Mumbles Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Environmental Committee held on 27th October 2026 at 6.30 pm via Teams only.

Councillors Present: Sara Keeton (Chair), Carrie Townsend Jones (Vice Chair), and Xanthe Keeton

Co-opted members present: None

Officers Present: Mari Potter – Environmental and Sustainability Officer, Ceri Wilcox - RFO and Ian Hughes – CSO

EN2610-01	**Apologies:** Cllr Rebecca Fogarty
EN2610-02	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr Sara Keeton declared a personal interest as a SCC Councillors in relation to any agenda 27.10.26em impacting on her SCC role.
EN2610-03	**Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2026 as a true record. **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2026.
EN2610-04	**Actions arising from Previous Meetings** The CSO updated the committee on the outstanding actions having previously circulated the full list of outstanding 'actions' to committee members. **RESOLVED** outstanding actions updated, and new actions to be recorded in 'outstanding action' report by CSO.
EN2610-05	**Budget Monitoring Reports – Ceri Willcox, RFO** Ceri Willcox, the recently appointed RFO provided an overview of budgets and with the permission of the committee combined budgeting for 2027/28 (**EN2610-06**) with this agenda item. The RFO set out the broad levels of budget funds remaining and will provide further details upon full access to all relevant spreadsheets is acquired.

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Signed by Chair

	The RFO sought the views of how Councillors wished to spend budgets and how spending should be presented by The RFO. During the discussion that followed Councillors set out anticipated spending from the budget accounts below:- • *Civic Amenities* – Bus Shelters as set out in the 'actions report'. • *Bulbs & Wildflower Planting* – Being arranged through Mari as outlined in 'actions report'. • *Jubilee Gardens etc.* – Cllr Sara Keeton hopes to purchase plants for Jubilee Gdns. • *E & SO and Grounds Person Resources* – The purchase of a weed strimmer is being considered in addition to resources for both Ash and Mari. • *Castle Woods & Washinghouse Brook Paths* – Awaits invoice from SCC • *Climate Emergency & Environmental Events* – In addition to events set out by Mari in her report at (**EN2610-09**) consideration was given to assisting the elderly and vulnerable. • *Biodiversity Crisis* – Current issues include the purchasing of bird and bat boxes. • *Biodiverse Schools Pilot* – Not expected to take place until 2027 due to a staff change at the selected school (Mayals Primary). ACTION: Cllr Townsend Jones to liaise with Cllr Zhou, the school governor over contact with Mayals Primary. • In addition, Mumbles Skatepark was considered suitable for additional planting, although the responsibility of the perimeter fencing has been transferred to the Community & Social Development Committee. RESOLVED: The RFO to receive information from Councillors on how best to present budgeting reports at monthly committee meetings. ACTION: RFO to draft an environmental budget programme for 2027/28.
EN2610-06	**Budget 2027/2028** This item had been combined with the previous agenda item (**EN2610-05** refers)
EN2610-07	**Budget Proposals including Water Butts and Flood Alleviation** Cllr Townsend Jones outlined a budget proposal form that she had prepared in relation to acquiring water butts for residents within MCC following concerns over flooding. The Committee discussed options for developing the report including whether Dwr Cymru would be able to assist. **RESOLVED:** To bring an updated version of the budget proposal form back to November's Committee Meeting. **ACTION:** Mari to update the budget proposal form with quotes and additional information.

EN2610-08	**Training Plan** Cllrs Townsend Jones and Sara Keeton together with Mari Potter had attended The Gower Plan Workshop at Reynoldston Village Hall on 21st October 2026 which had been informative. **ACTION**: In relation to training, RFO to discuss delegated powers with Mari.
EN2610-09	**EO Report (Current Projects and Plans)** Mari Potter provided a verbal update on recent key events which are detailed below:- • Schedules for volunteers and venues being devised by Mari and Ash in relation to bulb and wildflower planting. • Fifty tickets have now been sold for the viewing of the National Emergency Briefing Film on 6th November 2026. • MCC will be hosting a table at The Green Fair on 28th and 29th November 2026 at The Waterfront Museum, Swansea. It is hoped to acquire an ECO friendly banner and provide re-usable coffee cups. • **ACTION:** Having raised the option of seeking funding for suitable projects from the Coastal Stewardship Fund (Crown Estate), Cllr Townsend Jones offered to carry out research into this opportunity.

Meeting ended at 7.12.pm.

Next Meeting - 24th November 6.30pm