

## **Minutes of Culture, Tourism & Communications Committee Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 2pm. Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams**

**Councillors Present:** Cllrs. Angela O'Connor (Chair), Rob Marshall (Vice Chair), and Tim Zhou.

**Officers Present:** Claire Anderson – Events Officer and Ian Hughes – CSO

**Others Present:** Beverley Rogers, The Story of Mumbles, Co-Ordinator was present.

- CT2502-01 **Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr Richard Jarvis and Martin O'Neill.
- CT25021-02 **Declarations of Interest**  
None
- CT2502-03 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee**  
To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 as a true record.  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the meeting minutes held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 as an accurate record.
- CT2502-04 **Update on actions from previous meetings.**  
The CSO updated the committee on all outstanding actions having previously circulated the full list of 'current actions' to committee members.  
**RESOLVED:** Outstanding actions updated and shown as complete where appropriate; details recorded in 'action' report, together with newly created actions.
- CT2502-05 **Budget Monitoring Report to 31/12/2024 - RFO, Paul Beynon** - Reports attached. Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon had previously been distributed to committee members. No questions relating to the budget reports had been provided either to the CSO or the RFO prior to the meeting, and no questions were raised at the meeting.  
**RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

CT2502-06

### **The Story of Mumbles**

Bev Rogers the co-ordinator for The Story of Mumbles provided an update on The Story of Mumbles. Further volunteers had been recruited, and their role is now at full capacity. The work being undertaken is varied and includes the recent downloading of a 1950's scrapbook relating to The Mumbles RNLII, transferring 530 articles from John Powell's History of Mumbles Website (22% completed), and memorabilia relating to The Gold Family. Other donations includes an anchor and memorabilia collections from throughout the South Wales Area.

Work completed includes the Mumbles Cricket Club and Newton Rangers Archives. There have been 72 contributors to date with 2,199 current items on the account.

The work of the project continues to be advertised through talks, including one recently to Probus and through social media, with 1,000 followers on Facebook and 195 followers on Instagram. In addition, there is a YouTube Account.

Coverage of the project's work will continue to be increased through participation at this year's Heritage Fair and a Railway Celebration

The Chair, Cllr O'Connor on behalf of The Committee and the whole of MCC wished to thank Bev and everyone connected to The Project for their commitment.

CT2502-07

### **Honour of Mumbles**

This agenda item was deferred until the March Meeting.

CT2502-08

### **Baby Loss Awareness**

This agenda item was deferred until the March Meeting.

CT2502-09

### **VE Feedback**

Claire Anderson outlined how arrangements to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day at The Ostreme on 8<sup>th</sup> May between 2p and 5pm are well under way. Rob Pendry has been booked as the compare and Maddie Ford, a soprano will be singing songs of the era. The event is open to all but The Friends of Oystermouth are organising a more 'child friendly' event at Oystermouth Castle.

A discussion too place on advertising the event and potential guests

**RESOLVED:** To make a contribution of £200 towards the beacon lighting from existing budget.

CT2502-10

**Spotlighting Traders in Social Media**

The Chair, Cllr O'Connor and Claire Anderson outlined that all arrangements for the inaugural MCC initiative of 'Mumbles May Madness- Tenner Edition' in support of local traders are nearing completion.

**RESOLVED:** Advertising for the 'Mumbles May Madness- Tenner Edition' including posters being distributed, to coincide with launch of event during week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

CT2502-11

**Essence of Mumbles Project Review Report**

Cllr Zhou had previously circulated a project report on the Essence of Mumbles to committee members prior to the meeting.

Cllr Zhou outlined how the Essence of Mumbles was successfully completed in November 2024 with over 70 photographs being submitted from all ages, positive feedback was provided by entrants and visitors.

Cllr Zhou wished to formally thank on behalf of MCC Theo's Coffee Shop and The Mumbles Methodist Church who hosted the event.

Moving forward it is hoped to expand the competition, in particular through the introduction of a Special Category. Each year it is intended to select a dedicated category, rotating all the wards within MCC to ensure a comprehensive overview of the whole area.

CT2502-12

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that the press and public be excluded for the following items of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

Recording of the meeting was terminated at 2.47pm

CT2502-13

**MumblesFest 2025 – Closed Session**

Discussion took place on the progress of MumblesFest 2025.

**The meeting ended at 3.10pm.**

**Next Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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