

Minutes of Meeting of the Environmental Committee held on 28th October 2025 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting Ostreme Centre and via Teams

Councillors Present: Carrie Townsend Jones (Chair), Phil Keeton, Sara Keeton, Helen Nelson and Rebecca Fogarty

Members of the public present: Christine Scullion, Emma MacNamara, Dennis Dwyer and Colber Adamian-Thomas

Officers Present: Paul Beynon – RFO and Ian Hughes – CSO

At the commencement of the meeting The Chair, Cllr Townsend-Jones welcomed everyone and proposed that due to the presence of members of the public standing orders be suspended temporarily after the second agenda item (declarations of interest) to allow those present to raise matters relevant to the agenda.

RESOLVED Full Council in agreement with the above proposal.

Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Fogarty and S. Keeton declared an interest due to their dual roles of councillors within MCC and SCC.

Public Participation

Further to her introduction Cllr Townsend-Jones suspended Standing orders at 6.33pm. At the invitation of The Chair the members of the public introduced themselves and indicated specific items of interest. Those present were informed that only agenda items could be discussed and that if they wished to address the Committee they would be allowed up to five minutes to do so.

Christine Scullion wished to attend the meeting but did not specify an area of particular interest and did not wish to address the Committee.

Emma MacNamara wished to address the Committee in relation to weed control whilst Dennis Dwyer and Colbert Adamian-Thomas wished to speak about a local initiative at Bethany Gardens.

Emma MacNamara spoke of her concerns relating to the **The Bee Friendly Streets Project** (agenda item **C02510-10** refers) specifically the amount of weeds within her area of West Cross. She also raised concerns over the condition of drop kerbs. Emma MacNamara suggested that alternatives to weed spraying had not been properly

thought through and that the current remedies such as weeding by hand were unsuccessful. Emma MacNamara believed that the reintroduction of weed spraying should be considered.

Cllrs S. Keeton and Fogarty addressed the above concerns of Emma MacNamara stating that involvement and enthusiasm from local residents was commendable. The Councillors stated that programmes of manual weeding had taken place throughout the spring and summer, including participation with the public. Cllr Fogarty provided reassurance that in their roles as city councillors, the ward members are committed to increasing the amount of resource available from cleansing operatives from next Spring. Alternatives to weed spraying are under consideration, as the short-term impact of spraying needed to be balanced against the associated harm to wildlife. In conclusion the councillors shared the frustration of the public with weeds and alternatives are under consideration to address these concerns.

Dennis Dwyer and Colber Adamian-Thomas spoke about a local initiative at **Bethany Gardens** (agenda item **C02510-10** refers).

Both Mr Dwyer the proprietor of Ripples Ice Cream Parlour and Mr Adamian-a local resident spoke enthusiastically of their ambition to transform a local area near to Ripples into a multi-purpose area for all ages within the community. This would also provide a venue for a variety of activities, including a cycling hub contributing to the Active Travel initiative, yoga and a venue for schoolchildren to participate with including an educational setting for planting etc. Adminstrating this area is in hand with a voluntary officer being linked to maintaining the area including removing excessive ivy. The area would compliment other hubs and green sites within MCC, and a small grant would assist with items including insurance, educational programmes and maintenance and replanting.

Cllr Helen Nelson arrived at 6.35pm
Emma MacNamara left at 6.46pm

The Committee was very enthusiastic about the project and offered to assist where possible. It was suggested that a grant may be provided directly through the Keep Wales Tidy Scheme. In addition, grants may be available from MCC, full details of which are to be found on the MCC Website.

Christine Scullion, Dennis Dwyer and Colber Adamian-Thomas left the meeting at 7.03pm

Standing Orders reinstated at 7.04pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Committee

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2025 as a true record.

Although initially approved a 'typo' in relation to Budget 2026/27 agenda item became apparent when this same agenda item was later discussed.

ACTION CSO to amend 'typo' in September minutes.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2025 as a true record subject to the above typo being corrected.

Actions arising from Previous Meetings

The CSO updated the committee on all outstanding actions having previously circulated the full list of outstanding 'actions' to committee members. Discussions took place on a number of outstanding and proposed new actions.

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

Budget Monitoring Reports to 31/08/2025

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.

The reports were discussed by the committee with The RFO providing additional information where necessary.

RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring report to 31 August 2025

Emma MacNamara joined the meeting remotely at 7.29pm

Budget 2026/27

The RFO had previously circulated the Budget Timetable 2026/27 report to the Committee, the report outlined the actions required to be taken by Council and Committees leading up to the approval of the budget and precept by Council by 31/01/2026.

The Chair, Cllr Townsend Jones outlined proposals discussed at September's Meeting and proposed increases where appropriate. The following points were raised for further

action involving liaison with the RFO, including the submission of budget proposal forms:-

- **ENV1 -Civic Amenities** Contributions for the installation of bus shelters was discussed (a basis shelter would cost in the region of £5,000) with a contribution of £1,000 per ward being suggested. Other expenditure items discussed included an additional notice board at Underhill Park. Total expenditure of £5,000 proposed.
- **ENV2 – Bulbs and Wildflower Planting** The use of both bulbs and wildflower planting discussed. Cllr Nelson to submit a budget proposal form with a budget for £4,000
- **ENV6 – E & SEO Resources** Although raising the budget was considered it was the view of the committee that the budget should remain at the same level until such time as a new environmental officer is appointed.
- **ENV3 (Jubilee Gardens) and ENV14 Norton Nature Reserve.** Consideration was given to amalgamating both budgets into one new budget which will incorporate The Orchard, Norton Nature Reserve and Jubilee Gardens. £1,500 proposed for this budget.
ACTION Following discussion on the above item it was resolved that Ashley should assess whether fruit trees within The Orchard need to be replaced this year or whether this can be addressed next year.
- **ENV16 Climate Emergency** Consideration was again given to including other items within this budget including Mumbles Buzz and Bloom, Mumbles Gardeners Question Time and Mumbles Green Heroes with a potential budget of £6,000 being proposed.
- **ENV30 Biodiversity Crisis** Update required from Cllr Chris Evans.
ACTION CSO to e-mail Cllr Evans requesting update.
- **ENV31 Biodiverse Schools Pilot** No changes suggested regarding budgets.
- **ENV32 SUDS and Flooding Awareness** No change to budget requirements for the forthcoming year.
- **ENV33 Mumbles Crop Collective Grant** A budget of £500 was proposed.

Cllr Phil Keeton outlined his budget proposal form providing collection centres within MCC for used prescription blister packs. Cllr Keeton outlined that initially the collection centre would be at The Ostreme Centre with potential for other collection sites to be located at pharmacies. This proposal was well received by the committee.

RESOLVED that budget proposals be agreed at Full Council with budget proposal forms being submitted where appropriate before 31st October 2025.

Cllr Helen Nelson left the meeting at 7.33pm

Landfill Tax Grant Opportunities

Cllr Fogarty spoke of the opportunity to seek additional grant money through the Landfill Tax Grant. Having undertaken a number of weed removal/reduction programmes, MCC is now in a much more informed position to assess what will be successful in future.

Should the grant be successful it will bring together good working practices with informed views on how to progress the issues. In addition, opportunities will arise for educational elements to be considered.

Grant application to be submitted prior to 12th December 2025

ACTION Cllr Fogarty to convene a meeting with councillors and other interested parties to prepare an application for submission prior to closing date of 12.12.2025.

Training Plan

The Chair, Cllr Townsend-Jones and CSO highlighted the need for Councillors to participate in relevant training courses. Examples include health and safety and employment law.

The CO regularly circulates lists of courses available.

In discussion Councillors suggested training on SUDS and 'outside' safeguarding training.

ACTION All councillors to provide suggestions on suitable training courses to CSO prior to November meeting

Emma MacNamara left the meeting at 7.57pm

Mumbles Buzz in Bloom Awards Event with Guest Speaker on Wednesday 12th November 2025

The Chair, Cllr Townsend-Jones confirmed that Mumbles Buzz in Bloom Awards Event will take place at The Hub, Underhill Park on Wednesday 12th November at 6.30pm. The retired head gardener of Clyne Gardens, Teifion Davies will be delivering a talk on 'Being Bee-Friendly in your Garden' before presenting the Mumbles Buzz in Bloom awards

Review of Current Projects and Plans:-

a) Repair Café Update

The Chair, Cllr Townsend-Jones detailed how the initial Repair Café had been a great success with sixteen participants providing over twenty objects the majority of which were successfully repaired.

It is hoped to hold the next event between 10am and 1pm on 1st December 2025 at The Hub, Underhill Park – to be confirmed.

b) Bee Friendly Streets

Cllrs Sara Keeton and Phil Keeton outlined to the committee how volunteer days had taken place throughout the spring and summer of 2025.

RESOLVED Phil Keeton to prepare a new programme of events for the spring of 2026 including a proactive response.

c) Norton Nature Reserve, The Orchard & Jubilee Gardens Update

No updates on Norton Nature Reserve, The Orchard & Jubilee Gardens had been received.

ACTION Following discussion on Jubilee Gardens, a request was made for Ashley to continue with regular maintenance of The Gardens.

d) Bethany Gardens

Issues connected to Bethany Gardens had been discussed earlier in the meeting with public participation (agenda item [C02510-02](#) refers).

Meeting ended at 8.12pm.

Next Meeting 25th November 2025

Cofnodion cyfarfod blaenorol y pwyllgor

Cymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 23 Medi 2025 fel cofnod cywir.

Er iddo gael ei gymeradwyo'n wreiddiol, daeth camgymeriad teipio mewn perthynas ag eitem cyllideb 2026/27 ar yr agenda yn amlwg pan drafodwyd yr eitem honno'n ddiweddarach.

CAM GWEITHREDU Bod y Swyddog Cymorth Pwyllgorau yn cywiro'r camgymeriad teipio yng nghofnodion mis Medi.

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 23 Medi 2025 fel cofnod cywir yn amodol ar gywiro'r camgymeriad teipio uchod.

Camau gweithredu yn codi o gyfarfodydd blaenorol

Rhoddodd y Swyddog Cymorth Pwyllgorau yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r pwyllgor am yr holl gamau gweithredu a oedd heb eu cwblhau ar ôl dosbarthu'r rhestr lawn o 'gamau gweithredu' a oedd heb eu cwblhau i aelodau'r pwyllgor yn flaenorol. Cafwyd trafodaethau ar nifer o gamau gweithredu a oedd heb eu cwblhau, a chamau gweithredu newydd arfaethedig.

PENDERFYNWYD: Diweddarau'r camau gweithredu heb eu cwblhau a'u dangos fel rhai sydd wedi'u cwblhau lle bo'n briodol; cofnodi'r manylion yn yr adroddiad 'camau gweithredu', ynghyd â chamau gweithredu newydd eu creu.

Adroddiadau monitro'r gyllideb hyd at 31 Awst 2025

Adroddiadau wedi'u hatodi.

Roedd adroddiadau ariannol a baratowyd gan Paul Beynon, y Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol, eisoes wedi'u dosbarthu i aelodau'r pwyllgor. Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiynau yn ymwneud â'r adroddiadau cyllideb wedi'u darparu i'r Swyddog Cymorth Pwyllgorau na'r Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol cyn y cyfarfod.

Trafodwyd yr adroddiadau gan y pwyllgor, a darparodd y Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol wybodaeth ychwanegol pan fo angen.

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo adroddiad monitro'r gyllideb hyd at 31 Awst 2025.

Ymunodd Emma MacNamara â'r cyfarfod o bell am 7.29pm.

Cyllideb 2026/27

Roedd y Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol wedi dosbarthu adroddiad ar amserlen y gyllideb ar gyfer 2026/27 i'r pwyllgor yn flaenorol, ac roedd yr adroddiad yn amlinellu'r camau

gweithredu y mae'n ofynnol i'r cyngor a'r pwyllgorau eu cymryd cyn i'r cyngor gymeradwyo'r gyllideb a'r praecept erbyn 31 Ionawr 2026.

Amlinellodd y Cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Townsend Jones, y cynigion a drafodwyd yng nghyfarfod mis Medi, a chynigiodd gynnydd pan fo'n briodol. Codwyd y pwyntiau canlynol ar gyfer camau gweithredu pellach yn ymwneud â chysylltu â'r Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol, gan gynnwys cyflwyno ffurflenni cynnig cyllideb:

- **ENV1 – Amwynderau Dinesig** Trafodwyd y cyfraniadau tuag at y gost o osod cysgodfannau bysiau (byddai cysgodfan sylfaenol yn costio tua £5,000), ac awgrymwyd bod pob ward yn cyfrannu £1,000. Ymhlith yr eitemau eraill ynghylch gwariant a drafodwyd oedd gosod hysbysfyrddau ychwanegol ym Mharc Underhill. Cynigiwyd cyfanswm gwariant o £5,000.
- **ENV2 – Plannu Bylbiau a Blodau Gwyllt** Trafodwyd plannu bylbiau a blodau gwyllt. Y Cynghorydd Nelson i gyflwyno ffurflen cynnig cyllideb, gyda chyllideb o £4,000.
- **ENV6 – Adnoddau'r Swyddog Amgylcheddol a'r Uwch-swyddog Amgylcheddol** Er yr ystyriwyd codi'r gyllideb, barn y pwyllgor oedd y dylai'r gyllideb aros ar yr un lefel nes bod swyddog amgylcheddol newydd yn cael ei benodi.
- **ENV3 (Gerddi Jiwibili) ac ENV14 Gwarchodfa Natur Norton** Ystyriwyd cyfuno'r ddwy gyllideb yn un gyllideb newydd a fydd yn ymgorffori'r Berllan, Gwarchodfa Natur Norton a Gerddi Jiwibili. Cynigiwyd £1,500 ar gyfer y gyllideb hon.
CAM GWEITHREDU Yn dilyn trafodaeth ar yr eitem uchod, penderfynwyd y dylai Ashley asesu a oes angen gosod coed ffrwythau newydd yn y Berllan eleni neu a ellir mynd i'r afael â hyn y flwyddyn nesaf.
- **ENV16 Argyfwng Hinsawdd** Unwaith eto, ystyriwyd cynnwys eitemau eraill yn y gyllideb hon, gan gynnwys Su'r Mwmbwls yn ei Blodau, Hawl i Holi Garddwyr y Mwmbwls ac Arwyr Gwyrdd y Mwmbwls, gyda chyllideb bosibl o £6,000 yn cael ei chynnig.
- **ENV30 Argyfwng Bioamrywiaeth** Mae angen diweddariad ar yr argyfwng bioamrywiaeth gan y Cynghorydd Chris Evans.
CAM GWEITHREDU Bydd y Swyddog Cymorth Pwyllgorau yn anfon neges e-bost at y Cynghorydd Evans yn gofyn am yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf.
- **ENV31 Cynllun Peilot Ysgolion Bioamrywiol** Dim newidiadau wedi'u hawgrymu o ran cyllidebau.
- **ENV32 Systemau Draenio Cynaliadwy ac Ymwybyddiaeth o Lifogydd** Dim newid i ofynion y gyllideb ar gyfer y flwyddyn i ddod.
- **ENV33 Grant Cydweithfa Cnydau'r Mwmbwls** Cynigiwyd cyllideb o £500.

Amlinellodd y Cynghorydd Phil Keeton ei ffurflen cynnig cyllideb yn darparu canolfannau casglu o fewn Cyngor Cymuned y Mwmbwls ar gyfer pecynnau dosau presgripsiwn sydd wedi'u defnyddio. Amlinellodd y Cynghorydd Keeton y byddai'r ganolfan gasglu yng Nghanolfan Ostreme i ddechrau, gyda'r potensial i sefydlu safleoedd casglu eraill mewn fferyllfeydd. Cafodd y cynnig hwn ei dderbyn yn gadarnhaol gan y pwyllgor.

PENDERFYNWYD y dylid cytuno ar gynigion cyllideb yn y cyngor llawn, gan gyflwyno ffurflenni cynnig cyllideb pan fo'n briodol cyn 31 Hydref 2025.

Ymadawodd y Cynghorydd Helen Nelson y cyfarfod am 7.33pm.

Cyfleoedd grant y dreth dirlenwi

Siaradodd y Cynghorydd Fogarty am y cyfle i geisio arian grant ychwanegol drwy grant y dreth dirlenwi. Ar ôl ymgymryd â nifer o raglenni tynnu/lleihau chwyn, mae Cyngor Cymuned y Mwmbwls bellach mewn sefyllfa llawer mwy gwybodus i asesu'r hyn a fydd yn llwyddiannus yn y dyfodol.

Os bydd y grant yn llwyddiannus, bydd yn dwyn ynghyd arferion gweithio da, ynghyd â safbwyntiau gwybodus ar sut i fwrw'r materion yn eu blaen. Yn ogystal, bydd cyfleoedd yn codi i ystyried elfennau addysgol.

Rhaid cyflwyno cais am grant cyn 12 Rhagfyr 2025.

CAM GWEITHREDU Bydd y Cynghorydd Fogarty yn cynnull cyfarfod â chynghorwyr a phartïon eraill sydd â diddordeb i baratoi cais i'w gyflwyno cyn y dyddiad cau, sef 12 Rhagfyr 2025.

Cynllun hyfforddi

Tynnodd y Cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Townsend-Jones a'r Swyddog Cymorth Pwyllgorau sylw at yr angen i gynghorwyr gymryd rhan mewn cyrsiau hyfforddi perthnasol. Mae enghreifftiau'n cynnwys iechyd a diogelwch a chyfraith cyflogaeth.

Mae'r Prif Swyddog yn dosbarthu rhestrau o gyrsiau sydd ar gael yn rheolaidd.

Yn y drafodaeth, awgrymodd y cynghorwyr hyfforddiant ar Systemau Draenio Cynaliadwy a hyfforddiant diogelu 'y tu allan'.

CAM GWEITHREDU Pob cynghorydd i ddarparu awgrymiadau ar gyrsiau hyfforddi addas i'r Swyddog Cymorth Pwyllgorau cyn cyfarfod mis Tachwedd.

Ymadawodd Emma MacNamara y cyfarfod am 7.57pm.

Digwyddiad gwobrau Su'r Mwmbwls yn ei Blodau gyda siaradwr gwadd ddydd Mercher, 12 Tachwedd 2025

Cadarnhaodd y Cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Townsend-Jones, y bydd digwyddiad Su'r Mwmbwls yn ei Blodau yn cael ei gynnal yn yr Hyb ym Mharc Underhill ddydd Mercher, 12 Tachwedd, am 6.30pm. Bydd y prif arddwr sydd wedi ymddeol o Gerddi Clun, Teifion

Davies, yn traddodi sgwrs ar 'Hybu Gwenyn yn eich Gardd' cyn cyflwyno gwobrau Su'r Mwmbwls yn ei Blodau.

Adolygiad o brosiectau a chynlluniau cyfredol:

e) Diweddariad ar y caffi trwsio

Manylodd y Cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Townsend-Jones, ar sut roedd y caffi trwsio cychwynnol wedi bod yn llwyddiant mawr, gydag 16 o gyfranogwyr yn darparu dros ugain o wrthrychau, a chafodd y mwyaf ohonynt eu trwsio'n llwyddiannus.

Gobeithir cynnal y digwyddiad nesaf rhwng 10am ac 1pm ar 1 Rhagfyr 2025 yn yr Hyb ym Mharc Underhill – i'w gadarnhau.

f) Strydoedd Caru Gwenyn

Amlinellodd y cynghorwyr Sara Keeton a Phil Keeton i'r pwyllgor sut y cynhaliwyd diwrnodau gwirfoddoli drwy gydol gwanwyn a haf 2025.

PENDERFYNWYD y dylai Phil Keeton baratoi rhaglen newydd o ddigwyddiadau ar gyfer gwanwyn 2026, gan gynnwys ymateb rhagweithiol.

g) Diweddariad ar Warchodfa Natur Norton, y Berllan a Gerddi Jiwbilî

Nid oedd unrhyw ddiweddariadau am Warchodfa Natur Norton, y Berllan na Gerddi Jiwbilî wedi dod i law.

CAM GWEITHREDU Yn dilyn trafodaeth am Erddi Jiwbilî, gwnaed cais i Ashley barhau â'r gwaith rheolaidd o gynnal a chadw'r gerddi.

h) Gerddi Bethany

Trafodwyd materion yn gysylltiedig â Gerddi Bethany yn gynharach yn y cyfarfod, gyda chyfranogiad gan aelodau'r cyhoedd (mater y cyfeirir ato gan eitem [C02510-02](#) ar yr agenda).

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 8.12pm.

Cyfarfod nesaf 25 Tachwedd 2025

