Minutes of a Meeting of the

 Christmas Lights/Festivities Sub-Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 10th April, 2017 at 6:15 pm

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor C. A. Sharp)

Councillors: A. W. Eden (Chairman) E. R. Harries

 R. Gray A. H. Miles

276. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, and Councillors Mrs. Y. G. Southwell and Mrs. C. Stevens.

277. REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2016:

(a) Christmas Lights:

 The Chairman, Councillor A. W. Eden, advised that last year’s switch on of the Christmas Lights was very successful and only positive comments had been received.

 The Chairman stated that the Council’s Electrician had carried out essential work in the Town Hall, Memorial Gardens and Hamilton Terrace to comply with current legislation. It was anticipated that there would not be any remedial work required this year.

 The Chairman said that although he would be retiring from the Council, he would be pleased to help Members with the festive arrangements if requested.

(b) Thanks to Chairman:

 The Chairman was thanked for all his hard work and commitment as Chairman of the Christmas Lights/Festivities Sub-Committee.

 The Chairman referred to all the support given by former Councillor Mr. M. H. George QGM. Members acknowledged Mr. George’s help with deep gratitude and also expressed such gratitude to Mrs. D. Eden and Mrs. V. George.

(c) Entertainment:

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT, subject to there

 being no new ideas which would enhance the afternoon’s entertainment - which had proved very successful over many years - the format for the afternoon’s entertainment should remain unchanged.

(d) Mr. J. S. Hughes – Master of Ceremonies:

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT Mr. J. S. Hughes

 be asked to act as Master of Ceremonies for

 this year’s visit of Father Christmas.

(e) Donations:

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT donations be made

 to the following organisations for their contribution

 towards the entertainment outside the Town Hall

 during last year’s visit of Father Christmas.

 (i) Neyland Ladies Choir - £50 (plus an additional

 £40 for transportation of their piano).

 (ii) Stratford Players - £50.

 (iii) a donation of £50 be made to the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets for their assistance

 in marshalling the crowds during the afternoon.

 (iv) a donation of £50 be made to the Milford Haven Army

 Cadets for their assistance in marshalling the crowds during the afternoon.

(f) Lantern Parade:

 The Chairman advised that the Police had asked for a meeting later in the year to discuss the marshalling of the Lantern Parade.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT the information

 be received.

(g) Amalgamation of Christmas Lights/Festivities Sub-Committee and

 Public Events Sub-Committee:

 A Member suggested the merging of the Christmas Lights/Festivities Sub-Committee and Public Events Sub-Committee.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT discussion on this

 issue be deferred until after the Council’s

 Annual General Meeting.

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