Minutes of a Meeting of the

Social Media Group

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Tuesday, 16th February, 2016 at 5:00 pm

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PRESENT

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

Councillors: C. A. Sharp M. P. Rickard

Ms. F. K. Galliford, Secretary

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

Ms. L. James, Marketing Manager, Port of Milford Haven

Mr. A. Brown, ICT Technical Systems Administrator, Port of Milford Haven

288. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. R. Sinnett and Ms. A. Malloy, PR and Communications Manager, Port of Milford Haven. Apologies for absence were not received from Councillors R. D. Evans and M. J. Norman.

289. DISCUSSION ON TOWN WIFI:

The Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, welcomed Mr. B. T. Jenkins, Ms. L. James and Mr. A. Brown to the Social Media Group Meeting.

The Chairman said that with the exception of Mr. B. T. Jenkins and Ms. L. James everybody was present when Mr. D. Bannister from Antur Teifi attended a Special Council Meeting to discuss Wifi in Milford Haven.

The Milford Haven Business Circle had arranged a presentation by Mr. Bannister the week prior to this meeting. Unfortunately, Mr. Bannister was unwell and unable to attend the meeting and no one attended on his behalf.

The Chairman advised, at the Special Meeting, there was some discussion regarding the locations of the access points on the map provided by Mr. Bannister, and whether they were all needed to be located in Charles Street or whether some could be moved towards the Marina to encompass the town.

The Chairman asked Mr. B. T. Jenkins what was the consensus of the Business Circle.

Mr. Jenkins replied that he had spoken to 4 of the businesses listed as Access Point Locations in the documentation provided by Mr. Bannister. There was little interest in participating in the project.

The Chairman reminded Members that these Access Point Locations were examples given by Mr. Bannister. He was aware that there were 3 businesses not listed as Access Point Locations that are in favour of hosting the access points.

Mr. Jenkins said that a meeting with the Senior Manager of Antur Teifi has been arranged for the next meeting of the Business Circle. At the moment not all the businesses were in support of the project. Some points raised were that most places have free Wifi; people have smartphones; and would the scheme attract people into Milford Haven.

The representatives from the Port Authority were asked about the Port Authority’s wireless network.

Ms. James replied that they have free Wifi for berth holders. The Port of Milford Haven is considering developing their own network of free Wifi for visitors to the Marina and the Docks. They did enquire as to the cost of the access points and were informed that they would need 3 of the units, but at a cost of £1,500 per unit.

Members then discussed the possible location of the 7 access points allocated to this Council.

Members considered that it would be beneficial to have coverage throughout the town and it was suggested that 4 access points could be located to encompass the retail centre in the town with 3 located at the Marina.

Locations for installing the access units were discussed.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) the Clerk investigates with Mr. D. Bannister,

Antur Teifi, or one of his associates, the possibility

of moving some of the access point locations as

shown in his documentation – some to the Marina

and others to different locations where businesses

have agreed to host them;

(ii) once this has been confirmed there will be

further discussion regarding the actual locations

with owners of the properties.

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