Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Regeneration

Environmental Action Team (TREAT)

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 19th October, 2015 at 6:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor S. G. Joseph)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W. D. Elliott BA)

Councillors: E. R. Harries

(Chairman – Public Works and Planning Committee)

R. D. Evans M. P. Rickard

C. A. Sharp G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons)

165. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor Mrs. Y. G. Southwell, and Councillors A. W. Eden, R. Gray, A. H. Miles and Mrs. C. T. Williams.

166. FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MARKET IN CHARLES STREET:

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declare a personal interest as he is Treasurer of the Milford Haven Business Circle and Milford Market.

A Member referred to the last TREAT meeting when Members were informed that the outdoor market had been unsuccessful. He suggested the possibility of investigating the future use of the building that included the former Motorworld premises, and that the Pembrokeshire County Council be contacted to ascertain whether that building can be used as an indoor market venue.

Members were advised that the plans were that the block - which includes the former Motorworld shop - is for it to be demolished because of its condition. It might not necessarily be in the plans to develop the site with retail units, although there has been some discussion as to the option of having some retail units on the ground floor of the new building.

The Mayor said that if the Town Council showed an interest in using part of the ground floor as an indoor market it would add more weight towards there being a need for retail units for Charles Street as opposed to flats. The Mayor advised that it would be some time before the new building would be completed.

Members agreed that, in the meantime, they should make further enquiries as to the possibility of using the former Select building as an indoor market, which had been suggested as an option by the representatives from the Milford Haven Business Circle at the Special Meeting.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) a letter be written to the Pembrokeshire County Council

stating that this Council has worked with the County

Council in an effort to regenerate the retail element

of Charles Street over many, many years; and

(ii) indicating that this Council is very supportive of having

an indoor market in Charles Street and understand that

the building which houses the former Motorworld premises

could provide such facility; and

(iii) asking the Pembrokeshire County Council as to what

are their future intentions as far as that building is

concerned, and if would they give consideration to it

being adopted, in part, to being used as an indoor market;

(iv) in the meantime, further enquiries are to be made as to

the possibility of using the former Select building as an

indoor market;

(v) the Milford Haven Business Circle is to be informed of the

Council’s correspondence.

167. REVIEW OF THE GRANT MADE TO MILFORD HAVEN BUSINESS CIRCLE FOR THE MILFORD MARKET:

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) said that he would not be voting on this issue as he is the Treasurer of the Milford Haven Business Circle and the Market, but would be pleased to answer pertinent questions.

Members were reminded that there were no conditions attached to the grant of £3,000, made by the Town Council to the Milford Haven Business Circle for the market, and this grant was match funded by Pembrokeshire County Council. A contribution of £1,500 was made by the Milford Haven Business Circle. These funds were deposited into a specific Market Bank Account.

A Councillor said that members of the Milford Haven Business Circle had tried their very best to make an outdoor market successful, and despite their efforts it regrettably was not.

Members felt that enquiries should be made as to how the grant for the outdoor market was utilised.

RESOLVED THAT the Town Council is to write to

the Milford Haven Business Circle stating:

(i) that Members share the regret of the Business

Circle that the outdoor market was not as successful

as the Town Council and the Business Circle would

have liked;

(ii) the Town Council would be grateful to know

how much money remains unspent from that project so

that the Town Council can become involved in a

partnership with the Milford Haven Business Circle

and other interested parties to investigate a future

indoor market facility;

(iii) in the event of an appropriate facility being acquired,

the Town Council seeks an assurance that the equipment

that was purchased for the outdoor market will be

available for any future facility.

168. DISCUSSION ON STREETSCAPE, FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH MR. GLENVILLE CODD, AREA MAINTENANCE MANAGER, PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Councillors R. D. Evans, M. P. Rickard and C. A. Sharp apologised for not being able to attend the meeting with Mr. G. Codd, as they had work commitments.

The Mayor said that he, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA and Councillor R. Gray had had a productive meeting with Mr. G. Codd, Area Maintenance Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council.

Mr. Codd had advised them that, because of Pembrokeshire County Council budget cuts, there would be no funds available for floral displays in next year’s budget. Mr. Codd said that this Council could have the floral receptacles and hanging baskets. Mr. Codd will have a maintenance budget to care for the plants and confirmed that he will be pleased to maintain plants purchased by this Council.

Mr. Codd also noticed that every waste bin in Charles Street is of a different style and shape and is going to try and make them uniform.

Mr. Codd identified a number of places where additional seats and flower planters could be located. Mr. Codd discussed the possibility of moving a waterfall effect feature to the area outside the old Job Centre with another one on the other side of the road. This would give an effect of a gateway and a welcome to the retail aspect of the town.

The possibility of siting a waterfall display by Priory Street was discussed, which would provide a welcome to the lower end of Charles Street.

Mr. Codd was also investigating the costings of supplying Christmas trees for Charles Street.

RESOLVED THAT a letter be written to the

Pembrokeshire County Council asking what

reduction in services and facilities within

Milford Haven do they anticipate and whether

they could inform the Town Council at their

earliest convenience so Members can carry out,

where possible, arrangements to counter

this.

The Mayor advised that Mr. Codd would be sending a comprehensive report to the Clerk itemising the cost of the works. The Mayor said that he would include a large scale drawing of Charles Street with this report in which he would highlight the location of the proposed streetscape.

A Member flagged up the fact that the Mayor had distributed 100 letters to local traders, and only 5 had replied.

RESOLVED THAT the Town Council writes to

the 5 traders, thanking them for their

responses.

169. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NOVEMBER TREAT MEETING:

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the next

TREAT Meeting is as follows:-

(i) Apologies.

(ii) Report from the Mayor and Mr. G. Codd

regarding Streetscape.

(iii) A report on the Indoor Market.

(iv) Problems with Dog Fouling.

170. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

RESOLVED THAT the next TREAT Meeting will be held

on Monday, 16th November, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

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