

## **Minutes of Culture, Tourism & Communications Committee Wednesday, 24 July 2024, at 2pm. Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams**

**Councillors Present:** Cllrs. Angela O'Connor (Chair) Rob Marshall (Vice Chair), Tim Zhou, Martin O'Neill, Rhian Evans and Hannah Hunter

**Officer Present:** Kerry Grabham – Clerk and Ian Hughes – CSO

CT2407-01

### **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Richard Jarvis

CT2407-02

### **Declarations of Interest**

None

CT2407-03

### **Minutes of the Previous Meetings of the Committee**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June 2024 as a true record.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the meeting minutes held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as an accurate record.

CT2407-04

### **Update on actions from previous meetings.**

The CSO updated the committee on all outstanding actions having previously circulated the full list of 'actions' to committee members.

**RESOLVED:** Outstanding actions updated and shown as complete where appropriate; details recorded in 'action' report, together with newly created actions.

CT2407-05

**Budget Monitoring Report to 3/05/2024 - RFO, Paul Beynon**

Reports attached.

Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon had previously been provided to committee members. No questions relating to the budget reports had been provided either to CSO or The RFO prior to the meeting, and no questions were raised at the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report to 31st May 2024.

CT2407-06

**Budget 2025/26**

The RFO had previously set out at Full Council the importance of a budgeting timetable for the remainder of the financial year, looking ahead through planning at committees and the early submission of budget proposal forms which will be re-circulated by The RFO in the near future. From September a clear indication of proposals should be established, with a view to a budget scrutiny meeting being held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024. A Special Meeting will take place in early 2025, with the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 being proposed, to agree the Precept and budget for the 2025/26 financial year, before being submitted to SCC for approval by 31/01/2024.

**RESOLVED** to approve the budget timetable 2024/25 and commence discussions on the budget at the September 2024 Committee meeting.

CT2407-07

**To agree £500 from the £2000.00 underspend identified in Mays meeting to support Cllr R Evans with hosting the Boarspit Bash.**

A discussion took place in relation to the Boarspit Bash and Cllr Evans stated that this is an excellent cause for the local community to which all members of the committee agreed.

**RECOMMENDED:** For Full Council to agree £500 from the £2000.00 underspend identified in Mays meeting to support Cllr R Evans with hosting the Boarspit Bash.

CT2407-08

**Essence of Mumbles Update**

Cllrs Zhou outlined developments with marketing to start in early August, SA1 to assist in advertising the event through MCC Website. Preparations for advertising the event with a view to receiving applicants will need to be completed prior to the start of the School September Term.

It is proposed to start the competition/exhibition on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The original intention had been to host the event at a suitable location in each of the four wards within MCC, however Cllr Zhou stated that this would have cost (venue hiring) and staffing (volunteers needing to be in attendance) implications. The general consensus of the committee was that there should be one main venue for the whole of MCC, possibly Theo's (Methodist Church) with a preliminary viewing/selection process taking place at Ostreme.

Other formats including paintings were considered by the committee, but all members agreed that applications should be restricted to photographs. In addition, it was confirmed that all levels of photographers including professionals would be welcome to participate.

**ACTION:** Cllr Zhou to continue with the preparation for the event with marketing and venue issues to be addressed prior to September.

CT2407-09

### **VE 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

A discussion took place on the importance of recognising such a significant landmark in the history of the country. The committee was in full agreement that the event should be marked within MCC, and options included a 'wartime' themed Coffee With Friends that would include appropriate films, singing and food.

**ACTION:** Cllr Hunter and other committee members to speak with suitable contacts to obtain ideas for September Meeting.

CT2407-10

### **Update from meeting with Amanda J. Jones of Swansea City Council concerning heritage-led regeneration activities.**

The Clerk provided an update from her meeting with Amanda Jones of SCC which included developments in obtaining new Christmas Lights for MCC in 2024 and arrangements for their 'switching on'.

**The meeting ended at 2.41pm.**

**Next Meeting on 25 September 2024**

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