Minutes of a Meeting of the

Public Events Sub-Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Tuesday, 25th October, 2016 at 2:30 pm

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PRESENT

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

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

134. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp, and Councillors A. H. Miles, Mrs. Y. G. Southwell, Mrs. C. Stevens and G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons).

135. REVIEW OF COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR MR. HUBERT WILLIAM “STOKEY” LEWIS VC ON 22ND OCTOBER, 2016:

Members agreed that the Service to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Mr. Hubert William “Stokey” Lewis VC receiving the Victoria Cross was very successful and very well attended.

The Clerk said that the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets had set out the Council Chamber for the Reception before the Service, had loaned their tea urn, and one of their officers had served refreshments to the VIPs, for which the Clerk was very grateful.

One of the Members suggested that if the Council had an amplification system it could be used to enhance all the Services arranged by the Milford Haven Town Council, such as the Tribute to Fishermen’s Service.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

 (i) the Clerk is to investigate the availability of

 appropriate amplification systems, which will

 be used for events similar to this one;

 (ii) the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines

 Cadets be given a donation of £80 for their

 assistance in organising the Reception before

 the Commemoration Service;

 (iii) this donation is to be taken from the Public

 Events Budget.

 The Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS declared a personal interest in this issue as he is Commanding Officer of the Unit in Milford Haven.

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in this issue as he is Chairman of the Unit Management Committee.

136. DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF A WWI MEMORIAL BENCH:

Members examined a photograph of a WWI Memorial Bench.

A Member said that this Council does not have any tributes in the Memorial Gardens to those who lost their lives in combat.

He thought it would be fitting if the Council purchased a WWI Memorial Bench to be installed in the Memorial Gardens, especially in the light of the Commemoration Service for Mr. Hubert William “Stokey” Lewis VC and the Centenary of the Great War.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

 (i) the Milford Haven Town Council purchases

 a WWI Memorial Bench from the Memorial

 Benches Company UK, in the sum of £699

 plus VAT and £125 plus VAT for delivery;

 (ii) this sum is to be funded partly from the

 £400 remaining in the Public Events Budget,

 and the Clerk is to use her discretion as to

 what budget line to utilise to fund the balance.

137. DISCUSSION ON FESTIVITIES WEEK:

The Chairman referred to this year’s disappointing Festivities Week. The Chairman said that Festivities Weeks appeared to be more successful when organisations were involved with the Council.

The Chairman advised the Manchester Club would no longer be able to host the Blind Pairs Darts evening on Festivities Week.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT all the

 organisations in the Town are to be

 informed that the Town Council believes

 that Festivities Week has declined. Members

 are anxious to revitalise Festivities Week and

 would be grateful for any suggestions

 to achieve this objective and an indication

 of whether any organisations would be

 interested in participating in Festivities Week.

138. FUNDING FOR THE MILFORD HAVEN ROUND TABLE:

The Chairman said that at January’s meeting to consider the Precept, it had been agreed to award donations to Milford Haven Business Circle and Milford Haven Round Table, subject to funds being released on the recommendation of the Public Events Sub-Committee.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT the Public

 Events Sub-Committee recommends that

 the £4,000 grant allocated to Milford Haven

 Round Table be released.

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