

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING COMMITTEE MEETING** of Mumbles Community Council held on Monday, 10 May 2021 at 6 pm via Zoom

EV.21.060 Present:

Councillors: Pam Erasmus, Rebecca Fogarty, Ed Hall, Richard Jarvis, Sara Keeton & Carrie Townsend Jones

EV.21.061 Apologies:

Councillor: Gareth Ford
Members: Ruth Cronin

EV.21.062 In attendance

Mr Steve Heydon (Clerk)
Mx Jasmine Weedon (Environmental Engagement Officer)

EV.21.063 Declarations of Interest

None.

EV.21.064 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2021

RESOLVED that these be accepted as a true record.

EV.21.065 Outstanding Action Points

JASMINE to submit article for website and social media on gift of foxgloves from Lower Norton Allotment Association. RF suggested we link it to the previous awarding of a grant to the association.

JASMINE to Investigate MCC acting as a broker for Woodlands Trust Saplings/Natural Hedge

STEVE to set-up a meeting with Swansea Council, Carrie & Sara to represent MCC.

EV.21.066 The Junction Blackpill – Development of Site

Deferred to next meeting

ACTION POINT – Steve to chase Santander for latest news on Blackpill Hub.

AGREED to investigate providing a covered bike rack.

AGREED to investigate recycling of bamboo coffee cups.

AGREED to investigate placing a recyclable litter bin.

ACTION POINT – Steve to set-up site visit with Swansea Council and Andrew to discuss issues of bike routes, bike racks and provision of a recycle bin.

EV.21.067 Report on appointment of the Environmental Officer

Chair welcomed Jasmine who started in the role. Matt Green will be joining us at the end of June.

EV.21.068 Planting for Schools

Suggestions:

- User-friendly guide to groups of plants – e.g., native UK species
- Plants with different sensory plants, e.g., rosemary/lavender – smell, plants which encourage butterflies. Bee-friendly perennials.
- Have clear expectation of schools as recipients of MCC-funding.

ACTION POINT – Jasmine to produce materials.

EV.21.069 Public Toilets Working Group – Survey Results

Results were discussed.

ACTION – Public toilets Working Group to reconvene.

EV.21.070 Big Skips Proposal

Swansea Council refuse to put skips in because they feel it discourages recycling. Other Town/Community Councils asked expressed similar

RECOMMEND that we do not provide a big skip.

EV.21.071 Mumbles in Bloom – Update

Suggested the following categories this year:

- Back gardens
- Kerb appeal
- Wildflower
- Edible growing
- Commercial
- Most bio-diverse (identify species) – need to explain what that means in this context.
- Best year-round garden

First stage - Residents to send in photos. Keep it going until the end of September.

ACTION – Jasmine to produce guidance and liaise with Claire to publicise.

ACTION - Jasmine to investigate ways of seeing wildlife activity in gardens.

EV.21.072 Green Underhill

Environmental Report on Underhill has been completed.

ACTION – Steve to send to committee

ACTION – Jasmine to look at report

EV.21.073 SMUGS Project Steering/Operational Groups Report

Meetings are being held this week.

EV.21.074 Cleansing – Report from Mark Thomas

SLA – no progress as SC have not got the resources to do additional hours we require. Chair awaiting clarification from Mark Thomas.

EV.21.075 Programme of Litter Picks

ACTION – Jasmine to set up a list of monthly litter picks.

EV.21.076 Budget Monitoring Report – Year End

Defer to next month when final report will be ready.

EV.21.077 Items for JEC/Social Media/Website

As above.

Meeting Closed at 7.30 pm