Minutes of Meeting of the Community & Social Development Committee held on 18th November 2026. At The Ostreme Centre 6.30pm and via TEAMS

Councillors Present:-
Cllrs Laura Gilbert (Chair) Ian Scott (Vice Chair), Pam Erasmus and Will Thomas.

Officers Present:-
Ceri Willcox – RFO, Hannah Hunter – Facilities Manager and Ian Hughes – CSO

CSD2611-01	**Apologies:** None
CSD2611-02	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr Will Thomas declared a personal interest as a SCC Councillor in relation to any agenda items pertaining to SCC matters. Cllr Luara Gilbert declared a personal interest in relation to the budget proposal form relating to cricket nets at Mumbles Cricket Club as a playing member with Mumbles CC (agenda item CSD2611-07 refers).
CSD2611-03	**To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2026 as a true record. **RESOLVED** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2026 as a true record
CSD2611-04	**Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings** The CSO outlined outstanding actions. **RESOLVED** 'Outstanding action' report to be updated by CSO which will include newly-created actions.

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CSD2611-05	**Budget Monitoring Reports – Ceri Willcox, RFO** Ceri Willcox, the RFO had circulated budget monitoring reports to Councillors prior to the meeting. The RFO provided an overview of expenditure. ACTION RFO together with committee members to re-evaluate the budget for the running and maintenance of MCC assets. RESOLVED: To approve the budget monitoring reports.
CSD2611-06	**Budget 2027/2028** **RESOLVED** The committee agreed to postpose discussion on this agenda item until the six agenda items pertaining to budget proposal forms had been resolved (CSD2611-07 to CSD2611-12 refers). Following completion of the above agenda items it was recommended by Councillors to add the proposed amounts contained with the above budget proposal forms to the budget for 2027/28. The RFO offered to assist with this matter **RESOLVED** To add the proposed amounts contained within the budget proposal forms (CSD2611-07 to CSD2611-12 refers) to the forthcoming budget for 2027/2028.
CSD2611-06	**Budget Proposal Form – Cricket Nets at Mumbles Cricket Club** Cllr Will Thomas set out the need for all weather nets at Mumbles Cricket Club. The current facilities are fine weather dependant and the installation of covered nets with lighting would allow all-year practice. In addition to increasing the practice time available or players, the installation of such nets would generate income through greater usage and save money through the current practice of hiring facilities elsewhere being unnecessary. The cost of the cricket nets would be in excess of £30,000 and a precise figure will be obtained once the extent of outside support, including that of MCC is known. **RESOLVED** To support in principle Mumbles Cricket Club obtaining cricket nets with a contribution of £10,000.

CSD2611-08	**Budget Proposal Form – Outdoor Fitness Frames** Cllr Will Thomas set out the prospect of installing an outdoor fitness area within Underhill Park, similar to the fitness area existing on The Promenade near to Blackpill. Councillors were generally supportive of the proposal although it was noted that as with other proposal forms additional information in relation to detail will subsequently be required. **RESOLVED** To support in principle outdoor fitness frames at Underhill Park with a contribution of £20,000.
CSD2611-09	**Budget Proposal Form – Netball Facilities** On behalf of Cllr Hannah Williams, Cllr Will Thomas set out the rationale for creating netball facilities within MCC. Opportunities to play basketball within MCC have been improved recently though no such facilities exist for netball. The budget would provide for design and consultation fees for facilities at a venue yet to be decided. Councillors confirmed the popularity of netball and the interest already generated in such a scheme **RESOLVED** To support in principle funding for the preparation of netball facilities within MCC with a contribution of £10,000.
CSD2611-10	**Budget Proposal Form – Underhill Hub** Hannah Hunter set out that this application represented a continuation of events/projects at The Hub which are currently being undertaken including Eco Warriors and Toys & Toast. These events are well attended and successful. Councillors thanked Hannah for these initiatives and believed that they had supported the local community particularly parents of young children. It was also noted that the final contribution, to be set next year should take into account the potential for further initiatives. **RESOLVED** To support in principle funding for projects and initiatives at The Hub with a contribution of £10,000.

CSD2611-11	**Budget Proposal Form – Youth Club** Further to the previous agenda item (CSD2611-10 refers) Hannah Hunter set out the specific case for creating a youth club at The Hub. Support for children and young people by MCC is underrepresented and this new initiative would support primarily the age group between 12 and 17. Hannah proposed an initial trial period of sixteen weeks taking place over the summer of 2027 at The Hub. A review of the trial period would consider adjustments to the youth club including other venues being considered such as the Ostreme Centre. Councillors were supportive of a youth club being proposed for a trial period and noted that a very successful youth club operated in West Cross with financial support from MCC. In addressing Councillors questions Hannah believed that the majority of any proposed budget money would allow for the employment of qualified trained youth workers. Additional funding such as refreshments would be minimal and could be provided through a grant application if necessary. **RESOLVED** To support in principle funding for a youth club at The Hub on a trial basis with a contribution of £10,000.
CSD2611-12	**Budget Proposal Form – Tourism** Cllr Will Thomas outlined the importance of Mumbles' appearance to visitors, particularly to tourists during peak visiting times such as the summer holidays. Cllr Thomas proposed a cleaning project to improve key areas as a wholesale cleaning programme of The MCC area or even Mumbles would be impractical due to the cost involved. The areas suggested were the promenade/seafront between Mumbles Pier and the Dairy Car Park, and the lower part of Newton Road up to Oystermouth School. The cleaning would compliment existing cleaning and would take place on a weekly basis during relevant times. The extent of cleaning was discussed by Councillors who were supportive of the proposal, and it was noted that arrangements for cleaning public toilets at Oystermouth Car Park and Southend Gardens already existed and that additional cleaning would require the involvement of multiple contractors. **RESOLVED** To support in principle additional cleaning within parts of Mumbles with a contribution of £10,000.

CSD2611-13	**Mumbles Hill Update – CSO** The CSO outlined to Councillors that together with Cllr Ian Scoot he had met with Sean Hathaway, who manages Mumbles Hill on behalf of SCC, on 20.07.2026. Sean addressed the following queries which had been raised at an earlier committee meeting: - • **Ground Maintenance of Mumbles Hill** in addition to other sites within Swansea, SCC are responsible for the maintenance of grounds at the site. A visit from the relevant SCC Team took place shortly after MCC's visit. • **The Condition of information boards.** The installation of maintenance and information boards sited within Mumbles Hill are again the responsibility of SCC. Sean was in the process of arranging replacements for dilapidated notice boards at the time of our visit. • **Development of historical sites within Mumbles Hill such as 'The Bunker'** Sean explained that any development of a site such as the Bunker' would in the first instance require approval from a number of bodies within both SCC and CADW. If approved a number of obstacles exist to making such developments practical for visitors. This includes the addition of safety features such as fencing and rails to a historic building and the existence of bats currently habiting 'The Bunker'. Even if approved the cost of such developments would cost in excess of £100,000.
CSD2611-14	**Benches (Outside Greggs) Quote Update – CSO** The CSO outlined to Councillors that quotes for plastic benches had been received together with the installation cost quoted by SCC. It was proposed that The CSO should enquire from SCC whether the provider of the benches is permitted to install them. **ACTION UPDATE**; CSO to seek clarification from SCC on who can install benches and obtain quotes from all relevant parties for next meeting.

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CSD2611-15	**Graffiti in Clyne Gardens** Cllr Ian Scott provided background information to graffiti to Clyne Gardens and other venues including Mumbles Skatepark and Westport Avenue. The issues were highlighted in a communication from two residents (Phil and Caroline Slater) and liaison has taken place between SCC (Cllr Chris Evans), South Wales Police (PCSO Chris Dicks), Flip the Streets Project and MCC. Cllr Scott reminded Councillors that when Mumbles Skatepark was proposed that it was intended to be graffiti-free with users self-policing the facilities and MCC carrying out weekly inspections. Cllr Evans will be highlighting concerns in his next newsletter and reminding residents of the opportunity to report such damage to police. **ACTION** Hannah Hunter to include above concerns, raise awareness including the opportunity to report graffiti to police as criminal damage on MCC' social media page.
CSD2611-16	**West Cross/Oystermouth Woodland Path** It was noted by Councillors that grants had already been approved and work undertaken to improve paths. Councillors considered that such projects were an on-going programme and that future improvements will be proposed although no immediate recommendations would be made.
CSD2611-17	**Hedging along Mumbles Skatepark** Councillors noted that some hedging had been planted and maintained within the vicinity of Mumbles Skatepark but were uncertain as to the extent of hedging required. **ACTION**: CSO to ascertain the extent of hedging required in the vicinity of Mumbles Skatepark.

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CSD2611-18	**Quote for work on furniture in West Cross Skate Area** Councillors were uncertain as to the precise nature of the work required at West Cross Skate Area. **ACTION**: CSO to ascertain the nature of the work required at West Cross Skate Area.
CSD2611-19	**Basketball Court -Mumbles** Again, Councillors were uncertain as to the requirements being sought at Basketball Courts in Mumbles **ACTION**: CSO to ascertain the requirements being sought at Basketball Courts in Mumbles

Meeting finished 7.29pm

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