Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Regeneration

Environmental Action Team (TREAT)

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Tuesday, 1st September, 2015 at 6:15 pm

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PRESENT

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

Councillors: E. R. Harries

(Chairman – Public Works and Planning Committee)

A. E. Byrne A. W. Eden

R. Gray A. H. Miles

M. P. Rickard C. A. Sharp

Mrs. C. T. Williams

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons)

91. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Councillor S. G. Joseph, the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor Mrs. Y. G. Southwell, and Councillor R. D. Evans.

92. TO DISCUSS THE MILFORD HAVEN REGENERATION ACTION PLAN (TO INCLUDE FEEDBACK FROM TRADERS) AND DECIDE ON A WAY FORWARD:

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA, as Chair of this Committee, informed Councillor Byrne of the decisions made at the earlier meeting regarding the Terms of Reference for TREAT.

(a) Milford Market:

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal interest as the Hon. Treasurer of the Milford Haven Business Circle.

Councillor C. A. Sharp advised that he was no longer a member of the Milford Haven Business Circle.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) gave background information on the Action Plan. He suggested TREAT could focus initially on the market (in which this Council has invested £3,000) and the streetscape, which is the next item on the Agenda.

He explained that Milford Market started in July 2014 and was run by two volunteers from the Milford Haven Business Circle. Because of the commitment that was required, it was impossible for the Market to continue, and in June/July this year the Market was paused while consideration be given to a way forward to restarting the Market in a sustainable way.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) explained that there are 9 paid up members in the Milford Haven Business Circle. Others attend the meetings, but are not members, they therefore do not have any voting rights. Mr. B. Jenkins is still the Chairman, and Mr. K. Parr is the Secretary. These two individuals ran the Market for nearly a year and are ideally placed to be able to answer questions and to explain to the TREAT Committee what is involved with the Market and the issues they encountered with the Market.

RESOLVED THAT:

(a) Mr. B. Jenkins, Chairman, and Mr. K. Parr,

Secretary, Milford Haven Business Circle

be invited to a Special Meeting of TREAT

to discuss their experiences regarding

Milford Market;

The Clerk asked if the Special Meeting could take place after September’s Full Council, but during the last week of September, in order that all Members could have the opportunity to scrutinise the TREAT Minutes at Full Council before the Special Meeting took place. This was not agreed and it was FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

(b) this meeting is to be arranged at the

earliest opportunity.

(b) Responses from the Traders to the Mayor’s Letter:

The Clerk said that the Mayor had been provided with 100 copies of letters

to deliver to traders. Members expressed disappointment that only 5 responses had been received.

The Clerk was asked whether any Councillors had submitted any comments regarding the Action Plan. She replied that they had not. A Member at the meeting said that he did not agree with some of the points on the Action Plan concerning parking.

93. UPDATE ON STREETSCAPE:

Members were advised that the Mayor had spoken with Mr. R. Brown, Head of Environment and Civil Contingencies, Pembrokeshire County Council, who showed him a large catalogue showing different streetscape designs. The Mayor had suggested that as a starting point that he and some Councillors could walk through the town with a Streetscape Design Officer who will advise not only what is needed but also where it should be located.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA, and Councillors A. W. Eden, R. Gray, A. H. Miles, M. P. Rickard, C. A. Sharp and Mrs. C. T. Williams indicated that they were interested in exploring streetscape with the Design Officer.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk contacts the Design

Officer, Pembrokeshire County Council, to

arrange a suitable date for the site meeting.

Councillor E. R. Harries wished it to be recorded that he has expressed concern at this Council receiving word of mouth reports. Members should insist that any information

that this Council receives comes from an appropriate salaried officer who is responsible for issuing that information.

94. AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT TREAT MEETING:

The Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA, said that following the Terms of Reference Meeting he was adding this item to this evening’s Agenda.

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the next

Treat Meeting is as follows:-

(i) Apologies

(ii) Discussion on the Milford Market with representatives

from the Milford Haven Business Circle

(iii) Item(s) for discussion at the October TREAT meeting

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