Minutes of a Meeting of the

Public Events Sub-Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Tuesday, 16th February, 2016 at 4:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor S. G. Joseph)

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

Councillors: A. W. Eden E. R. Harries

C. A. Sharp

Mr. B. T. Jenkins, Chairman, Milford Haven Business Circle

Mr. M. Johnson, Vice Chairman, Milford Haven Round Table

283. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. Y. G. Southwell and G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons). Apologies for absence were not received from Councillors A. E. Byrne, A. H. Miles and Mrs. C. Stevens.

284. CO-OPTION OF ORGANISATIONS TO THE PUBLIC EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, welcomed Mr. B. T. Jenkins, Chairman, Milford Haven Business Circle, and the Vice-Chairman of the Milford Haven Round Table, Mr. M. Johnson, to the meeting.

(a) Milford Haven Round Table:

The Chairman asked Mr. M. Johnson to update the Committee on the Round Table’s plans for this year.

Mr. Johnson said that the members of the Milford Haven Round Table are in the process of arranging this year’s events.

They have been thinking that all the events they arrange are family based and would like an event for the adults to enjoy, and are discussing the possibility of a Beer Festival. They are not thinking of making a massive profit from the event; they want to put something back into the community.

The members of the Round Table have been in discussion with the Port Authority who would provide the venue for free, as long as the Round Table can fit in with the Port Authority’s timescale, which is to hold the event in July.

Mr. Johnson referred to all the events in Milford Haven – the Fish Festival, Founders’ Day and the Carnival – which will take place within a very short space of time and the problems of arranging another event so close to the Carnival. He said that the Round Table has also discussed the option of an Octoberfest, which would take place in October and could be held at a venue such as the Pill Social Centre.

Mr. Johnson said that any help from Members of this Council would be gratefully received as the Round Table is not as abundant in numbers as it has been in previous years.

A Member of the Town Council said that it has been flagged up at Council meetings that Councillors should not just put money into events, but get involved in them.

Mr. Johnson said that he is more than happy to arrange his work schedule around meetings of the Public Events Sub-Committee. He will be made Chairman of the Round Table in April.

The Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, thanked Mr. Johnson and said that the Committee looks forward to receiving updates on Round Table events throughout the year.

(b) Milford Haven Business Circle:

Mr. B. T. Jenkins, Milford Haven Business Circle, said that the Business Circle was trying to extend Founders’ Day to both sides of Charles Street. He confirmed that the Port Authority will fund Radio Pembrokeshire’s fee for the Founders’ Day event. He was contacting organisations in the town to see if they were available to participate in Founders’ Day.

Mr. Jenkins explained that he has met with difficulties in liaising with an officer from the Pembrokeshire County Council to discuss issues relating to Founders’ Day. He confirmed that a meeting with the officer has been arranged for 15th March. He would be able to provide more information on the format for Founders’ Day after that meeting.

Mr. Jenkins said that the Milford Haven Business Circle wants to do more in the town to regenerate the town centre.

The Mayor, in his role as County Councillor, and the Clerk said that, if requested, they would assist the Business Circle in liaising with the Pembrokeshire County Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Jenkins for the information, and said that the Committee looks to forward to receiving more information on the Founders’ Day event.

285. CITIZENS AWARD PRESENTATION EVENING:

The Chairman said that he had asked for this item to be put on the Agenda.

Last year he was honoured to receive a Citizens Award but thought that the evening would benefit from entertainment.

The Chairman suggested that this year’s Citizens Award Presentation Evening would be enhanced if an ensemble group from the Milford Haven Junior Town Band played musical items during the evening.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT an ensemble

from the Milford Haven Junior Town Band be

invited to perform during this year’s

Citizens Award Presentation Evening.

286. ‘STOKEY’ LEWIS MEMORIAL:

Members discussed a quotation from EP Monumental Masons for a compass to be fixed on to ‘Stokey’ Lewis’ Memorial in the Memorial Gardens.

There had been a sundial on the Memorial some years ago which had been vandalised.

A Member suggested that it would be more appropriate if a replica of the Victoria Cross was engraved in slate and fixed to the memorial.

Another Member felt that slate would not be a suitable option as it would be too soft on the edges, the longevity is not very good and it is very brittle. He suggested that the replica should be cast in bronze.

A Member questioned whether there would be an issue with copyright if the Council used the image of the Victoria Cross.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) the Public Event Sub-Committee agrees, in

principle, to engraving a replica of the

Victoria Cross on ‘Stokey’ Lewis’ memorial

stone in the Memorial Gardens;

(ii) the Clerk is to investigate the feasibility,

costings, and legal implications of using a replica

of the Victoria Cross.

287. THE QUEEN’S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

The Chairman advised that the Queen will be celebrating her 90th birthday this year.

There are a number of celebrations taking place across the Country. One of the national events is a street party in London and another is a Service of Thanksgiving on the 10th June.

The Chairman suggested that this Council could perhaps organise a street party or a Service of Thanksgiving followed by some sort of celebration in the Council Chamber. He believed that Haverfordwest Town Council is arranging a celebration with residents over 90 years old.

The Clerk advised that on previous occasions the Council has made a donation to residents organising their own street parties.

A Member enquiried as to whether anyone present at the meeting was aware of street parties being arranged to celebrate the Queen’s birthday. No one present was aware of any parties. The Chairman said that street parties could be arranged in April, May or June.

A discussion followed on the best way to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) the Rath be closed on Sunday, 12th June,

2016, for a celebration of the Queen’s

90th birthday;

(ii) people will be invited to bring their

own picnics to the Rath and the Town

Council will provide entertainment;

(iii) anyone holding their own street

party is to apply to the Town Council

for a small grant to help fund it.

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