

Minutes of Culture, Tourism and Communications Committee

Held on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 at 2.00pm
Hybrid Meeting at Ostreme Centre and via Teams

Councillors Present: Cllrs. Angela O'Connor (Chair), Rob Marshall (Vice Chair), Laura Gilbert David Lewis and Martin O'Neill.

Officers Present: Kerry Grabham – CO, Diane Athernought – Finance Administration Officer, Sarah Thyer – Volunteer Co-ordinating Officer and Ian Hughes – CSO

CT2602-01	<p>Apologies for Absence Cllrs Richard Jarvis and Tim Zhou.</p>
CT2602-02	<p>Declarations of Interest None</p>
CT2602-03	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 28 January 2026 as a true record.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to approve the meeting minutes held on 28 January 2026 as an accurate record.</p> <p>Further to the above, Cllr Marshall noted during the outstanding actions (CT2601-04 refers) in relation to Action 61, that whilst he was prepared to co-ordinate the training of a combined choir the initial contact with primary schools should be made through a MCC Officer.</p>
CT2602-04	<p>Update on actions from previous meetings. The CSO updated the committee on all outstanding actions having previously circulated the full list of outstanding 'actions' to committee members.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Outstanding actions updated and shown as complete where appropriate; details recorded in 'action' report, together with newly created actions</p>

<p>CT2602-05</p>	<p>Budget Monitoring Report to 31/12/2025 - RFO, Paul Beynon</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No questions relating to the reports were raised during the meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring report to 31st December 2021</p>
<p>CT2602-06</p>	<p>Introduction - Sarah Thyer - newly appointed volunteer co-ordinator</p> <p>Sarah who commenced her role in January 2026 outlined her previous experience and her preparation for the role.</p>
<p>CT2602-07</p>	<p>Mumbles Tourism</p> <p>Mark and Gemma Hoskins, having provided background information about themselves gave a presentation on Mumbles. Life a newly developed app aimed at providing both residents and visitors to Mumbles on local services including entertainment.</p> <p>Following the presentation, a discussion took place in relation to the initiative including membership proposals and costing for members and providers to the service including business.</p> <p>RESOLVED Mark and Gemma Hoskins to continue liaising with MCC and additional feedback will be provided to them subsequently by committee members. Copy of presentation will be provided to CSO who will circulate it to committee members.</p> <p>Mark and Gemma Hoskins left the meeting at 2.48pm</p>
<p>CT2602-08</p>	<p>St Davids Day - Update</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr O'Connor outlined that Hannah Hunter is undertaking arrangements for a St David's Day celebration from 11am on 1st March 2026 at the Hub, Underhill Park. Arrangements include a prize for the 'best dressed child', refreshment including cawl and Welsh Cakes and various Welsh-themed activities.</p>
<p>CT2602-09</p>	<p>Essence of Mumbles - Update</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr O'Connor stated that in future all future Essence of Mumbles events will be brought to the committee prior to their commencement.</p>

	<p>In the absence of Cllr Zhou, Cllr O'Neill updated the committee on how the 2026 Essence of Mumbles had received much greater public participation compared to the 2025 event. Not only had the number of entrants doubled but attendance at the launch at Theo's Coffee Shop reached about fifty people, again double that of the previous year.</p> <p>The standard of photographs was very high with contributions from all ages and abilities within MCC.</p> <p>RESOLVED Following two successful Essence of Mumbles Events this should become a regular annual event. It was noted that these events are very popular and successful for relatively little financial input by MCC.</p>
<p>CT2602-10</p>	<p>Christmas Card 2026</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr O'Connor informed the committee that Full Council had approved in principle the idea of a school competition to create a Christmas Card for 2026.</p> <p>RESOLVED That the Christmas Card will be a low-budget initiative which will be primarily digital with limited printing being carried out.</p> <p>ACTION CSO to contact Joe at Mumbles Times to promote the Christmas Card competition.</p>
<p>CT2602-11</p>	<p>Breast Cancer Awareness</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr O'Connor updated the committee that she is keen to progress this initiative and would welcome any additional ideas.</p>
<p>CT2602-12</p>	<p>Easter Events 2026</p> <p>A number of activities were discussed including holding a further Easter Egg Hunt in Mayals following the success of the 2025 event.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall proposed a Bonnie Tyler Themed Event, though not necessarily connected to Easter</p> <p>RESOLVED Any Easter Event initiatives to be e-mailed to Chair, Cllr O'Connor</p> <p>RESOLVED Cllr Gilbert to liaise with Cllr Nelson over a proposed Easter Egg Hunt in Mayals.</p> <p>RESOLVED Committee members to give a Bonnie Tyler Event consideration prior to March Meeting when it will be an agenda item.</p>

<p>CT2602-13</p>	<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>Following the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that the press and public be excluded from the following item of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</p> <p>RESOLVED that due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the press and public be excluded from the meeting.</p> <p>The recording of the meeting was stopped at 3.01pm</p>
<p>CT2602-14</p>	<p>MumblesFest 2026</p> <p>Discussion took place in relation to progressing arrangements for MumblesFest.</p>

The meeting ended at 3.08pm.

Next Meeting : To be confirmed