

Minutes of Culture, Tourism & Communications Committee

Wednesday, 25 October 2023, at 6.30 pm

Meeting via Zoom only

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

Co-opted members Pip Reason

Officer Present: Kerry-Leigh Grabham – Clerk and Ian Hughes – Committee Support Officer (CSO)

CT2310-01

Apologies for Absence

Rhian Evans

CT2310-02

Declarations of Interest

None

CT2310-03

Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee

Resolved: To approve the meeting minutes held on 27 September 2023 as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr Marshall.

CT2310-04

Update on previous actions (27.09.2023)

RESOLVED Outstanding actions updated and completed, details recorded in 'action' report. Cllr O'Connor joined the meeting at 6.43pm whilst outstanding actions were being discussed.

CT2310-05

Co-Opted Member Update

The membership of Liz Fuller as a co-opted member was approved at the last Full Council Meeting. Cllr Marshall explained that Liz Fuller was unfortunately unlikely to attend tonight's meeting due to visiting a relative in hospital.

CT2310-06

Budget Monitoring Report to 31/08/2023

The Clerk outlined key points from the Budget Monitoring Report.

RESOLVED the Budget Monitoring Report was accepted.

CT2310-07**Budget 2024/25**

Discussion concerning how the committee could best use its budget in the forthcoming year including projects outlined below in separate agenda items.

ACTION: All councillors to identify unspent areas/opportunities and to present any proposals at November Meeting and submit Budget Proposal Forms to RFO by 30th November 2023.

CT2310-08**Budget Proposals**

Again, much of the discussion centred on projects covered below. In addition, it was agreed that options be explored for Mumbles to obtain new Christmas lights and decorations for 2024.

ACTION: Cllr O'Connor together with The Clerk to explore the cost and options for Christmas Lights/Decorations for 2024.

CT2310-09**Presentation by Paul Relf (Funding & Grants SCC)**

Paul Relf is unable to attend committee meetings on a Wednesday evening due to an on-going commitment. He has however agreed to provide MCC with an information package. Paul has been e-mailed by both The Clerk and CSO in following up this offer, Cllr Marshall is due to meet with Paul within the next seven days and will make a further request.

ACTION: Cllr Marshall to make a further request to Paul Relf in relation to the information package he offered to provide MCC.

CT2310-10**Welsh Event Update**

The opportunities for a Welsh Event were discussed during the outstanding actions [CT2310-04](#) when it was agreed that an event on March 1st, 2024, would be a specific agenda item at the November Meeting.

RESOLVED that a separate agenda item would be created for November Meeting celebrating St David's Day.

CT2310-11**Cliff Lighting Proposal**

Cllr Marshall outlined that the quotes for the cliff lighting were out of date and that Claire was researching new quotes.

ACTION: Claire to make enquiries concerning suitable quotes.

CT2310-12**Recording and Streaming Equipment**

Cllr Marshall discussed the use of I-Phone technology to record and disseminate local events on social media and other outlets. This user-friendly equipment, whilst not necessarily the cheapest option would allow extensive use by all staff and councillors.

ACTION: Cllr Marshall to explore the cost and options of using I-Phones for recording events within MCC.

CT2310-13**MumblesFest 2024**

Cllr Marshall outlined that together with Cllrs O'Neill, O'Connor and RFO he would be working on a firm proposal for the November Meeting,

ACTION: Cllr Marshall in conjunction with others to prepare detailed proposals for the MumblesFest 2024 Event. Agenda item for November Meeting.

CT2310-14**A Christmas Cheese and Wine evening**

Discussion on holding a cheese and wine event at Ostreme at some point in 2024 took place. This would include events such as wine tasting and a quiz. Entry would be through tickets that would cover the cost of the event. Local businesses to be used e.g. Cheers for wine and Olive & Oils for the cheese and crackers.

ACTION: Claire to make enquiries concerning suitable time for the event and obtaining quotes on relevant produce.

CT2310-15**Christmas Markets/stalls outside the Ostreme on Saturdays**

Cllr Marshall opened the discussion on the opportunity to have stalls outside Ostreme on the Saturdays leading up to Christmas and suggested a themed event with arts and crafts for example being sold on week with locally grown produce being made available another week. Councillors were keen to provide opportunities for local businesses and promote Mumbles in the lead up to Christmas. Councillors were also concerned that such stalls could impact negatively on local businesses and that other events within MCC could be impacted upon. The need for trading licences to be provided by SCC was also discussed, as was the proposal that the event may be more appropriate for 2024 to allow arrangements to be made to book suitable stalls.

ACTION: Claire to make enquiries concerning the possibility of hosting stalls outside Ostreme Hall this Christmas and in 2024.

CT2310-16**Christmas lunch at Newton Hall early December.**

Cllr Marshall outlined that £500 had been earmarked for a festive lunch for elderly people to be held in Newton Hall, he considered that by using funds from underspent budgets the contribution to the lunch could be greatly increased. In addition to the committees budget, it was suggested that money could be transferred from underspent budgets within the domain of the Community and Social Development Committee.

ACTION: Cllr Marshall to explore the options of using money from underspent budgets with RFO for the purpose of enhancing the Christmas Lunch at Newton Hall. In addition, Cllr Marshall to e-mail Cllr Pamela Erasmus and her deputy Sara Keeton with a view to seeking a transfer of underspent money for the same purpose.

CT2310-17

Live entertainment and refreshment at the Coffee with Friends groups (Christmas).

A discussion took place between balancing the needs and wishes of the participants who attend Coffee with Friends on a regular basis. In addition, the need to widen participation at Coffee and Friends through non-social media opportunities.

RESOLVED to seek the views of those attending Coffee and Friends in relation to entertainment being provided in the lead up to Christmas against the need to allow sufficient time for participants to socialise within their own groups. To consider widening the 'membership/participation' of coffee and Friends through advertising in The MCC Newsletter.

ACTION: Cllrs Marshall and O'Neill to seek the views of participants at the next Coffee and Friends Meetings.

ACTION: Claire to consider advertising Coffee and Friends either through an advert or in a separate notice enclosed within the next MCC Newsletter.

CT2310-18

Future Events

In addition to those events already outlined two further events were mooted. Firstly, a boules competition, possibly to co-inside and involve a twinning event. Secondly, a singing event at Christmas bringing together a number of choirs. Discussion included whether the event should be indoors and could include priced tickets for entry to raise money for local charities.

RESOLVED to further research the possibility of holding both events.

ACTION: Cllr Marshall to explore options in relation to a boules competition.

ACTION: Cllrs Marshall and O'Connor to explore opportunities for a Christmas Concert within area of MCC.

The meeting ended at 7.41pm.

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