#### **Budget 2026/27**

The Chair, Cllr Ian Scott outlined that suggestions had been discussed and forwarded to RFO. Proposals included within the budgeting report to be discussed at forthcoming Budget Scrutiny Meeting. No new proposals had been received.

**RESOLVED** to await the outcome of The Budget Scrutiny Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 when budget proposals will be discussed.

#### CSD2601-07

#### **Flip the Streets Initiative Update**

The Chair, Cllr Ian Scott and CO outlined their recent liaison with Professor Nouri who has provided background information in relation to the Flip the Streets Initiative. Prof. Nouri was unable to attend this meeting but offered to provide a short introduction/overview to Flip the Streets prior to Monday's Budget Scrutiny Meeting (26.01.2026). Prof. Nouri would also be bringing along David Toft from Fresh Creative and hopefully her colleague, Paul from Evolve.

The Committee considered that this would be a worthwhile project and that further information from Prof. Nouri and her colleagues would be beneficial. All budgetary needs would be met through grants arranged by SCC.

**RECOMMENDED:** That Prof. Nouri and her colleagues address Councillors prior to the Budget Scrutiny Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Full Council to recommend and approve any proposals arising from Prof. Nouri's presentation and from any subsequent debate by Councillors.

**CSD2601-08      Re-sealing of Mumbles Skate Park**

The Chair, Cllr Ian Scott and CO outlined that Cllr Townsend Jones had arranged for quote in relation to the re-sealing of the Mumbles Skate Park, due in the spring of 2026.

**RECOMMENDED:** That a quote of £2,000 plus VAT be approved for the re-sealing of Mumbles Skate Park.

**CSD2601-09      Regional Skate Park**

The Chair, Cllr Ian Scott and CO outlined that The CO had kindly liaised over the issue of a proposed regional skate park and that no further action would be required from the committee at this stage.

Cllr Phil Keeton noted that he had received information from Curved Studios that a consultation meeting on a regional skate park will be taking place at The Guildhall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 5pm

**RESOLVED:** That all outstanding actions relating to The Regional Skate Park be closed.

**CSD2601-10      Vandalism (graffiti) at Mumbles Skate Park**

The Chair, Cllr Ian Scott outlined the expense incurred by MCC for the removal of graffiti and the further cleaning that was required due to the original graffiti being replaced with 'Free Palestine' slogans

The Chair also wished to thank Cllr Phil Keeton for his contribution in removing the graffiti.

**CSD2601-11      CCTV at Mumbles Skate Park (Update)**

The Chair, Cllr Ian Scott stated that arrangements to install a CCTV pole at Mumbles Skate Park were ongoing with SCC.

Meeting finished 6.49pm

Next Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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