



Minutes of Meeting of the Environmental Committee held on 21 May 2024 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams

Councillors Present Carrie Townsend Jones (Chair), Phil Keeton (Vice Chair), Michael Parkin, and Sara Keeton

Co-opted member present: Eddie Hall

Officers Present: Paul Beynon – RFO, Lydia Graham – Environmental Officer and Ian Hughes – CSO.

Prior to the meeting commencing Cllr Carrie Townsend Jones, as the newly appointed Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

EN2405-01 Apologies: Cllr. Emelie Cox.
The CSO noted that Cllr Rhian Evans is no longer a member of the committee.

EN2405-02 Declarations of Interest: None

EN2405-03 Elect Vice Chair for Committee
A discussion took place over the selection of a vice chair for the committee. Cllr Phil Keeton volunteered to take up the role

RESOLVED: Cllr Phil Keeton appointed Vice Chair

EN2405-04 Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2024 as a true record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 25^h March 2024 as a true record.

**EN2405-05 Actions from previous meetings update**

The CSO updated the committee on all outstanding actions having previously circulated the full list of 'actions' to committee members. Cllr Townsend Jones re-allocated and closed outstanding actions as appropriate.

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

Lydia Graham, the Environmental Officer arrived at the meeting at 7.08pm

EN2405-06 Budget Monitoring Report to 31/03/2024 - Paul Beynon, RFO

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

The RFO explained that some outstanding expenditure will be shown under the 2023/2024 financial year period and that the figures shown will be amended accordingly.

The RFO then went through each item on his budgeting report detailing anticipated amounts to be 'carried over' and explaining underspent and overspent amounts as appropriate.

The Chair, Cllr Townsend Jones expressed her gratitude towards The RFO and believed that The Committee had managed the budget well over the preceding year.

RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring report to 31st March 2024.

EN2405-07**Mumbles Buzz and Bloom**

Cllr Townsend Jones and Lydia Graham provided an overview of Mumbles Buzz and Bloom resulting in the following actions. The promotion of the event had commenced through MCC Website and social media outlets although more publicity is required.

ACTION: Lydia to email Cllr Nelson and obtain definitive list of all judges and their categories prior to June Committee Meeting.

ACTION: Lydia to arrange banners, posters and flyers to promote event. This will include Councillors across MCC assisting in the distribution of posters/banners at suitable locations including community centres, Mumbles Pier, The RNLI



Premises, schools, allotments, library and business premises particularly in Newton Road and on the Mumbles Seafront. In addition, 'flyers' to be given to householders/businesses on an ad-hoc basis by councillors, with consideration to be given to the 'flyers' including nomination/self-nomination information.

ACTION: Cllr Townsend Jones to liaise with secretaries of the seven allotments within MCC Area to promote event.

ACTION: Lydia to obtain Criteria List (Wales in Bloom suggested as a guide)

ACTION: Lydia to create a timetable of events prior to June Meeting

EN2405-08

Environment Officer - Monthly Report on current projects and overview:

Summary of previous months activity and next steps for Junel.

Lydia Graham, The Environmental Officer had previously arranged for the May Report to be circulated to all committee members.

Lydia provided an update on key aspects of her report but commenced by highlighting the appointment of the new grounds person, Ashley Haynes who has already taken a keen interest in environmental issues and is eager to contribute to projects such as the Jubilee Gardens Development.

In addition to Jubilee Gardens, Lydia also provided updates in relation to the following: -

- Volunteer days which had been limited due to inclement weather and the resignation of the previous ground's person, Martin Russell.
- Oystermouth Litter Pick on 5th May had resulted in a large amount of litter being collected. (June agenda item to consider strategy for reducing litter locally)
- Workplace recycling has made good progress and suitable recycling bins to be provided by SCC for outside The Ostreme Centre.
- Lydia stated that she had facilitated a nature event prior to the meeting at Norton Nature Reserve with Mumbles Cubs who had been very enthusiastic.

ACTION: Although indirect approaches have previously been made to Swansea University Students to assist on volunteer days, Lydia to make a direct contact.

Cllr Mike Parkin left the meeting at 7.30pm



EN2405-09 Letter to residents on Queens Road, & Chapel Street. Re - litter

This issue had been resolved prior to the meeting with a litter picking event taking place on 5th May 2024. Wider concerns over litter to be discussed at June's Meeting.

EN2405-10 To agree agenda items for June's Meeting

Issues for June's Meeting arose during the course of the meeting and included the following:-

- Training (to include other aspects not just carbon literacy training)
- Re-cycling day (To include all issues including a site visit to recycling centre)
- Campaigning against litter strategy
- Castle Woods and Washinghouse Brook Paths.

Meeting concluded at 7.59pm

Next Meeting 25th June 2024

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