

## **Minutes of Culture, Tourism & Communications Committee**

### **Wednesday, 27 September 2023, at 6.30 pm**

### **Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre and via Zoom**

**Councillors Present** Cllr Rob Marshall (Chair), Cllr Martin O'Neill, Angela O'Connor Richard Jarvis and Rhian Evans.

**Co-opted members** Pip Reason

**Officer Present:** Paul Beynon – RFO, Ian Hughes – Committee Support Officer (CSO) and Claire Anderson - Marketing, Editorial and Events

**In attendance:** David Townsend Jones – Mumbles Twinning (TAM) and Cllr Rebecca Fogarty

**CT2309-01**      **Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr Tim Zhou

**CT2309-02**      **Declarations of Interest**  
None

**CT2309-03**      **Presentation by David Townsend Jones on Twinning**  
Both David Townsend Jones (TAM) and Cllr Rebecca Fogarty attended the meeting for this item. David provided background to twinning which developed following the end of World War Two. Three main strands are connected to twinning-

- Friendship between communities
- Brand promotion
- Economic benefits

In answer to questions from councillors both David and Cllr Fogarty elaborated on the commitment of individuals throughout the year to promote twinning between the different locations. The commitment of local schools in Mumbles to twinning had proved difficult due to other pressures within the school. It was agreed by all that twinning is an excellent opportunity to promote cultural activities including sport and concerts.

**Resolved:** Cllr Marshall thanked David for his presentation and agreed to further the aims of twinning where possible through MCC co-operation including the use of MCC Website and Mumbles Archive.

**CT2309-04**

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee**

**Resolved:** To approve the meeting minutes held on 26 June 2023 as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr O'Connor.

**CT2309-05**

**Co-Opted Member Proposal – Liz Fuller**

Cllr Rob Marshall provided some background information about Liz Fuller. Liz is a former Miss Wales who attended Olchfa School, and has had a successful career in acting, modelling and presenting work. She lives predominantly in Mumbles although she visits Las Angeles for short period in connection with an actor's agency that she runs. She would be available for meetings and is keen to make a valuable contribution to the local community.

**Recommended:** Cllr Marshall proposed that Liz Fuller be co-opted onto the committee, this was unanimously supported by councillors who considered her an asset.

**CT2309-06**

**Presentation by Paul Relf (Funding & Grants SCC)**

Paul Relf was unable to attend the committee meeting due to other commitments.

**Resolved:** Paul Relf's presentation deferred until October Meeting.

**CT2309-07**

**Live Performances outside Ostreme Centre**

Claire Anderson provided an overview of the benefits in having busking and other live entertainment outside The Ostreme Centre. This would be during the morning/early afternoon at weekends and would not impact on other premises/businesses. In answer to questions by committee members Claire did not believe that rubbish associated with such live entertainment would be an issue.

**Action:** Cllrs O'Neill and Marshall together with Claire to prepare suggestions together with a proposed budget for October's Meeting. Ideally performances will start before Christmas 2023 but certain practicalities will need to be considered including frequency of performances, their timings, the use of power and staff availability. In addition, The Clerk's report on live entertainment to be considered.

**Recommended:** Cllr Marshall proposed that live entertainment should be supported by MCC, this was unanimously supported by councillors.

**CT2309-08**

**Welsh Event**

Cllr Evans proposed a 'Welsh Event' at The Ostreme. This may include dancing, singing or Welsh Food. Ideas sought from MCC councillors.

**Action:** CSO to write to all MCC Councillors and Officers requesting that ideas be forwarded to Cllr Evans

**Action:** Once having received ideas from other MCC staff, Cllr Evans to prepare a proposal together with costings for October Meeting

**CT2309-09**

**Cliff Lighting Proposal**

Paul Relf was unable to attend the committee meeting due to other commitments.

**Resolved:** Paul Relf's proposal deferred until October Meeting.

**CT2309-10**

**Budget Monitoring Report to 30/06/2023**

Paul Beynon, The RFO, gave a presentation to the committee on an awareness of financial matters relevant to councillors. This included the processes of individual committees being allocated a budget in January for which they are responsible for monitoring throughout the financial year. Councillors should refer to spending detailed in spreadsheets prepared on a monthly basis by the RFO. They should question both underspending and overspending of money allocated, by questions (actions) to the RFO and in discussion at monthly committee meetings.

**AGREED** that 'budgeting' be given a raised priority in the 'running order' of agenda items at future meetings

**CT2309-11**

**Budget 2024/25**

Paul Beynon, the RFO, raised awareness of the significance of each committee preparing a budget for 2024/2025. This proposed budget needs to be agreed by Full Council in January 2024, either at the regular monthly Full Council or at a specially convened meeting. The budget would need to be agreed by the committee through the use of Budget Proposal Forms prior to approval being sought by Full Council in January; this would ideally take place at the November Committee Meeting.

**AGREED** Following the distribution of Budget Proposal Forms by RFO councillors to consider suitable proposals for October Meeting.