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17<sup>th</sup> of September 2023

Dear Mr Jeremiah

**(PSOW) Standards Committee meeting on 13 October 2023, Request for bundle of documents.**

Please find below the listed and referenced documents by which I will want to rely on at this hearing.

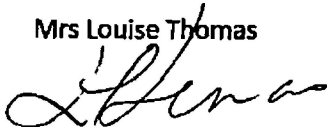
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1	15.9.21	Email to Martin O'Neill and Steve Heydon RE: Conduct and behaviour of certain MCC councillors
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14	28.1.22	Online report to South Wales police ref BCA-4961-22-6262-IR01
15	30.1.22	Email from Cllr Ian Scott RE: response to social media statement
16	4.2.22	Email from Steve Heydon RE; confirmation of the spend to date of the Skatepark
17	7.2.22	Letter from Tracey Meredith CCoS in response from my letter
18	15.2.22	Email to MCC RE: public scrutiny on the Skatepark project
19	15.2.22	Follow up Email from Doc 18
20	17.2.22	Email to MCC updating MCC on further developments with my investigation.
21	17.2.22	Email to Martin Cllr O'Neill
22	21.2.22	Email to Steve Heydon RE: ongoing problems with meeting recordings being uploaded on to MCC website
23	21.2.22	Email from Steve Heydon RE Doc 22 confirming the issue is with MCC
24	24.2.22	Email to Cllr Martin O'Neill and Steve Heydon RE: monies being paid to Maverick
25	7.3.22	Request to MCC RE: Audit Wales
26	13.4.22	Email to Cllr Martin O'Neill and MCC RE: Scrutiny and the conduct of named councillors
27	8.6.22	Email to MCC councillors RE: Skatepark update review
28	12.7.23	Letter from member of the public RE: discussions at MCC made in public.
29	3.12.21	Agenda for Meeting at MCC held at 1.00pm
30	3.12.21	Minutes of meeting RE MCC
31	14.12.21	Agenda of MCC Council meeting

Kind regards

Mrs Louise Thomas



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## Code of Conduct MCC

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Louise Thomas

Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 8:11 AM

To: Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>, Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>

Dear Martin and Steve

I just feel it necessary to clarify a few points about last night's meeting.

It was noted that yet again Pam and Sara mentioned the ombudsman. This is not the behaviour that is expected from councillors, especially as we know that this was directed at me.

Should Sara feel it necessary to go to the ombudsman and make a complaint I will ensure that this is brought up at the next meeting. All I have ever done is ensure fairness and the right to be heard. I find the way that Carrie, Sara, and Pam conduct themselves in meetings very inflammatory and abrasive.

I was informed by 4 councillors that over the years that you Steve had been treated very badly by these 3 councillors. What was I supposed to do about that, just ignore it?

I have not been at all welcomed by these councillors. To be ostracised is a form of bullying along with the negative scoffing made when councillors try and speak.

I commend you and Steve for working hard towards the code of conduct implementation, but alas I think this will fall on deaf ears in respect to these councillors.

So. I have decided to take a back seat, I will attend the meetings I am required to attend, and vote when required.

Thank you and I apologise reservedly for including you Steve in this, it is unfair and has made things uncomfortable for you. All I ever wanted to do was help you.

Kindest regards

Louise



2.6.21

Dear Martin

**RE: Ongoing harassment of Mark Bailey and objectors of the Mumbles Skate Park**

I have to bring to your attention the ongoing harassment that is being experienced by the residents that have objected to the skate park location.

I am being contacted by these residents in a hope that this kind of behaviour calms down and that we allow for the judicial review to take place.

However, as noted by some of the councillors they are endorsing this kind of treatment towards the residents. I would ask you as chair to please remind them that this is not acceptable and that we much remain calm and not allow for this kind of rhetoric. Yet again it appears to be the same councillors, these being Carrie Townsend Jones, Sara Keaton and Pam Erasmus. I believe they are fuelling this and I urge you Martin to not allow bias to get in the way of these residents living without fear of reprisals.

The reason I am writing this is the seriousness of the abuse have got out of control. Mr Bailey has apologised for losing control that day, however, I think the treatment he is now receiving is totally unacceptable. He contacted me yesterday and has now confirmed he will never live in this house again! Surely this is unacceptable, he has been hounded out of his home?

Can you offer some advice on this please? I have also contacted victim support on behalf of Mrs Rush as she is elderly and does not know how to use the internet, they will be contacting her asap.

I have been placed in a very difficult position, as although love the idea of a skate park, we cannot allow Yob rule, and as such will need to put something in place to ensure we are seen to be fair to all parties. This beeping is still ongoing and I think enough is enough.

Also, the reason I have reached out to yourself, is that I know you will be able to act with dignity and professionalism it's just a shame that a few of the councillors are unable to do the same.

Kindest regards

Louise Thomas

09/05/2021, 20:10 - Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them. Tap to learn more.

17/09/2017, 14:42 - W created group "Mumbles Community Council"

09/05/2021, 20:10 - W added you

09/05/2021, 20:10 - W: Welcome to MCC Louise

09/05/2021, 20:11 - [REDACTED]: Welcome Louise

09/05/2021, 20:12 - [REDACTED]: Look forward to meeting you Louise, all be it virtually at first , 😊

09/05/2021, 20:14 - Pamela Erasmus: Hello Louise. Welcome. Pamela

09/05/2021, 20:16 - Rebecca: Welcome Louise

Will, I'll send you Becca's number now

09/05/2021, 20:18 - [REDACTED]: Welcome Louise see you Tuesday

09/05/2021, 20:18 - W added [REDACTED]

09/05/2021, 20:19 - W: Welcome to MCC Rebecca

09/05/2021, 20:26 - [REDACTED]: Hi all!

09/05/2021, 20:27 - [REDACTED]: Welcome Becca

09/05/2021, 20:27 - Sara Keaton: Hi Becca & Louise, welcome on board!

09/05/2021, 20:27 - [REDACTED]: Welcome Rebecca, look forward to seeing you, all be it virtually, Tuesday

09/05/2021, 20:27 - Rebecca: First item of business for Tuesday: how are we going to know which of the three Rebecca's we're talking about 😊

09/05/2021, 20:34 - Sara Keaton: It will be a riot!

09/05/2021, 20:35 - [REDACTED]: Well that sounds a tad more sedate than usual 😊😊😊

09/05/2021, 20:38 - Carrie TJ: Hi Becca and Louise. See you both Tuesday.

09/05/2021, 22:06 - [REDACTED]: Hi Rebecca welcome to MCC

09/05/2021, 22:10 - [REDACTED]: Hi Louise and Rebecca👍

09/05/2021, 22:17 - [REDACTED]: Welcome Louise & Rebecca. Do you know what you're letting yourself in for? 😊 looking forward to meeting you

10/05/2021, 06:06 - Louise Thomas: Hi all. Sorry I have only just seen these messages. Thank you all. I am looking to meeting you all on Tuesday.

17/05/2021, 10:17 - Louise Thomas: Hi all. Could someone send me the zoom link to the community and social well-being committee for this Wednesday meeting. Many thanks Louise

17/05/2021, 10:18 - [REDACTED]: I'll ask Steve to do it

17/05/2021, 10:18 - Louise Thomas: Thanks Martin

17/05/2021, 10:18 - Pamela Erasmus: The Clerk sends it out. Somwtquite kate

17/05/2021, 10:18 - Louise Thomas: Ahh lovely thank you

17/05/2021, 10:19 - Pamela Erasmus: Late. I'll check my email. Will forward if it is there.

17/05/2021, 10:19 - Louise Thomas: 👍

17/05/2021, 10:22 - Pamela Erasmus: No invite yet

18/05/2021, 08:55 - Sara Keaton: Hi Linda, the Mum who's husband Works at SA1 solutions, handed me a bag with my iPad in it. I got home to find I have yours too! I'm going on a site visit this morning I will pass it on to Carrie to drop at the office, or you could pick it up from our house?

18/05/2021, 08:57 - Sara Keaton: Sorry Linda it's not yours, I just have a separate keyboard!

18/05/2021, 11:33 - Sara Keaton: Linda I have dropped off your iPad at Steve's house! And picked up mine!

21/05/2021, 13:43 - Sara Keaton: Does anyone know how to set up the MCC mail in the new iPad? Got my iPad but no mail account

26/05/2021, 23:30 - Pamela Erasmus: <Media omitted>

26/05/2021, 23:31 - Pamela Erasmus: They are trying to force skaters into

behaving badly to report them to the Judicial Review. He is actually saying, "You touch her and I'll smash your face in." As she tries to deliberately get in his way.

26/05/2021, 23:31 - Pamela Erasmus: Have you seen this? It's everywhere.

27/05/2021, 06:11 - Sara Keaton: The police were contacted, and hopefully dealing with the situation.

27/05/2021, 06:19 - Louise Thomas: I dont think it's appropriate to comment on this. We must remain impartial. We do not know the whole picture here and there is a lot of emotions running high in respect to the skate park. This is being circulated by a school girl who obviously does not realised the impact of social media. I think it's important that this forum remains a platform for important messages otherwise we could be criticized. Social media can be a great thing, but it also has ramifications on all kinds of levels. Sorry to be a kill joy and I hope you dont mind me commenting on this. I just have strong views on the negative side of social media.

27/05/2021, 06:23 - Carrie TJ: This is a closed group for MCC Councillors only.

27/05/2021, 06:29 - Louise Thomas: Exactly my point entirely. This message from an outside facebook source should not be shown on here. Feel free to comment on your own WhatsApp account but I dont think its appropriate we comment on here. Sorry.

27/05/2021, 06:32 - Carrie TJ: The Skatepark is an MCC project, anything being said positively or negatively about an MCC project is the concern of all councillors.

27/05/2021, 06:37 - Louise Thomas: I dont think you understand the issue here. This Facebook post has been commented on and is mentioning a certain member of the public. There is a judicial review being held at the moment and we need to remain impartial and professional. Even though the MCC are really disappointed at how this is being handled.

27/05/2021, 06:46 - Carrie TJ: I think you will find I understand the issue quite clearly. This is a post on a private WhatsApp group informing councillors of an issue they may be approached by residents about. These comments do not go out on Facebook or any other social media!

27/05/2021, 07:01 - Louise Thomas: Any comments made by councillors in respect to this whether its private or out in the public should always consider how we are portrayed by other committee members. I for one will not be engaged in commenting on these kind of Facebook posts.

27/05/2021, 07:20 - Sara Keaton: I'm particularly concerned that a man and a women are seen abusing and threatening a young man, maybe underage, on a skate ramp that he has a legitimate right to use. There are so many issues here. But mainly the safety of our young people.

27/05/2021, 07:22 - Louise Thomas: You do not know enough to comment. We need to remain impartial.

27/05/2021, 07:47 - Sara Keaton: I agree we leave it to the police to deal with. But as community councillors we all need to be aware that this is happening.

27/05/2021, 07:55 - Carrie TJ: Absolutely - exactly my point! Important we all know that it is in the hands of the police so we can comment appropriately when asked by our residents.

27/05/2021, 08:06 - Louise Thomas: Sara the very fact that you have already have commented on this man threatening a young man is already indicating your slant on the incident. We must remain impartial.

27/05/2021, 08:10 - Sara Keaton: I suppose my first reaction is always to be concerned and support the people trying to use recreational sports equipment in the Mumbles area.

27/05/2021, 08:14 - Louise Thomas: Yes but I will not support a witch hunt. This

man and many locals are being singled out. Richard might be able to confirm as he is also an ex police officer. Stirring up anger and contempt can lead to dire situations. You need to calm down and let the judicial review decide.

27/05/2021, 08:48 - Sara Keaton: I'm perfectly calm. Don't confuse my annoyance at adults that should know better using council property in a way likely to cause an accident. I would see that as part and parcel of being a community Councillor and a concerned parent.

27/05/2021, 08:50 - Pamela Erasmus: I posted this to people whose judgement and common sense I have learned to trust.

I am sure that with more time and experience with these people, you will too.

27/05/2021, 08:53 - Louise Thomas: Please try and remain impartial. The full facts will be presented to the council. I know Linda is very much up to date with all the situation at hand.

27/05/2021, 08:56 - Richard Jarvis: Just seen this on here. As a snapshot in time, no we dont have the whole picture, but it does concern me is an understatement. I am sure it's been reported to the police and I dont think they'll just sit on it.

27/05/2021, 08:56 - Pamela Erasmus: Thankyou for your concern. But I too have a back story, which contains a role in Child Protection. But thanks for offering advice

27/05/2021, 08:59 - Louise Thomas: I agree Richard. I think it's time to sort this out. Social media gives a lot of people a platform which can skewer the facts. This is beginning to get out of hand now. I just hope it all calms down. I will see what I can do with Linda. 👍😊

27/05/2021, 09:16 - Pamela Erasmus: ???????

27/05/2021, 09:32 - Richard Jarvis: I can now confirm notification to the police is in the pipeline!

27/05/2021, 09:37 - Louise Thomas: That's great Richatd. I think leave it to the experts to deal with. 👍

27/05/2021, 10:29 - Sara Keaton: Thanks Richard, they did say the police had been notified yesterday, but thanks for making sure. That's one job off my list!

27/05/2021, 11:19 - Louise Thomas: Sara, just a gentle reminder but Linda in the councillor for Llynderw and I have just spoken to the residents there. Linda is dealing with the problems that have arisen there. Please leave this for us to deal with. If that is ok? I am sure you have a lot of things to do in your area. Many thanks Louise

27/05/2021, 11:26 - Pamela Erasmus: Thankyou Cllr. Thomas. We had parents last night who had already written to our AM and MP.

27/05/2021, 11:29 - Louise Thomas: Linda and I are currently dealing with serious anti social activity. We will of course be informing you of any updates asap. Many thanks

27/05/2021, 11:30 - Louise Thomas: I have contacted the police now

27/05/2021, 11:31 - Pamela Erasmus: What I wonder is, do the other 6 signatories agree with what is being done in their name?

27/05/2021, 11:33 - Pamela Erasmus: And I agree. His behaviour is seriously anti social.

27/05/2021, 11:33 - Pamela Erasmus: I'm out of this now.

27/05/2021, 11:35 - Louise Thomas: Thanks Pam I think things there need to be sorted. Otherwise it will get of hand.

27/05/2021, 11:38 - Rebecca: Hi all, this isn't usually a forum for discussion, this WhatsApp thread is primarily used to share information of interest to all councillors. If councillors want/need to discuss issues, it will be best to do that in smaller numbers, by phone usually more effective than messages. As the skatepark project is progressed through the Community and Social Well-being

Committee, which I chair, I appreciate being kept up to date with issues arising. The stakeholders are wider than just Mayals residents so we do need to work together. Thanks all, Rebecca

28/05/2021, 11:48 - Pamela Erasmus: <Media omitted>

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28/05/2021, 12:00 - Rebecca: Just spoken to Pam, all sorted 👍

28/05/2021, 12:01 - Louise Thomas: 👍😊

28/05/2021, 12:21 - [REDACTED]: I have spoken to the BBC journalist and given him a statement and have now also spoken to Pam

28/05/2021, 12:23 - Louise Thomas: Great. The police will be there tomorrow just to monitor the situation. 👍😊

28/05/2021, 12:37 - Pamela Erasmus: Have you ever been to a skate meet? We were picnicking on the grass the last time. Take a deck chair

28/05/2021, 12:38 - Carrie TJ: Yes I remember seeing the video of the last one, loads of kids there, such a nice event.

28/05/2021, 12:39 - [REDACTED]: Chuffed the police will be there, know a lot of people were shaken by that video

28/05/2021, 12:40 - Carrie TJ: Yes it will be really reassuring for young people who just want to have a good time.

28/05/2021, 18:06 - [REDACTED]: <Media omitted>

28/05/2021, 18:18 - [REDACTED]: 😊

28/05/2021, 18:55 - Carrie TJ: <Media omitted>

28/05/2021, 18:56 - Carrie TJ: Sorry top is cut off. Appears to be from Mark Bailey

28/05/2021, 18:57 - Pamela Erasmus: Have seen. So is he now not opposing Llwynderw?

28/05/2021, 18:57 - Carrie TJ: You can read it in his FB page

28/05/2021, 18:59 - Pamela Erasmus: So. Does that mean he is now withdrawing from Judicial Review?

28/05/2021, 19:07 - [REDACTED]: No he's throwing money at it. Still need a geographical space to put it in. By the time we have finished with the not in my backyard we would be further from ever getting a Skatepark, in Swansea let alone Mumbles!

28/05/2021, 19:09 - Pamela Erasmus: I think it's a super idea. Swansea East is begging for a skatepark. Swansea going from none to 2 on both sides of the city is a great place to be.

28/05/2021, 19:10 - Carrie TJ: I know brilliant isn't it!

28/05/2021, 19:12 - Sara Keaton: Yes but the money is to stop the Skatepark in Llwynderw the very place we got planning for and the only place that passed scrutiny. I wouldn't like to be the Councillor to tell the parents in Mumbles that they are not getting their Skatepark.

28/05/2021, 19:13 - [REDACTED]: I am unsure this means all the residents will be stopping the judicial review.

28/05/2021, 19:14 - Carrie TJ: No what he is saying is that this would be in addition to Llwynderw. But let's not get too excited. Let's wait until we get official notification that he is withdrawing the Judicial Review.

28/05/2021, 19:17 - Sara Keaton: I will believe it when I see it. It would be nice. We know how much they need decent facilities. Let's see.

29/05/2021, 12:54 - Pamela Erasmus: Live music through Mumbles this morning. Great summer buzz.

29/05/2021, 13:03 - [REDACTED]: Agree Pam, great atmosphere. He's very good too!

29/05/2021, 13:04 - Pamela Erasmus: Loved it.



29/05/2021, 13:19 - Carrie TJ: <Media omitted>  
29/05/2021, 13:21 - Sara Keaton: That's great news, I'm here with my sister in-law, might try to take her on a walk in that direction!  
29/05/2021, 13:22 - Pamela Erasmus: Still waiting for family to arrive. Will feed them and then try to head down  
29/05/2021, 13:23 - Sara Keaton: Thanks.  
29/05/2021, 14:07 - [REDACTED]: I've popped down. Lots of families and little ones on boards @  
29/05/2021, 14:29 - Sara Keaton: Excellent, there's lots of little girls in Grange have learnt to skateboard, so cute. I bet some of them are down there with their mums and dads.  
29/05/2021, 17:50 - [REDACTED]: Just got back. Visited the skate ramp while cycling. Lots of youngsters having a nice time. Spoke to several people, no issues there. Happy days☺  
29/05/2021, 22:01 - Pamela Erasmus: Have taken lovely photos.  
01/06/2021, 17:29 - W: Can someone please give my appologies for tonight I am away camping with the family.  
01/06/2021, 18:02 - [REDACTED]: Done  
01/06/2021, 18:41 - W: 👍  
01/06/2021, 18:42 - [REDACTED]: Dont thank me, someone else did it first! Have a good holiday  
02/06/2021, 10:03 - Pamela Erasmus: Radio 4 wanted to do a piece on the skatepark but no neighbours would join to give it balance. Hah!!!  
02/06/2021, 10:16 - Louise Thomas: To be fair. Why would they?? I think it quite apparent that social media is ensuring people with no interest in the skate park are abusing these residents. I hope they are very proud of themselves. I for one will not condone this kind of ongoing harassment and we as councillors must do the same. It's totally out of hand.  
02/06/2021, 10:31 - Carrie TJ: I dont think the councillors or the Skaters have ever condoned it!  
02/06/2021, 10:50 - [REDACTED]: Yeah definitely never condoned it and really pleased MSA also never condoned especially after the threats of physical violence to children show how quickly it can all escalate.

Hoping things will get quieter but after the meeting last night suggested the Facebook post didn't mean stopping judicial review I'm concerned tensions will stay as high as pre apology.

02/06/2021, 10:52 - Carrie TJ: So the Judicial Review is going ahead still? Presumably just the other six taking it forward?

02/06/2021, 10:55 - Louise Thomas: Hi Rebecca I too am concerned tensions are running high. I hope this gets sorted soon

07/06/2021, 18:01 - [REDACTED]: Hi all, has anyone got the Zoom link for the Environmental Wellbeing Committee?

**FW: Legal concerns over MCC paying large amount for a contractor**



Louise Thomas  
To Martin O'Neill; Steve Heydon

☺ Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 14/12/2021 09:5

You forwarded this message on 14/12/2021 11:20.

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Good morning both

Please see below, I have had the weekend to consider this, and this does not sit well with me at all.

We should not be financially committing to this amount of money until we have secured the lease. I have informed the legal department at CCoS as I want to seek legal advice and inform them of the proposed financial commitment.

Being a magistrate involves integrity and honesty and of course upholding the law. I know that this may delay the construction, but I think its best we delay this until we get the lease. if the public knew we had gambled with this amount of money, we will be severely criticised or even up in front of the ombudsman.

I am so sorry, but I will not bend the rules we must do everything above board.

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Kind regards

Louise

**From:** Louise Thomas  
**Sent:** 14 December 2021 09:30  
**To:** tracey.meredith@swansea.gov.uk  
**Cc:** Phil Roberts <Phil.Roberts@swansea.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Legal concerns over MCC paying large amount for a contractor

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

Last week we held a finance meeting and was asked whether we would commit to paying £65,000 now to Mavericks the company building the skatepark. The reasons for this were to secure the contract and make sure that Maverick can start the work in Spring. However, MCC do not own the lease and as such I believe this is a financial risk. I maybe wrong, but I do want to seek legal advice before I commit fully to this. I do not want to be criticised further down the line. Also, MCC must apply to the National Lottery for funding and there is no 100% guarantee we will win this.

So, basically, we are committing to £65,000 of taxpayers money before the lease and without a full guarantee of funding. It was noted in this meeting that the risk was worth it. I am not at all comfortable with this, especially stating that this meeting was confidential, and that the general public should not be involved. That is not at all transparent and as such would like legal advice on this, should we include the public for such a large financial commitment? I feel like I have been out in a very difficult position. a skatepark is very much wanted and is going to be built on my ward. but I really do

## FW: Legal concerns over MCC paying large amount for a contractor



Louise Thomas  
To: Linda Tyler-Lloyd; Ian Scott

  Reply  Reply All  Forward 

Tue 14/12/2021 10:00



Hi both

Just for your information, I have written to the legal department about this, I have had the weekend to think about this as I really don't think we are legally allowed to do this, and as such I don't want to be implicated.

What do you think?

Kind regards

Louise

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**From:** Louise Thomas  
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If you are unable to offer legal advice, could you direct me to someone who might be able to offer some support.

Kind regards

Cllr Louise Thomas

RE: Legal concerns over MCC paying large amount for a contractor



Louise Thomas  
To Ian Scott; Linda Tyler-Lloyd

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Louise

**From:** Ian Scott <[ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 14 December 2021 16:27  
**To:** Louise Thomas <[Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <[linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Legal concerns over MCC paying large amount for a contractor

Hello Louise, thank you for the email. I felt it read very well and highlighted your concerns. However, we are the minority with concerns I believe the matter should be open to Public Scrutiny and I voted against the exclusion of Public/Press we need to know when we can Publicly talk about the matter. Ian

Regards

Cllr Ian Scott  
Mumbles Community Council

**From:** Louise Thomas <[Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 9:49:00 AM  
**To:** Linda Tyler-Lloyd <[linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Ian Scott <[ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: Legal concerns over MCC paying large amount for a contractor

Hi both

Just for your information, I have written to the legal department about this, I have had the weekend to think about this as I really don't think we are legally allowed to do this, and as such I don't want to be implicated.

What do you think?

Kind regards

Louise

**From:** Louise Thomas  
**Sent:** 14 December 2021 09:30  
**To:** [tracey.meredith@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.meredith@swansea.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** Phil Roberts <[Phil.Roberts@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:Phil.Roberts@swansea.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Legal concerns over MCC paying large amount for a contractor

## Legal concerns over down payment to Maverick pre lease.



Louise Thomas

To  Martin O'Neill;  Steve Heydon;  William Thomas;  Linda Tyler-Lloyd;  Ian Scott;  Philip Reason;  Carrie Townsend Jones;  Rebecca Fogarty;  Rebecca Child;  Rebecca Singh;  Pam Erasmus;  Sara Keeton;  Tim Bull;  Gareth Ford; +2 others

Wed 15/12/2021

Reply

Reply All

Forward



You forwarded this message on 15/12/2021 09:37.



Dear all

Following my email, I have heard back from Tracey Meredith, she has stated this:-

"Unfortunately, I am unable to give you or MCC legal advice. Furthermore, I am constrained by my duties under the SRA"

I have spoken to a solicitor who has stated that MCC would be not conducting themselves lawfully, as is set out in the guidance from one voice Wales (see below)

It is not acceptable to financially commit taxpayers' money to pay this large amount of money before we possess the lease. I am requested that we seek legal advice. If we pay Maverick £65,000 now, would be if least foolhardy at worse illegal. This is very concerning given the fact that I am also a magistrate, so I do not want to be implicated in any impropriety, I also do not want to turn a blind eye on this kind of involvement.

If anyone wants to criticise my decision, ask yourself this.", are we being transparent and accountable in this decision?

This will not ever stop the work going ahead, it will just ensure we do everything without finding ourselves on dodgy ground.

I hope you understand my concerns, and to that affect I will not be supporting paying Mavericks before we have the lease.

Kind regards

Louise

<http://www.onevoicewales.org.uk/OVWeb/UserFiles/Files/Front%20Page/Governance%20and%20Accountability%20A%20Practitioners%20Guide%20Wales%202019.pdf>

### Guidance

What is the governance and accountability framework for councils in Wales?


- 3.1. Good governance, accountability and transparency are essential to local councils and are a cornerstone of the Welsh government's approach to improving public services.
- 3.2. Public bodies' members and officers are responsible for the conduct of public business and for spending public money. By law, they are accountable for ensuring they conduct public business in accordance with the law and proper standards. They also need to ensure they safeguard, properly account for and use economically, efficiently and effectively, the council's public money.
- 3.3. They are also responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of their affairs and the stewardship of the resources at their disposal. They report on



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**(no subject)**

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Louise Thomas   
Draft

Sun, Sep 17, 2023 at 11:42 AM

**Sent:** 04 January 2022 15:00

**To:** Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>; Carrie Townsend Jones <carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk>; Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>; William Thomas <william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Child <Rebecca.Child@mumbles.gov.uk>; Philip Reason <philip.reason@mumbles.gov.uk>; Mumbles Community Council <council@mumbles.gov.uk>; Pam Erasmus <pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk>; Sara Keeton <sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk>; Gareth Ford <gareth.ford@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rob Marshall <rob.marshall@mumbles.gov.uk>; Richard Jarvis <richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk>; Tim Bull <tim.bull@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk>; Myles Langstone <myles.langstone@mumbles.gov.uk>; Adam Gilbert <adam.gilbert@mumbles.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Latest inform re: Skatepark

Dear all

I find this quite astonishing that Martin has decided to report me to the ombudsman for basically making up complaints against three councillors. I know that the pressure has been on him and who the people are that are behind this. Shameful behaviour.

My time at MCC has not been an enjoyable one, in fact I have never seen such a show of aggression from people who purport to be there for the residents.

I have been contacted by Hugh Hitchcock who has informed me that Mark Bailey will be contested the decision by CCoS, so it's very lucky that we did not pay the upfront fee of £68,000 now, otherwise that would have been very damaging to MCC.

I am sure the residents of Mayal's will be fully supportive of my handling of such a matter and that we must be accountable for this kind of spend.

Thank you



Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

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**FW: My resignation**

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**Louise Thomas** <Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>  
To: Cllr Lousie Thomas [REDACTED]

Sat, Jan 8, 2022 at 8:27 AM

**From:** Louise Thomas**Sent:** 06 January 2022 16:51**To:** Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>; Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>; Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>**Cc:** William Thomas <william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>**Subject:** RE: My resignation

Thank you Ian

It's a shame as there are some excellent councillors who have spoilt it and bullied their way around.

I for one will not tolerate this behaviour, its shameful

Kindest regards

Louise

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**From:** Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>**Sent:** 06 January 2022 16:46**To:** Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>; Louise Thomas <Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>**Cc:** William Thomas <william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>**Subject:** Re: My resignation

Dear All, I am saddened and disappointed by the resignation of Cllr Louise Thomas. Equally I was not impressed by the response and acknowledgment. Since 2017 a total of Six COUNCILLORS have resigned. These resignations reflect badly on MCC and illustrate the hostile and political environment within the Council.

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**From:** Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 2:01:02 PM  
**To:** Louise Thomas <Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>; William Thomas <william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: My resignation

Dear Cllr. Thomas,

Thank you for your resignation which is noted.

Martin

Cllr. Dr. Martin O'Neill,

Chair,

Mumbles Community Council,



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**From:** Louise Thomas <Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 06 January 2022 13:58  
**To:** Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>; Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>; William Thomas <william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** My resignation

10.

FYI

My resignation as a councillor

After taking some thought on this, and after the accident today I have decided to resign from MCC. I have never in my life see such a toxic and volatile world that are in the council. As you know I have been part of a fantastic campaign which has highlighted at every turn the serious safety issues with the design at Mayals road. The council have ignored and will no doubt continue to ignore what is without doubt an accident waiting to happen.

CCoS and MCC are run by a group of councillors who believe they have the strength in numbers to simply ignore the real issues that mean everything to the real people of Swansea. All they care about is the labour party and socialism,



they have too much control in Swansea and this is obvious by the ridiculous waste of money. Especially on the Mayals cycle path. Consultation or should I say 'engagement' with the public is woeful and on a daily basis I am reminded what the council have done to such a beautiful road. Its hideous and this clearly shows the hatred the council have for our area. I have checked other cycle paths in Swansea and there is not one that resembles the Mayals road, why? There is without doubt a deep rooted jealousy of people that are wealthy and actually work hard to live here. Its nothing about being 'lucky' as stated by Mr Stewart.

I stupidly thought that being a ward councillor would be a great way of supporting the residents. Wow... did I get this wrong. At every turn these councillors made my life difficult and ostracised me, they are known to be very instrumental in ensuring projects that support their political leanings are funded. i.e. schools where they are governors, seem to get more funding. These councillors are as follows:-

Carrie Townsend Jones

Pam Erasmus

Sara Keaton

These councillors hold secret meetings and have been informing the MSA that everything is going ahead with the skatepark, when like I said before this is not a done deal and we should not be paying £68,000 up front to the contractors before we are in possession of the lease. This lease is still not agreed and there is still an issue, which again the local people have been misinformed and even may not go ahead yet. It could take years. What is shocking is that this could have been built by now, as there was money being offered, and a CCoS councillor had been privy to this, but somehow forgot about this conversation. How strange? The whole thing stinks! What was very hard to stomach was how the local public attacked a local business man, without actually realising that had things been dealt with above board they would be using a skatepark now and no doubt would be an asset to the local area. This should have been built near the foot golf, it made perfect sense. But again these councillors completely ignored this location citing it was not in MCC area. How much has this cost us to date?

So, last night Rob Stewart decided to publicly state that I am basically lying, which I take umbrage with. A report from 2018 and 2020 clearly show that congestion charges are being considered in Swansea. Mr Stewart claims in June 2020 that there will not be congestion charges, September 2020 Gordon Gibson who's company works with the council on Highway and street projects, states that he is discussing the congestion charges around the Gower. In November 2020 a report to the Welsh government states that proposals are being made at the local authority. And once I had exposed this a plethora of Labour supporters including Cllr Adam Gilbert bombarded me with abuse, which is a clear indicator they are worried that this will affect their ratings, which is quite frankly pathetic. How about being honest for once?

As for my dealings with both councils I feel I have been fully transparent and honest, and given my background and other involvement I have committed to, it is an essential quality. As for being a councillor I hate the way things are run in Swansea, and would like to see full scrutiny at every level. In respect to the Mayals designers, the word guidance is used too loosely, we need to ensure full legislation in order to protect anyone that could be injured on the cycle path.

Finally I feel a sense of relief with my decision, we have another local resident on here called Chris Evans, and I for one will vote for someone who is there for our community and not helicoptered in just for a vote. Good luck Chris you are a very lovely guy and also care about the community.

There have been times in my life where I have been very happy, getting married, having children, success with my careers, and contributing as much as possible to being a good person. I cannot stomach the lies, immoral and underhand clandestine meetings that totally exclude the very people that should be included. The tax payers. I urge you all to get the rot out and make our area a happy and prosperous place. If there's anything I have learnt is that the residents in the Mayals and all over Swansea are fantastic people and deserve to know the truth. Louise x


Cllr Louise Thomas

Mayals Parish

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**Mumbles skate park**

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**Freedom of Information** <FreedomofInformation@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk>Wed, Jan 26,  
2022 at 11:42 AMTo: Louise Thomas 

Cc: Freedom of Information &lt;FreedomofInformation@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk&gt;

Ms. Thomas

We have received your correspondence of 26 January 2022 RE: Mumbles skate park

You have requested the following information

*I am requesting under the freedom of information, all paperwork connected to the application from Mumbles Community council to the national lottery*

We neither confirm nor deny that we hold information pertinent to your request.

The Fund proactively publish information pertaining to our funding and the funding we have provided to organisations. This information is publicly available from our website and may be searched and filtered by name, year and amount.

I have used the search term you have provided in your request (e.g. 'Mumbles Community Council'). Which indicates that no funding has been provided by the National Lottery Community Fund for Mumbles skate park or for any other project that Mumbles Community Council manage. The information on our website dates for 2004 through to 2022

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/grants?q=Mumbles%20Community%20Council>

We do not comment on or disclose information pertaining to unsuccessful applications nor do we comment on our disclose information pertaining to applications under consideration. If you are asking whether an application has been received our response is, we neither confirm nor deny.

If we provide funding, we will publish information pertaining to said funding on our website this means that this information is exempt from the FOI provisions by virtue of S.21 - Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

In my opinion there is little to no public interest in the release of information pertaining to unsuccessful applications made to the National Lottery Community Fund. This is because no public funds have been provided by the National Lottery Community Fund. Additionally, due to an unsuccessful application being possibly due to a number of factors, specific to us as a funder such as our funding priorities and eligibility, any disclosure of said information could have a chilling effect on communities we serve. This means that exemptions contained within the Act apply the most pertinent being s.43(2) - Commercial interest and specifically information which may inhibit the commercial interest of any party.

This applies also to organisations going through our funding application process, again these organisations are not yet in receipt of public funds and are subject to the deliberation of the Fund in compliance with its policies and procedures. If you are interested in our funding priorities and our decision making this information may also be accessed from our website.

In short, we shall not comment on or release information in advance of any funding decision being reached. If we do decide to fund an organisation paperwork related to said application may be requested and would be released subject to exemptions contained within the Act.

Robert Mannall

FOI & Complaint Manager

[Quoted text hidden]

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of January I sent this email to MCC

Serious concerns over financial mismanagement  
Inbox

Louise Thomas



Wed, Jan  
26, 6:09  
AM

to Martin, Steve, Mumbles

26<sup>th</sup> of January 2022

Dear Cllr O'Neill

**RE: Grave concerns over mismanagement of Council funds and call of a vote of no confidence.**

Yesterday evening I decided to watch the MCC special budget meeting, which commenced at 6.00pm. I am again, astonished at the way this council is being run.

I have written and asked for the resignations of 4 councillors who I believe are behind very concerning handling and mismanagement of tax payers money.

The question arose about a down payment of £63,000 which is to be paid (or now may have been paid) to the contractor responsible for the build of the skate park. Cllr Erasmus stated during this meeting that £100, 000 had already been wasted by the "Judicial 7", I would like clarity on this, and I really do not appreciate this kind of rhetoric from an elected member. This only adds to the unwanted attention, to people who have objected to this project. We are supposed to live in a democratic society and as such should adhere to these rules.

City of Swansea have already said they have £500,000 to pay for skate parks then they should pay this, and allow the other very much needed projects to go ahead.

What was apparent last night was the panic by these councillors to try and get the monies behind the project, in case the lottery funding is unsuccessful, and to do this the following projects will now be axed:-

- Food festival**
- Fashion show**
- Cliff Lighting**
- History walks**

Cuts to the bowls green, family events, £20,000 in environmental grants, £5,000 on place making. By the end of the meeting, what is left of the culture and tourism funding was halved.

Need I remind you, that although the skate park is a very much wanted project, the way this has been managed must be brought into question, and the residents of Mumbles should be privy to such dealings?

Mumbles has and always will be a tourist destinations and I whole heartedly agree with Cllr Marshall when he stated that these small community projects are what Mumbles council should be about and not "taking on such large projects". What on earth is going on there? You have no control over these councillors, who through the whole of the meeting Cllr Townsend-Jones took over and ignored the concerns over some very valid points.

I am requesting that you put a statement out this week, to the public and inform them of what is happening in terms of financing the skate park. I am also requesting under the Freedom of information, you disclose the costings to date, I would like to know what is happening with the £63,000 that was mysteriously not discussed and when Cllr Scott tried to press, he was immediately closed down. I also want to see how Cllr Erasmus came to the sum of £100,000, which she claims has been spent to date. May I remind you that you do not legally own the lease, and as such you should not be risking the tax payer's money?

Finally I know that members of the public have been writing in and requesting the resignation of these councillors, and also a vote of no confidence. Given what I witnessed last night think there is more than ever a reason for this to be imposed. This is disgraceful and should be addressed. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards  
Louise Thomas

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**On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January** I contacted the police, and was then contacted by a police officer, who recorded my concern and informed me to report this to action fraud.

I also contacted Tracey Meredith (legal executive at CCoS) with details of my complaint. She has written back and stated that MCC will need to deal with my complaint.

I also reported this to Audit Wales

**On the 29<sup>th</sup> of January** Cllr O'Neill then sends out a statement on social media and a passage from this statement read as follows:-

*In relation to the extremely serious allegation of financial mismanagement that this particular individual has levelled against us we are more than happy and would encourage anyone who has substantive concerns in relation to the probity of the administration of Mumbles Community Council that they should address these to either the **Public Service Ombudsman for Wales or Audit Wales** as robust scrutiny of procedure must entail any investigation being performed by an independent outside agency. Allegation on social media are easy to make as they are not open to scrutiny and do not need to provide any evidence in relation to any accusations made. We would ask people who encounter such posting to consider why they have been made via social media and not through the proper channels and whether they are truly in the interests of the public good.*

*Cllr. Dr. Martin O'Neill,*

So, I refer to the section above where you state that concerns raised should be addressed to the Ombudsman or Audit Wales and I can confirm that I have made official complaints to both.

So, last night Cllr Erasmus stated that the lottery will not go ahead until they have had confirmation of my complaint in writing before they decide on the next course of action, I can prove that I have made official complaints over what I consider as financial mismanagement and I can prove that MCC have stated that there was an element of "risk" in doing so, back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021.

I also believe in a last ditch attempt to silence the calls to react to the social media questioning and ever increasing annoyance of MCC, Cllr O'Neill reported myself to the ombudsman for making "vexatious remarks" about financial mismanagement. This is quite frankly another way of letting the general public believe I am causing issues and basically lying. However, when the general public



Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

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## Serious concerns over financial mismanagement

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Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 6:09 AM

To: Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>, Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>, Mumbles Community Council <council@mumbles.gov.uk>

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Kind regards

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24/07/2023, 15:35

Gmail - Serious concerns over financial mismanagment

Louise Thomas





Louise Thomas

**FW: Online form submission: BCA-4961-22-6262-IR01**

**SWP101@south-wales.police.uk** <SWP101@south-wales.police.uk>  
To: [REDACTED]

Fri, Jan 28, 2022 at 1:14 PM

God afternoon

If you have further evidence in relation to any fraud then you will need to report this to action fraud as previously advised

Regards  
Swp 52753

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@service.police.uk <no-reply@service.police.uk>  
Sent: 28 January 2022 09:29  
To: SWP101 <SWP101@south-wales.police.uk>  
Subject: Online form submission: BCA-4961-22-6262-IR01

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OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE  
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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF INTEREST  
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YOUR DETAILS  
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Are you under 18 years of age?: No

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INCIDENT DETAILS  
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Do you feel race, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or transgender identity were a factor in this crime?: No

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EVIDENCE  
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Has the suspect clearly left something at the scene; such as clothing, blood, any other bodily fluids, discarded items, obvious fingerprints or footprints? Or has the suspect caused any damage or made a mess searching?: Yes

Please describe what was left behind: I recorded the meeting and have emails

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SUSPECT DETAILS  
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SUSPECT 1:

Are they connected to anyone else involved in the incident?: Yes

Who are they connected to?: Cllr erasmus  
Cllr keaton  
Cllr Fogerty

How are they connected?: All.councillors

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YOUR DETAILS  
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Title: Mrs

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First name: Louise

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Middle name(s): not given

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Surname: Thomas

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Date of birth: [REDACTED]

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Are you under 18 years of age?: No

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Gender: Female

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Address:

[REDACTED]

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Origin: Form

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Phone number: [REDACTED]

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Email address: [REDACTED]

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How would you prefer we contact you about your report?: By phone

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Do you need an interpreter or translator or have any other communication needs?: No

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Do you consider yourself to have a disability?: No

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What is your ethnic group?: White

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Which one best describes your White background?: British, English, Northern Irish, Scottish, or Welsh

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## YOUR ROLE

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How were you involved?: I witnessed a crime taking place

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Do you know the victim?: No

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Please tell us as much as you know about them, including if possible, their name and physical description.: This is a crime involving councillors at a community council

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Do they know you're reporting this to us?: Yes

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We can put you in touch with organisations that offer free and confidential practical help, emotional support and advice to people affected by crime. Would you like us to do that?: No

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Did you do any of the following before you used the website today?: I spoke to an officer in person

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## INCIDENT DETAILS

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Has anyone reported this to the police already?: Yes

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If you have a reference number, please enter it below: not given

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Do you know the exact time and date this happened?: Yes

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When did it happen?: 31/12/2021 - 31/12/2021

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When did it start?: 07:05

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When did it end?: 22:02

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Location:  
OSTREME CENTRE  
CASTLE AVENUE  
SWANSEA  
SA3 4BA  
UK

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Origin: Triage

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Lat long: 51.5757445,-4.0011796

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Easting northing: 261422,188218

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Uprn: 10010043424

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You gave us this map location earlier. Is the address correct?: Yes

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At any point, were you on public transport?: No

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Please tell us what happened, and the events leading up to it, to help us identify if an offence has been committed.: Mumbles council knew that a lease agreement for land in mumbles was being challenged by a judicial review and were notified this was in place. I wrote to the council and informed them not to pay the contractor £63 000 until the lease is finalised. They have now paid this and lied to the national lottery who have said they are also looking into this. I am requesting this is looked into. Thank you.

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Do you feel race, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or transgender identity were a factor in this crime?: No

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#### EVIDENCE

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Please describe what was left behind: I recorded the meeting and have emails

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Do you have any video, audio or photo evidence?: not given

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Does another person, business or company have video evidence such as CCTV or mobile phone footage?: Yes

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Please provide details of the person or business so that we can contact them: Cllr martin o,neill

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Please describe what can be seen in the video, if you know: not given

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Please describe your appearance in the footage: not given

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#### WITNESS DETAILS

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Did anyone else see what happened?: Yes

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WITNESS 1:

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Title: Cllr

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First name: Louise

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Middle name(s): not given

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Surname: Thomas

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Do you know their date of birth?: No

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Do you know their age?: Yes

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Age: 65

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Gender: Male

Email address: [REDACTED]

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Address:  
not given

Origin: Form

If you don't know the witness, please describe them as best you can: not given

## SUSPECT DETAILS

### SUSPECT 1:

Do you know the suspect?: Yes, I know them

Title: Cllr

First name: Carrie

Middle name(s): not given

Surname: Townsend Jones

Do you know their date of birth?: No

Do you know their age?: Yes

Age: 60

Gender: Female

What is their ethnic group?: White

Address:  
not given

Origin: Form

Description: not given

Were they in a vehicle or on a bike, scooter or motorbike?: No

Are they connected to anyone else involved in the incident?: Yes

Who are they connected to?: Cllr erasmus  
Cllr keaton  
Cllr Fogerty

How are they connected?: All.councillors

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Louise Thomas

## denial to pay mavericks skatepark

Wed, Jul 12, 2023 at 10:07 AM

Louise Thomas <[REDACTED]>  
To: Louise Thomas <[REDACTED]>

**From:** Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2022 7:14 PM  
**To:** Louise Thomas <Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Social Media Statement

Hello Louise, please let me know if you receive this. Ian

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**From:** Carrie Townsend Jones <carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 29, 2022 1:50:36 PM  
**To:** Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>; Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>; Mumbles Community Council <council@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Child <Rebecca.Child@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>; Gareth Ford <gareth.ford@mumbles.gov.uk>; Myles Langstone <myles.langstone@mumbles.gov.uk>; Sara Keeton <sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk>; Tim Bull <tim.bull@mumbles.gov.uk>; William Thomas <william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Richard Jarvis <richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rob Marshall <rob.marshall@mumbles.gov.uk>; Adam Gilbert <adam.gilbert@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk>; Pam Erasmus <pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk>; Philip Reason <philip.reason@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Social Media Statement

Ian,

You seem to have completely misunderstood. There never was an agreement to pay anything in advance to Maverick! The mythical £68 or £63,000 as it is now referred to, was the potential risk to the council if a contract was signed and then was defaulted on. Perhaps you could pass that on to Ms Thomas!

**From:** Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2022 13:34  
**To:** Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>; Mumbles Community Council <council@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Child <Rebecca.Child@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>; Gareth Ford <gareth.ford@mumbles.gov.uk>; Myles Langstone <myles.langstone@mumbles.gov.uk>; Sara Keeton <sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk>; Carrie Townsend Jones <carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk>; Tim Bull <tim.bull@mumbles.gov.uk>; William Thomas <william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Richard Jarvis <richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rob Marshall <rob.marshall@mumbles.gov.uk>; Adam Gilbert <adam.gilbert@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk>; Pam Erasmus <pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk>; Philip Reason <philip.reason@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Social Media Statement

Hello Martin, thank you for the email however I feel it is rather late in the day.

"Joint statement by all of us in defence of Mumbles Community Council as a whole"

I would remind you that I voted against the payment to Maverick of £63000 to take advantage of a window to book a date to commence work on the Skatepark due to the ongoing Judicial Review and still being within the 3 month period for a possible additional Review which MCC now find them selves in. "It was stated at a Council

Meeting it was worth the RISK " I beg to differ. Confirmation Of a Lottery Grant was pending along with the Signing of the Lease.

I feel Postings are made due to frustrations in their voice not being heard.

Complaints have been made from the public unable to get in to Zoom Meetings.

Scrutiny and adherence to the public concern is paramount to confidence in the Mumbles Community Council.

More Fake News is offensive and should not be included. I have been asking for a statement by MCC to the ongoing position regarding the Skatepark and it's spiralling costs to no avail. As Chairman you have the availability to move the complaints against the Four Councillors to the Ombudsman and the Audit Commision. This was previously done by one of the accused when Chair of the Council.

I reiterate that the payment to Maverick was not a Unanimous Decision by Council.

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**From:** Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>

**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 8:21:30 PM

**To:** Mumbles Community Council <council@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Child <Rebecca.Child@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>; Gareth Ford <gareth.ford@mumbles.gov.uk>; Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>; Myles Langstone <myles.langstone@mumbles.gov.uk>; Sara Keeton <sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk>; Carrie Townsend Jones <carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk>; Tim Bull <tim.bull@mumbles.gov.uk>; William Thomas <william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Richard Jarvis <richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rob Marshall <rob.marshall@mumbles.gov.uk>; Adam Gilbert <adam.gilbert@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk>; Pam Erasmus <pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk>; Philip Reason <philip.reason@mumbles.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Social Media Statement

Dear all,

As you may be aware four of our councillors have come under a sustained social media attack calling into question their adherence to financial probity and the code of conduct. There is no substance to these accusations whatsoever and it is completely unfair that four of our number be singled out for such online intimidation. I have therefore prepared the following statement for distribution via our social media platforms to counteract these allegations. I am circulating it to all councillors as I see it as a joint statement by all of us in defence of Mumbles Community Council as a whole. If anybody has any objection to the content of this statement can you please let me know before it is posted.

Best wishes,

Martin

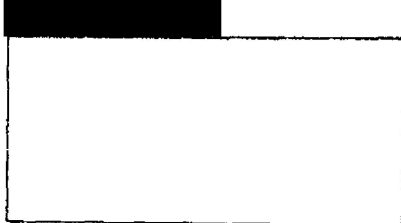
**More Fake News!**

It has come to our attention that a certain individual has been posting spurious allegations on social media aimed at individual MCC councillors accusing them of financial mismanagement and not fulfilling their duties in line with the code of conduct. MCC prides itself on openness and accountability; most meetings are open to the public and are advertised and people are actively encouraged to attend and pose questions. When meetings are held in closed session the reasons for this are made clear and all decisions made are open to scrutiny through the recognised channels.

In relation to the extremely serious allegation of financial mismanagement that this particular individual has levelled against us we are more than happy and would encourage anyone who has substantive concerns in relation to the probity of the administration of Mumbles Community Council that they

should address these to either the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales or Audit Wales as robust scrutiny of procedure must entail any investigation being performed by an independent outside agency. Allegation on social media are easy to make as they are not open to scrutiny and do not need to provide any evidence in relation to any accusations made. We would ask people who encounter such posting to consider why they have been made via social media and not through the proper channels and whether they are truly in the interests of the public good.

Cllr. Dr. Martin O'Neill,  
Chair,  
Mumbles Community Council,



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**confirmation of spending on the skatepark**

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Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

Fri, Feb 4, 2022 at 10:12 AM

To: Steve Heydon &lt;steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk&gt;

Good morning Steve

Please can you send me confirmation of the spend to date of the skatepark and also any documentation as to why the amount of £68,000 agreed by MCC on the 3rd of December has now changed to £124,000? I don't recall any further meetings to discuss this?

As you can imagine this is very concerning and as a member of the public and tax payer, I am entitled to know what is being spent by the local community.

I know that Cllr O'Neill has welcomed open scrutiny, so no doubt you wont hesitate in proving me with this information.

I have also requested the recording of the meeting on the 11th of December 2021, and look forward to receiving a copy as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Louise



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[www.swansea.gov.uk](http://www.swansea.gov.uk)

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Councillor Thomas

*Please ask  
for:*

Tracey Meredith

*Direct Line:*

*E- Tracey.meredith@swansea.gov.uk*

*Mail:*

*Our Ref:*

*Your Ref:*

*Date:*

7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Letter sent via E-mail**



Dear Councillor Thomas,

**Re: Serious concerns over financial mismanagement**

I write further to your email of 28 January. It is not appropriate for the City and County of Swansea to comment on any referral to the police which you may have made relating to Mumbles Community Council.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Meredith".

**Tracey Meredith**

Prif Swyddog Cyfreithiol a Swyddog Monitro  
Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer

To receive this information in alternative format, or in Welsh please contact the above. I dderbyn yr wybodaeth hon mewn fformat arall neu yn Gymraeg, cysylltwch â'r person uchod.

**15.2.22**

Good morning

**RE: Public meeting held last night at MCC dated 14.2.22 at 6.00pm**

After listening to the meeting last night held on Teams, I thought it might be helpful to remind you of the facts. After all you are claiming there are vexatious remarks being made and I am fully aware you are trying to implicate myself.

As you are aware on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December a special meeting was held and a vote was taken in which MCC had decided to pay Mavericks up front before the lease was legalised and in order to secure the lottery grant, this would enable the funding to be awarded. After this meeting I decided to withdraw my support and informed the council that this was unethical, and possibly bordering on illegal.

**On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December** I contacted Jason Williams (MSA) and said that I was concerned over the way the skate park project was being handled and about the funding issues.

That same day I wrote to you all at MCC, see below:-

**From:** Louise Thomas <[Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.Thomas@mumbles.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** Monday, December 20, 2021 6:30:28 PM

**To:** Martin O'Neill <[martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Steve Heydon <[steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd <[linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:linda.tyler-lloyd@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Ian Scott <[ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk)>; William Thomas <[william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:william.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Carrie Townsend Jones <[carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Sara Keeton <[sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Rebecca Fogarty <[rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Rebecca Child <[Rebecca.Child@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Child@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Rebecca Singh <[rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Pam Erasmus <[pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Philip Reason <[philip.reason@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:philip.reason@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Rob Marshall <[rob.marshall@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:rob.marshall@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Gareth Ford <[gareth.ford@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:gareth.ford@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Richard Jarvis <[richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk)>; Tim Bull <[tim.bull@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:tim.bull@mumbles.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Public scrutiny on the skate park

Good evening everyone

I am writing this to inform you all that I have spoken to Jason Williams (MSA) and updated him on the latest, as I am afraid the councillors involved are unable or want to divulge this information. We will always be and should be held accountable for our actions, and for the greater good and not to make this political.

The rash decision to pay Mavericks is fool hardy and if we go ahead, we should be disclosing this to the public. We should not be hiding any financial facts away, otherwise we could find ourselves in serious water.

You may want to report me to the ombudsman for divulging confidential information, but I truly cannot sit back and watch these councillors lie to the MSA about when it's going to commence, when you have no firm financial backing from the lottery. I just find it incredible that this information is on social media and you have done nothing to dampen down the excitement of local children and skaters. You are making out that this is a done deal, when it's still hazy and not 100% concrete, especially after we voted to financially back Underhill, which is a considerable cost to MCC. So, if you are willing to state publicly that there will be small risk to pay Mavericks up front the £68,000 down payment, then we cannot be criticised for misleading the public. However, if there is an issue with the lottery funding, the MSA will be highly critical of MCC and it won't be long before the locals are made aware of the issues.

Please, be open and honest and stop using the word confidential as a tool in keeping people in the dark. This is not our money, it's the tax payers and they trust us to be able to conduct ourselves in a manner that is above board.

It takes a strong person to stand up for what is right and ask the questions that need asking. One of my best friends is the sister of Ian Thomas and I for one will not lie to her or her family when they ask what is happening. If MCC are not prepared to hold back this information, then you will leave me no option but to go to the ombudsman myself.

I will leave this with you all.

Regards

Louise

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**On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 I resigned from MCC and put out a public statement.**

So just to clarify and produce the facts, as it was obviously that MCC have not been privy to this information, or could it be that yet again they are pleading ignorance. The police were called, the ombudsman have been contacted and also Audit Wales.

**On Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of January I sent this email to councillors at MCC:-**

Vote of no confidence for 4 MCC councillors

Inbox

Louise Thomas

Thu, Jan  
20, 1:26  
PM

to Martin, Mumbles, Rebecca, Ian, William, Linda

20<sup>th</sup> of January 2021

Dear Martin

**RE: Vote of no confidence and request for the resignation of the following councillors:-**

1. Cllr Carrie Townsend- Jones
2. Cllr Pamela Erasmus
3. Cllr Sara Keaton
4. Cllr Rebecca Fogarty

Following the last few weeks I have witnessed what I can only describe as deeply concerning in terms of financial mismanagement of public funds by these councillors.

They have been in regular meetings in respect to the Mumbles Skate park Project, during which, they have been working on a way of securing funding.

On the Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021, a meeting was held in private, and it was agreed that a large sum of money to the value of £68,000 would be paid up front to Mavericks, as apparently this was the only way of securing the contract at that price. However, since that meeting I sought legal advice and discovered that MCC (Mumbles Community Council) would be on very thin ice in terms of whether this is ethical or indeed legal. The residents of the wards of Mumbles were not aware of such a risk and as such I have made this public. I also have resigned from MCC as a protest of the way this was handled.

Since this has been made public there has been no formal announcement from MCC and as such members of the public are asking questions, and as such I feel that again this is not being dealt with in the guidelines set out for councillor responsibility as set out in the code of conduct.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. The leader of County Council of Swansea confirmed there is still a "Live Judicial Review", so my concerns about this financial transaction were correct and this could have resulted in MCC making a huge mistake. I would like to request under Freedom of information, when MCC was notified that this judicial review was still live? I am sure you will be aware of the implications of this being known before the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021.

Due to this, I will now be asking members of the public to carry out a vote of no confidence with these councillors. I do not think these councillors have conducted themselves at all well and believe their actions have fallen well below the standards that should be set, when in public office.

They should definitely not allow other pressures, including the financial interests of others connected to the project, or deter themselves providing sound governance of MCC in a proper manner. I believe this project has been run with political motivation and as pointed out in this video, that the Labour run council has paved the way for the skate park! This is a MCC project and yet being advertised as Labour run? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE7m\\_Q8Eklw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE7m_Q8Eklw)

They should have exercised independent judgement and not compromised my position by placing myself under obligations to outside individuals or organisations, this is extremely important as if I had accepted the proposals and the general public were made aware then my role as a councillor of MCC would be in question as well, and also my role as a magistrate would also have been brought into question. Integrity is everything and the blatant disregard to the general public to be included in such an important and financial decision was not at all democratic. These councillors should have contributed to ensure MCC's decision-making processes were as open and transparent as possible to enable residents to understand the reasoning behind those decisions and to be informed when holding themselves and other members to account but restricting access to information when the wider public interest or the law requires it.

They should have behaved in accordance with all MCC and CCoS's legal obligations, alongside any requirements contained within this MCC policies, protocols and procedures, including the use of the MCC's resources. □

Finally I would like a response back with 28 days of this letter. I will be sending this letter to the Ombudsman and will be formally requesting a vote of no confidence, along with many mumbles residents.

Yours sincerely

Louise Thomas

# Subject: Update on the Skatepark 15.2.22. complaint by Louise Thomas



**Louise Thomas** [REDACTED]

Tue, Feb 15, 2022,

to Martin O'Neill, Mumbles Community Council, Steve Heydon, Linda Tyler-Lloyd (Councillor), Ian Scott, William Thomas,

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Good morning

Please find attached a letter providing you all with dates, times etc as it was aparent at last nights meeting at MC were not 100% as to whether a complaint had been made to the following, Audit wales South Wales Police and t Ombudsman. I can confirm I have contacted all parties at the end of January 2022.

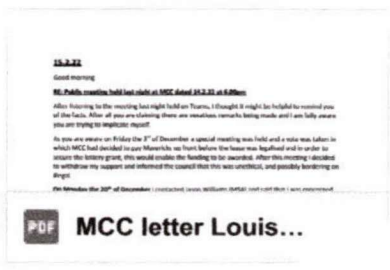
As was stated by some councillors and obviously directed at myself, there are vexacious remarks being made.

I look forward to the statement which I believe you will be making on the 18th of February.

Regards

Louise Thomas

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Louise Thomas [REDACTED]  
To: Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

Sun, Sep 17, 2023 at 12:00 F

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Subject: Audit Wales - RE: the Skatepark Mumbles

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Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

Thu, Feb 17, 2022, 12:12 PM

to Martin O'Neill, Steve Heydon, Mumbles Skatepark Association, Linda Tyler-Lloyd (Councillor), William Thomas, Myles Langstone, Rebecca Fogarty, Cllr Rebecca Child, Ian Scott, Carrie Townsend Jones, Sara Keeton, Pam Erasmus, Philip Reason, Tim Bull, Rob Marshall, Rebecca Singh

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Good morning

I thought I would let you know, that I have been contacted by Audit Wales yesterday and they will be carrying out an investigation. This is very serious and as you can imagine and I will be more than willing to assist as I have been reported to the ombudsman for being vexatious about financial dealings with the Skate park project, which quite frankly is astounding! Audit Wales are now looking into the financial matters at MCC. I have provided them with my documentation and recordings of the relevant meetings. This is also important as MCC have been suffering with technical issues and have not been able to provide the general public or councillors with their copies. I will also reiterate that this is a very serious matter. So, therefore I am requesting that the following four councillors are suspended until Audit Wales carries out its duties. These are as follows:-

Cllr Rebecca Fogarty  
Cllr Pam Erasmus  
Cllr Sara Keaton  
Cllr Carrie Towsend- Jones

As a member of the public, I do not want these councillors to have any financial dealings with MCC finances, until Audit Wales has completed its work.

This is the last time, anyone from MCC claims that I am a liar, calling my words as vexacious. and in fact after Audit Wales has carried out it investigation, I will want a full written apology. Thank you.

Finally, I noted that Cllr Erasmus stated that my complaint is part of an orchestrated attack, I can catagorically state that this is not the case, and it is just myself who involved. Which, in itself is more telling as I have no support to fall back on, and as such carry the burden of such a complaint. As I explained previously I could easily be made a scape goat. I am also opening myself to be a target of hate and ridicule, which we all know can happen and has happened to certain individuals against the Skatepark location. Why on earth would I want this, unless I felt that strongly about the way MCC have financially handled this project?

Yours sincerely

Louise Thomas



Louise Thomas

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### Audit Wales - RE: the Skatepark Mumbles

Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 7:54 PM

Louise Thomas

To: Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>  
 Cc: Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>, Mumbles Skatepark Association <info@mumblesskateparkassociation.org>, "Linda Tyler-Lloyd (Councillor)" <Cllr.Linda.Tyler-Lloyd@swansea.gov.uk>, William Thomas <will.thomas@iacf.co.uk>, Myles Langstone <myles.langstone@gowerswanseaconservatives.com>, Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>, Cllr Rebecca Child <beccachild@live.co.uk>, Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>, Carrie Townsend Jones <carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk>, Sara Keeton <sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk>, Pam Erasmus <pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk>, Philip Reason <philip.reason@mumbles.gov.uk>, Tim Bull <tim.bull@mumbles.gov.uk>, Rob Marshall <rob.marshall@mumbles.gov.uk>, Rebecca Singh <rebecca.singh@mumbles.gov.uk>, Gareth Ford <gareth.ford@mumbles.gov.uk>, Richard Jarvis <richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk>, Adam Gilbert <adam.gilbert@mumbles.gov.uk>

Martin

If you think what you say is credible, you are very much mistaken. It's okay for you to keep saying that whatever I say is vexatious and you are telling the truth,? Really? You were not privy to my conversation yesterday with the contact at Audit Wales. You are trying to dumb down what is clearly your attempt at damage limitation. You are not making the council or members of the public privy to a lot of public information. Why is that? You are clearly losing credibility in the community. You need to be as open and honest as you are claiming to be. I would like to see these councillors make a public statement and also a public meeting is welcomed. I believe that a special meeting has been called for next Tuesday, I am looking forward to this being discussed with the general public and ALL questions answered. Thank you.

Louise Thomas.  
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**Problems with uploading the meeting recordings.**

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Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 9:36 AM

To: claire.anderson@mumbles.gov.uk, Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>, Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>

Good morning

I understand you are having problems with uploading the meeting recordings on to the website Under the freedom of information I am requesting that you send me any correspondence you have in connection with this. I have also contacted SA1 as I am sure they will want to be able to assist. What is interesting they have no record of there being an issue, and that once they have added MCC branding to the recordings of the meetings then its down to MCC to upload, it's all surprisingly easy.

I look forward to your response.

Louise Thomas

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**Problems with uploading the meeting recordings.**

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**Steve Heydon** <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 12:41 PM

To: Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

Cc: Claire Anderson <claire.anderson@mumbles.gov.uk>, Martin O'Neill  
<martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>

Hi Louise

If you have a letter / email, please can you forward it to me.

If you have been speaking to someone at SA1, can you please give me their name.

Many thanks

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**Problems with uploading the meeting recordings.**

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**Louise Thomas** [REDACTED]

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 10:11 AM

To: Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>

Cc: Claire Anderson <claire.anderson@mumbles.gov.uk>, Martin O'Neill  
<martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>

Hi Steve

SA1 have come back and said they appear to have no problems with uploading, it seems its from MCC side.

Kind regards

Louise

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# Subject: Audit Wales and MCC RE: Mumbles skatepark



**Louise Thomas** [REDACTED]  
to Martin O'Neill, Steve Heydon

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Thu, Feb 24

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Good morning

I am just confirming two points from last nights meeting, and would like some clarity on this, please. These follows:-

1. MCC has not been contacted by Audit Wales
2. No monies have been paid to Maverick as was confirmed by Cllr Fogerty last night?

Thank you

Louise Thomas

# Subject: Freedom of Information Request



**Mumbles Community Council** <council@mumbles.gov.uk>

to [REDACTED]

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Mon, Mar 7

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Hi Louise

I am responding to your emails dated 1 March 2022 & 4 March 2022, where you ask:

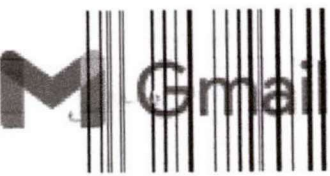
*I recently requested under the freedom of information the date when Audit Wales made contact with MC asked for financial reports in relation to the skate park.*

To answer your question: we were contacted by Audit Wales on Monday, 28 February 2022 at 15:42 asking respond to a number of questions.

Best wishes

Steve

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Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

**Re: Complaint made to Chief Inspector Declan Cahill and Chief Inspector Kevin Richard**

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Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 11:07 AM

**Martin O'Neill** <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>

To: Louise Thomas [REDACTED] Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>, Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>, Sara Keeton <sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk>, Carrie Townsend Jones <carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk>, "Linda Tyler-Lloyd (Councillor)" <Cllr.Linda.Tyler-Lloyd@swansea.gov.uk>, Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>, "will.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk" <will.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>, Pam Erasmus <pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk>, Richard Jarvis <richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk>

Dear Ms. Thomas,

As scrutiny has shown there are no issues with the way Mumbles Community Council has conducted itself.

Best wishes,

Martin O'Neill

Cllr. Dr. Martin O'Neill,  
Chair,  
Mumbles Community Council,  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 13 April 2022 10:50

**To:** Martin O'Neill <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk>; Rebecca Fogarty <rebecca.fogarty@mumbles.gov.uk>; Steve Heydon <steve.heydon@mumbles.gov.uk>; Sara Keeton <sara.keeton@mumbles.gov.uk>; Carrie Townsend Jones <carrie.townsendjones@mumbles.gov.uk>; Linda Tyler-Lloyd (Councillor) <Cllr.Linda.Tyler-Lloyd@swansea.gov.uk>; Ian Scott <ian.scott@mumbles.gov.uk>; will.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk <will.thomas@mumbles.gov.uk>; Pam Erasmus <pam.erasmus@mumbles.gov.uk>; Richard Jarvis <richard.jarvis@mumbles.gov.uk>

Subject: fwo. Complaint made to Chief Inspector Declan Cainin and Chief Inspector Kevin Richard

Good Morning

I am replying to the email below, and completely refute Martin O'Neills version of events.

You stated and on a recording of a MCC meeting on 11th of January 2022 and at precisely 22.56 minutes in. following you discussing the complaint made to Audit Wales, you stated verbatim the following:-

**" there are formal processes available, and if anyone has got any issues that they want to raise, I would encourage them to go down those routes"**

Now would you like to re word this email, as you are misleading the committee, or it maybe that you have forgotten saying this. I am not sure what you mean by encourage? I did notice the rhetoric on today's email after you said that did not welcome people making complaints to Audit Wales, the cost has been considerable to the council. You never mentioned this before at any meeting, how strange? And yet other reason for my complaint to the police. I believe you are also responsible for whipping up the consensus that I am at fault. That is not true, I resigned as I would not allow public money to be spent until a lease had been agreed.

Its also very stange that MCC are unable to provide these recording for the general public to hear, This has been an issue for some time.

If you honestly think your offer of discussing my decision to inform audit Wales was going to be an conversation that I would want, given the way this council has conducted itself, you were very much mistaken. I am appalled at these councillors behaviour!

Louise Thomas

On Wed, 13 Apr 2022, 09:38 Martin O'Neill, <martin.oneill@mumbles.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Morning Ms Thomas,

Simply to clarify a few points as I believe accuracy is important:

We are not "seeking legal advice"; we have a standing legal team as any council of our size does, as a former councillor I am surprised you do not know that.

I did not say that I welcomed people making complaints to Wales Audit; why would I possibly welcome a process that has cost the council not an inconsiderable amount of money and resources for no palpable benefit? I said that I was confident that any decision MCC made would withstand scrutiny, which it has, and then if anybody had any further concerns they could have recourse to Audit Wales. I would remind you that in December 2021 I offered to go through the decisions the council had made in relation to the skate board park with you in



this was an offer you chose to decline and instead decided to take up the issue with Audit Wales.

I hope these points help clarify the issue.

Best wishes,

Martin

Cllr. Dr. Martin O'Neill,  
Chair,  
Mumbles Community Council,

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**skatepark**

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Louise Thomas [REDACTED]  
To: Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

Wed, Jul 12, 2023 at 4:21 PM

**From:** Mumbles Community Council <council@mumbles.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 8, 2022 11:57 AM  
**Cc:** Jason Williams <jason.m.williams@swansea.ac.uk>  
**Subject:** Skatepark Update

Dear Councillors

Our project manager – Hurley & Davies are now acting as a single point of contact with maverick and ourselves.

Any queries or questions you have, need to be sent to me for onward transmission to them.

Any briefings i have from Hurley & Davies I will send to all councillors and cc Jason Williams (MSA) for him to forward onto him members.

Last week, Louise raised some questions which are answered below.:

**1. When is the start of the build?**

A build date for Stage 2 construction will be programmed once planning conditions have been discharged, and the council approved sub contractor can commit to a date to deal with Stage 1 works which include the removal of 16 kerbstones.

We have instructed them twice previously and been thwarted by delays outside of our control.

**2. What are the issues with the drop kerb?**

The S171 application for the kerb removal will be dealt with by Dean Howard at Swansea Council once the Planning Conditions have been discharged. Dean has confirmed he is happy with the information provided to him.

**3. Why is there a delay with planning?**

We submitted information to discharge planning conditions on 30 March. This was validated 5 April. The Planning Officer gave a date of 30 May for their response. Planning have been chased by both Maverick and the Council for an earlier response. On 12 May Planning requested further information which was compiled and submitted 24 May. The Planning officer, Catherine Pellemounter was on leave so we submitted to a secondary email address. We were subsequently asked by Pam Erasmus to submit to a further member of the Planning team, Hayley Kemp, on 30 May. Planning have requested an extension of time until 24 June to review.

**4. What are the implications if this is delayed, will the cost of the build rise?**

If any additional works are required to satisfy the Planners, we would naturally look for any additional cost for these to be covered. We are not looking to impose any price increase due to the further delays atm - however if planning do cause protracted delays which take the project into 2023 we would need to review this. Hopefully this won't happen but our experiences with them to date on this project have been exceptionally difficult.

**5. What are the implications of the concerns of the tree officer's comments on the planning portal?**

We are addressing the tree officer's comments and will copy you in to our response once dwgs have been updated in the next day or two.

Best wishes

Steve

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Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

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**costs of skatepark**

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**Louise Thomas** [REDACTED]  
To: Louise Thomas [REDACTED]

Wed, Jul 12, 2023 at 10:14 AM

Dear MCC

My understanding is that we the residents are now being asked to pay a maintenance charge concerning the proposed Skatepark, it was stated repeatedly in the sales pitch and during consultation that there would be no maintenance charge to the residents as stated also in the MCC newsletter.

My information leads me to believe we will now be paying a substantial maintenance charge annually, which will rise year in year as wear and tear becomes apparent, the figure bandied about for all the various aspects of maintenance, contingency funds and others which will be approaching £10,000 per year.

Can we please be informed which is correct and what exact amount we will now be paying and why we were told there would be no charges after repeated questions on this matter which were all answered "there will be no maintenance charges"

I'm not against a payment to support any sport in our area and believe all sports should be fully supported, but surely this should be applied for the same way as other organisations have to do within the MCC catchment area or are all sports now to be treated equally and maintenance for the facilities provided by MCC.

This should be discussed in the public forum and made clear exactly why we were misinformed by MCC, why the turnaround and how other groups can receive equal treatment and receive maintenance for their organisation.

Surely as it's described by CCOS councillors as a major boost for the City of Swansea and be available for all of Swansea and visitors, the minimum CCOS should do is provide maintenance, which should be provided solely from the central fund and not just out of Mumbles residents already substantial precept and taxes.

Kind Regards  
Michael Eames

Can I please have receipt that this has been received and to who it's been forwarded and ask the matter is put on the agenda on councils next meeting.





**Agenda for Special Meeting  
of Mumbles Community Council  
3 December 2021 at 1 pm  
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)**

- 01 Apologies for Absence**
- 02 Declarations of Interest**
- 03 Exclusion of the Press & Public**

**PROPOSED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential and commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted

- 04 Skate Park**

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
Mumbles Community Council  
held on 3 December 2021 at 1 pm  
by videoconference (Zoom)**

**Members Present:** Rebecca Fogarty (Chair), Tim Bull, Rebecca Child, Pam Erasmus, Adam Gilbert, Richard Jarvis, Sara Keeton, Rob Marshall, Martin O'Neill, Ian Scott, Louise Thomas, Carrie Townsend Jones & Linda Tyler-Lloyd

**Officers Present:** Paul Beynon & Steve Heydon

**C02111.S2-01 Apologies for Absence:** Gareth Ford, Myles Langstone, Rebecca Singh & Will Thomas

**C02111.S2-02 Declarations of Interest**

Rob Marshall declared a personal interest in item C02111.S2-01 – Skate Park as he is a close friend of one of the people who called for the judicial review

Louise Thomas declared a personal interest in item C02111.S2-01 – Skate Park as she is a close friend of the sister of leading skate park campaigners

**C02111.S2-03 Exclusion of the Press & Public**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential and commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.

**C02111.S2-04 Skate Park**

*Using the earmarked reserve for the Skate Park and £13,678 from the reserves*

**RESOLVED** that following the decision of Swansea Council to approve the community asset transfer of land at Llwynderw

- i. We note that we have already instructed our solicitor to negotiate the lease with Swansea Council for a fee of no more than £2,500.
- ii. We instruct our solicitor to either draft a suitable letter or contract in respect of stage one build of the skate park. The fee for this to be no more than £1,500.

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Signed by Chair

- iii. We authorise the signing the said letter or contract confirming our stage one order to Maverick to complete phase one of the skate park build at a cost of £124,090 plus £6,205 contingency fund
- iv. We authorise the second stage application to the National Lottery for a grant of £271,579 to cover stage two of the skate park build.
- v. We engage Hurley and Davies to undertake project management of phase one of the skate park build at a cost of £5,953 plus principal designers role at a cost of £930.

*As part of our budget plans for 2022/23:*

- vi. We commit to funding for annual maintenance at a cost of £6,000
- vii. We commit to an annual sinking fund contribution of £7,822 per annum.


**Meeting closed at 1.55 pm**



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Signed by Chair





**Mumbles Community Council  
Meeting Agenda  
14 December 2021 at 6 pm  
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)**

**01 Apologies for Absence**

**02 Declarations of Interest**

**03 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9 November 2021**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2021 as a true record.

**04 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 24 November 2021**

To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 24 November 2021 as a true record.

**05 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 3 December 2021**

To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 3 December 2021 as a true record.

**06 Clerk's Report**

**RECOMMEND** that the report be noted.

**07 Chair's Report**

**RECOMMEND** that the report be noted.

**08 Financial Report**

**RECOMMEND** that the electronic payments be retrospectively approved, and the rest of the report be noted.

**Recommendations from the Community & Social Development Committee**

**09 Newton Park Basketball Hoop**

**RECOMMEND** that

- i. MCC accept Swansea Council's quote to Supply & Install 1 basketball post, ring, backboard and net, plus thermoplastic line markings for a half court on existing tarmac area which will be re-covered at a cost of no more than £4,000.

Cllr Louise Thomas to draw up an ongoing, users' and residents' engagement programme.

**10 Questions to the Chair of the Community & Social Development Committee**

**Recommendations from the Finance & Compliance Committee**

**11 Sculpture by the Sea Grant Application**

Grant application for £3,000 towards their annual festival.

**RECOMMEND** that a grant of £3,000 be made.

**12 Mumbles Traders Grant Application**

Grant application for £1,650 towards the costs of the Annual Christmas Lights & Parade Events being held on Thursday, 25 November 2021.

**RECOMMEND** that a grant of £1,650 be made.

**13 Questions to the Chair of the Finance & Compliance Committee**

**Recommendations from the Environmental Committee**

**14 Climate Pledge**

**RECOMMEND** that MCC sign Swansea Council's climate pledge

**15 Questions to the Chair of the Environmental Committee**

**16 Questions to the Chair of the Culture, Tourism & Communications Committee**

**17 Underhill**

Mumbles Community Association (MCA) have informed us that, due to the unprecedented increase in building costs, a further £365,000 is needed for the build

**PROPOSE** that to meet the shortfall of £365,000

1. MCA make all reasonable efforts to secure maximum lottery funding available
2. The grant agreement be amended as follows: Section 1.1. (a)(ii) be deleted and the £325,000 currently committed to the All-Weather Pitch (AWP) be used in connection with the building works

3. Up to £40,000 is taken from the contingency fund
4. We apply for an increase in loan approval of up to £365,000 from Welsh Government.
5. MCC reaffirm our commitment to exploring future options for the funding of an AWP.

PROPOSED by the Underhill JWG – Cllrs: Rebecca Fogarty, Martin O'Neill & Will Thomas