

Mumbles Community Association
5th Annual General Meeting 27th June 2021

Mumbles Community Association (MCA), is governed by a Constitution with which they obtained charitable status on 25th November 2015 Charity registration number **1164553**

The registered address is

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PRINCIPLE OFFICERS

Trustees

Simon Tse (Chairperson)
Clive Davies
Martin Rodwell
Christopher Parkin
Michael Podbielski
Gerwyn Jones (Deputy Chair and Secretary)
Peter C Bray (Treasurer)
David M Wilson
Alex Deeks (representing Friends of Underhill Park from June 2020)
Fiona Rees (from June 2020)

Charity Secretary

Gerwyn Jones

Treasurer for the Charity

Peter C Bray

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the year end and of its income resources and resources expended during that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practise have been followed subject to any departures, disclosed and explained in the

financial statements, prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act of 2011.

They are also responsible for the safe guarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

BANKERS

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

Improving the facilities and activities provided within Underhill Park for the benefit of the inhabitants living within the Mumbles Community Council Ward of Swansea These improved facilities will be for the benefit of all persons without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions.

GOVERNANCE

MCA holds a monthly Trustee meeting which receives reports from the various group leads working under the banner of “Go-Underhill”

Lead Trustees

Fundraising	Martin Rodwell
Planning, Design and Legal	David Wilson
MCA and MCC Joint Working Group	Simon Tse, David Wilson, Gerwyn Jones and Mike Podbelski
Marketing and Communications	Fiona Rees
Finance	Peter Bray

OUR VISION

Our vision is to transform Underhill Park into a “Community Hub” for the people of Mumbles and surrounding area.

We aim to do this by improving the grounds, providing a social, learning and recreational space with modern facilities, thus maximising the potential usage of the park and create a much-needed focal point for the community. By improving facilities in this central village location and enhancing the range of users from the community, it will ensure that this green area is safeguarded from other development in the future.

There is considerable evidence that a successful community centre positively influences;

- Health and well-being
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Educational development, skills and attainment
- Social and Community Cohesion
- Individual exclusion and access to services

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

The fundamental aim is to increase the number of people actively participating in active recreational activities, with the beneficial effect this will have on the health and wellbeing of the local population.

A new modern set of buildings which through its design will provide the opportunity to develop the potential of Underhill Park to act as the community hub to deliver an inclusive and wider range of sports, recreational and social activities.

We believe a set of community facilities with provision of social, recreational and sporting activities in Mumbles and the surrounding area will help break down barriers and bring people together for a positive purpose.

This project presents the opportunity for ordinary local people to contribute to the development of local services in the area. Mumbles has in the past been the focus for speculative commercial developments which has created much local dissent and opposition. It is believed that this project has the potential to bring a wide range of people together for the benefit of the whole community. It is hoped that all of the local population of Mumbles, Newton and West Cross, 16 600 people (2011 census) will benefit either directly or indirectly from our project.

There is a wider interest in the community to provide facilities that can increase participation for sections such as girls, women and people with disabilities that are not currently available.

The development will give the Council's Play Service the opportunity to provide or support holiday activities in the park.

Local schools will be able to use the facilities for their sporting recreational and fundraising events as well as using it as a base for outdoor education studies.

There is a tremendous potential for an improved Underhill Park to cater for School and summer holiday programmes and events, which could also enhance Mumbles attractiveness for visitors.

It is believed that the major benefit of the project will be the new building's ability to provide a focal point for the social interaction of the range of people involved in the activities delivered by the provision of this new venture. The community will at last have a facility where that they can meet and enjoy the wider opportunities that this project will provide. A facility, which can be used for activities both indoor and outdoor but all on the same central site.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2020/21

This is our 5th AGM since forming as a registered charity, and I am pleased to say it has been yet another busy, significant and very successful year for the Charity

As with other organisations the Pandemic has had an effect on the workings of the Charity, with all meetings successfully moving to an online environment but also impacting on potential funding opportunities as possible routes closed whilst people focussed on their response to COVID 19. This said it did not deter us and we remained focus on achieving our vision.

We have benefitted from having the experience and expertise of our two more in year appointed Trustees in both Alex Deeks and Fiona Rees as well as the continued support of the full Trustee group, and without them, we would not have achieved anything like what we have, they all bring a broad range of different skills and experience for which I as the chair am extremely grateful

As in previous years I would like to pay particular thanks to all of our Trustees for their passion, commitment, support and drive, with each and every one of them leaning in to make the project such a success and doing all the work necessary to deliver on our vision. I would like to again with Trustee's agreement, call out, David Wilson who has and remains front and centre in so many of the activities, especially in working with our legal team, the City and County of Swansea officials and the full design team in guiding the project through the many twist and turns presented to us during the year

Phase 1 of the Project

More detailed work on Phase 1 led by David Wilson was undertaken by the Design team, who were appointed during the year, and a planning application amendment has been submitted on the bases of the work as well as applying for agreement to our Sustainable drainage scheme and Building regulations approval

Individual elements of Phase 1

Improving the existing pavilion
New 4 block changing room including showers and toilets
New 2 block changing rooms including showers and toilets
Physiotherapy/medical room
Publicly accessible toilets
New services including, Water, Electric, Gas and plant room
Community Hub and Café
Storage
All Weather Pitch

A new business plan was developed for Phase 1 by David and Peter along with securing professional indemnity insurance

Many thanks to Meirion Howells, Glen Maggs, Paul Jennings, David Wilson and Peter Bray

Mumbles Community Council – Joint Working Group

During the year we finally signed a legally binding agreement with Mumbles Community Council that confirms their financial commitment to the project for £1.2m, following their successful application to the Welsh Government to allow MCC to apply for a loan in support of the scheme

This agreement is subject to a Tripartite agreement being signed by MCA, MCC and the City and County of Swansea, and work continues to achieve this through our legal teams which is proving challenging, but we remain hopeful that this will be resolved soon. This agreement aims to ensure that MCC's interest through the grant of £1.2M is protected in the event of MCA's demise during the 125 year lease agreement, without diluting the existing agreement between MCA and CCS.

It was also agreed between MCA and MCC that MCC should seek approval from the City and County of Swansea that MCC would be party to the lease agreements and this was approved through CCS's governance

Our thanks go to Mumbles Community Council for the continued support for the project

In addition, I would like to thank Mike Price and Aaron Haywood, of DJM Solicitors, without whose legal support we would not have made the progress we have on these Agreements

Funding Picture

National Lottery Community Fund £489,244 approved
Mumbles Community Council grant £1,200,000 approved subject to Tripartite agreement
Local Business and Individual Donations £25,000
Welsh Rugby Union Grant £25,000

An application for a £250,000 grant has been made to Welsh Government and the Communities Facilities Programme and we eagerly await the decision of the panel and the Minister in the newly appointed Welsh Parliament following the elections.

My thanks to Fiona Rees and Gerwyn Jones for leading on this submission along with Peter Bray, Meirion Howells, and David Wilson

Potential Funding routes such as Sport Wales for the All Weather Pitch closed as a result of the Pandemic, we will reignite these discussions in the new trading period as the picture unfolds. We have also supported the Football club in their discussions with the City Council with the aim of obtaining financial support from them for the AWP

Many thanks to Martin Rodwell for chairing the fundraising working group

Community Engagement

Wider Stakeholder Group

January 2021 saw us holding an online Wider stakeholder group presentation and it was lovely to see individuals who have been supporting us from the beginning as well as new faces joining the session, to hear first-hand the progress update and to discuss how they can get further involved as we move beyond the funding and build discussions and commence our thinking about the longer term running of the Park. Our discussions focussed on the setting up of various groups to lead on different themes such as catering, community events, park maintenance, administration and youth groups.

These sessions with Stakeholders have now been scheduled for July and November 2021 and we look forward to working with the group as well as inviting new members at subsequent events

Sporting partnership

I would like to thank both Simon Evans, Chair of Mumbles Rugby Football Club and Mickey Parkin, Chair Mumbles Rangers Football Club for their personal and clubs support for the project and for agreeing to relinquish their respective leases on the existing changing facilities when required to facilitate the building of the new facilities

Also, thanks to Swansea Cricket Club for their continued support

Youth Group - involving Young people

Led by Alex Deeks we are developing our thinking on engaging more young people aged between 11 and 18 years to join our new Underhill Park Youth Group. So that they can say what they want and how they would like to get involved in running the park as we move forward

Many thanks to Alex for driving our Youth agenda

Press and social media

A broad range of press articles and communications material were developed and placed by Fiona during the year and supported by Alex and Mike through our social media presence. In addition, our website has been refreshed as has our GoUnderhill logo and the introduction of Welsh language, GO EWCH UNDERHILL

Regular updates are now part of our DNA and the introduction of a new lockable Information Board which has been placed in the park is another useful way of keeping users of the park updated on developments. Thanks to Fiona, David Mike, Gerwyn

All in all, our approach to marketing and communications has been professionalised with the significant help from Fiona Rees.

Many thanks Fiona

Lessons Learned

Following the kind comments made by both the Leader of the City Council Cllr Rob Stewart and The Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration and Tourism Cllr Robert Francis-Davies, MCA is seen as an exemplar of how community groups should work and be structured, we have developed a “key to success” document.

Its aim is to share with others, how we in MCA have approached things and covers a broad range of subjects to getting the right people involved, having a

plan which is flexible, ensuring you have strong active communications throughout and being patient and persistent. This has been made available on request from our online presence

Additional thanks

Go to Chris Parkin for working so hard in producing our minutes for every meeting, to Gerwyn Jones for his work as Charity Secretary and deputy chair, and Peter Bray for all his work as Treasurer in managing our finances and producing not only our monthly finance pack but our annual trading reports

FINALLY

I am extremely proud of the Trustee team and everything that they have done to further our vision which is bringing us ever closer to delivering on our commitment. This time last year we had hoped to have commenced the work with a spade going into the ground, but unfortunately a series of events, some beyond our control have impacted on that hope, that said we are getting ever closer, and the team will be shortly going out to tender for the different elements of the project and subject to one of the final pieces of the jigsaw being in place, namely the Tripartite agreement the next year will see visible progress being made

As Chair again I would like to thank all of our Trustees and supporters without whom we would not have had such a good year nor be where we are today



**Signed by Simon Tse (Chairperson)
On behalf of the Board of Trustees**

Date June 2021