Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 31st July, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor C. A. Sharp)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. D. Gray)

Councillors: A. E. Byrne T. Davies

W. D. Elliott BA QTS R. D. Evans

Miss K. Gray E. R. Harries

B. T. Jenkins Mrs. T. Olin

M. P. Rickard D. R. Sinnett

Mrs. L. E. Turner Mrs. C. T. Williams

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

Youth

Representatives: Miss A. Coaker Miss B. Roberts

County Councillor S. G. Joseph was present for part of the meeting.

TO RECEIVE MR. J. GRIFFITHS, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND LEISURE, PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, AND MR. G. NICHOLAS, LEISURE SERVICES HEAD OFFICER, PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, REGARDING THE PADDLING POOL ON THE RATH:

The Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp, welcomed Mr. J. Griffiths, Director of Social Services and Leisure, Pembrokeshire County Council, and Mr. G. Nicholas, Leisure Services Head Officer, Pembrokeshire County Council, to the meeting.

Mr. Griffiths thanked Members for the invitation to the meeting.

Mr. Griffiths advised that he had taken up the post of Director of Social Services and Leisure on 1st December, 2016.

Mr. Griffiths said that he wanted to come and meet with the Town Council to discuss the Paddling Pool on The Rath. The Pembrokeshire County Council had received a number of representations and a petition so it was clear that there was very strong public feeling against the proposals to close this Paddling Pool.

Mr. Griffiths advised that he believed that there had not been enough local dialogue before submitting the budget cuts to Council.

Mr. Griffiths asked whether there are opportunities for the Town and County Councils to work in partnership as far as the future operational costs of the Paddling Pool are concerned. He said that Pembrokeshire County Council budgets have not yet been set for next year and there are some real challenges ahead.

A Member referred to the £1,000 that had been raised for the Paddling Pool by local donations. He asked how that funding had been used.

Mr. Nicholas explained that the donation had been used to cap the budget. £1,000 is approximately a third of the overall budget. There are only a number of days in the year in which the Paddling Pool is operational. If there is a full summer with nice weather the cost could rise to over £4,500. In the last financial year the budget was just over £3,500 and this year it will be about £4,000.

There are also secondary expenses such as weeding, painting and other preparation work. Any assistance that the Pembrokeshire County Council can secure for those elements the less working time is required.

Mr. Griffiths was asked how the Pembrokeshire County Council saw the position in, say, 5 years’ time. Mr. Griffiths replied that there was not a fixed position on this whatsoever. Each town was different and there may not be the possibility for a long-term partnership.

A Member said that it is not just people in Milford Haven who use the Paddling Pool and that a lot of people come from other towns across Pembrokeshire to use this facility.

Another Member asked who makes the decision as to when the Paddling Pool is open. Mr. Nicholas said that people need to contact the Meads Leisure Centre for definitive answers.

A Member said that she had visited the Paddling Pool earlier that day and spoken to families there. One family had said that they use the Paddling Pool a lot as they have three children – aged 18 months, 6 years and 10 years so to go into an indoor pool they would be in different age groups. They had problems in finding out if the Paddling Pool was open and would like it open daily, regardless of the weather.

Another Member said that he was very concerned about the future of the Paddling Pool. He posed that the worst-case scenario - if this Council finds it impossible to contribute towards funding the Paddling Pool and no other source of funding can be found, would the Pembrokeshire County Council no longer maintain the Paddling Pool?

Mr. Griffiths replied that he could not say at this stage. There is no current threat from the Pembrokeshire County Council that there is no future for the Paddling Pool. Mr. Griffiths said that he genuinely wants to work locally to seek a solution.

Mr. Griffiths advised that the Pembrokeshire County Council finds itself in a very challenging financial position. They are looking at planning over the next 4 to 5 years and there are genuine challenges in managing a budget with reducing settlement from the Welsh Government. There are shifts from reducing Pembrokeshire County Council budgets to community resilience and Town Councils picking up some of the services.

A Member thanked Mr. Griffiths for the information. The Member then suggested that this Council should appoint a Sub-Group to begin discussions with colleagues from the Pembrokeshire County Council on this issue and other issues around partnerships and service models which will be coming forward over the next few months. This Sub- Group would be empowered to liaise and talk with representatives from the Pembrokeshire County Council and bring those issues back to the Chamber.

The Sub-Group could co-opt individuals from the community as and when the issue presents itself, such as when it comes to looking at the Paddling Pool issue.

The Member was reminded that this Council was not in session and asked that the proposal be repeated under the Agenda Item “Information from the Mayor”.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Nicholas for attending and they left the meeting.

The Youth Representatives joined the meeting during the presentation.

There followed a short recess during which Councillors A. E. Byrne, M. P. Rickard and Mrs. C. T. Williams joined the meeting.

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PRAYERS:

Prayers were led by the Mayor’s Chaplain, Father Harri Williams.

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The formal meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council then commenced.

78. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. H. Miles and Mrs. Y. G. Southwell. Apologies for absence were not received from Councillor J. Thrower.

79. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13TH JULY, 2017:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of

the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

13th July, 2017, be accepted and that they

be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

80. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

(a) Mayor’s Engagements

Members were informed of the Mayor’s Engagements since the 13th July, 2017:

14th July - Race for Life at Milford Haven Junior School

14th July - P1 Powerboat Welsh Grand Prix Reception

15th July - P1 Powerboat Welsh Grand Prix Race

15th July - Milford Haven Town Band Concert at the Torch Theatre

16th July - P1 Powerboat Welsh Grand Prix Races

16th July - Neyland Civic Service (attended by Deputy Mayor)

19th July - Pupil and Community Celebration at Milford School

19th July - Opening of New Extension of ‘Image by Vanessa’

20th July - Leavers assembly at Milford Haven Junior School

20th July - Radio Pembrokeshire Awards

21st July - Port of Milford Haven Stakeholders Meeting

21st July - Mayor of Pembroke Dock’s Civic Dinner

22nd July - Milford Haven Fire Station Open Day

22nd July - Dance Award Presentation at Pill Social Centre

23rd July - Mayor of Narberth’s Civic Service and Luncheon

23rd July - Beating of the Bounds at Haverfordwest

27th July - Littler Picking at Howarth Close

27th July - South Hook Liaison Group Meeting

(b) Visit to South Hook LNG

The Mayor advised that when he attended the South Hook Liaison Group Meeting, he was informed that South Hook LNG was aware that there were a number of new Councillors and offered a site visit to all Councillors. The Mayor asked for any interested Member to contact the Clerk.

(c) Army Cadets

The Mayor said that at 7:00 pm on 16th August the Army Cadets are holding an open evening at their Unit. They have extended this invitation to all Councillors and will show Members how the donation from this Council has been expended.

(d) Pembrokeshire County Council Liaison Group

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the Milford Haven Town Council establishes a

Pembrokeshire County Council Liaison Group

to look at not only the Paddling Pool on The Rath,

but also to encompass other issues that emerge

from the Pembrokeshire County Council in terms of

partnership developments for services that are run

in the town;

(ii) the Sub-Group has the power to co-opt people from

outside of the Council to discuss specific issues;

(iii) County Councillor S. G. Joseph is to be involved in

discussions concerning the Paddling Pool;

(iv) the Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp, the Deputy Mayor,

Councillor R. D. Gray, and Councillors R. D. Evans,

Miss K. Gray, B. T. Jenkins and the two Youth

Representatives – Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts

are to be Members of this Group;

(v) the first meeting of the Pembrokeshire County Council

Liaison Group is to be held prior to Full Council on

7th September, 2017;

(vi) the Pembrokeshire County Council Link Officer, Ms.

J. Ashley-Jones, who will be addressing the Full Council

Meeting, is to be invited to attend the Pembrokeshire

Liaison Group meeting.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

81. PUBLIC EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Events Sub-Committee held on 17th July, 2017, were moved by the Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Public Events

Sub-Committee held on 17th July, 2017, be approved

and adopted.

82. SOCIAL MEDIA GROUP:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Social Media Group held on 17th July, 2017, were moved by the Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Social Media

Group held on 17th July, 2017, be approved

and adopted.

83. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND LAND ACQUISITION GROUP:

Councillor T. Davies declared a personal interest as he is waiting for the result of a dispensation request.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery Maintenance and Land Acquisition Group held on 24th July, 2017, were moved by the Chairman, Councillor M. P. Rickard.

(a) Minute 77 (a) – Town Council Insurance Policy

The Mayor advised that the Clerk had contacted the Council’s Insurers to ask what percentage this Council would receive on a claim of, for example, £5,000 worth of damage if the insurance cover on the buildings remained the same.

The Clerk had been informed that the maximum payable amount would be approximately £2,000 on Cemetery Lodge and £550 on the Chapel.

The Mayor referred to the figures shown for the reinstatement value of the various buildings at the Cemetery, which appeared to be excessive for this area.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the Minutes of the Cemetery Maintenance and

Land Acquisition Group held on 24th July, 2017 be

approved and adopted with the exception of Minute

77 (a);

(ii) the Clerk is to investigate the situation further and

obtain the reinstatement value of the Cemetery

buildings from a local Valuer.

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84. CEMETERY REPORT FOR JUNE 2017:

RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Report, as

presented by the Clerk for the month of

June, 2017, be received.

85. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES:

The Mayor said that he had asked for this to be put on the Agenda. He reminded Members that in his inaugural speech as Mayor he had said that it was his intention to invite the County Councillors for Milford Haven to attend several Council meetings in the year. He wished to open a two-way dialogue with County Councillors and be informed of any issues that this Council might have and for them to advise this Council of any pertinent issues.

The Mayor said that he had written to all six County Councillors to invite them to this evening’s meeting. He thanked County Councillor S. G. Joseph for his attendance. Two of the six County Councillors – Councillors D. R. Sinnett and G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) are Town Councillors and present at this evening’s meeting.

The Mayor read out Councillor Mrs. V. M. Stoddart’s response to his letter in which she said that she observed Milford Haven Town Council meetings when she feels there are items on the Agenda which are relevant to County Council issues, affect her Hubberston Ward or of interest to the public. She also works with the three Town Councillors who represent Hubberston Ward. Councillor Mrs. Stoddart has a Facebook page where she provides public information and gives information on her activities on behalf of the electorate. Councillor Mrs. Stoddart said that for the time being she is content with this arrangement and does not wish for any formal feedback sessions with Milford Haven Town Council. She declined the Mayor’s invitation to attend this meeting unless items subsequently appear on the Agenda that she wished to observe as a member of the public.

The Mayor advised that he had not received a response to his letter from either Councillor S. T. Hudson (North Ward) or M. Stoddart (Hakin Ward). He expressed disappointment at this, as he believes that Town and County Councillors should be trying to work together. He had checked Standing Orders and County Councillors can speak at Town Council meetings if requested.

A Member questioned whether this statement was valid as this had never happened in all the years he had been a Councillor and he did not believe that Standing Orders permitted County Councillors to speak at Town Council meetings.

Another Member referred to Standing Order 29(a) which stated “an invitation to attend a meeting of this Council shall be sent, together with the Agenda, to the Councillor of the Pembrokeshire County Council representing its electoral ward”. He considered that it would be nonsensical when an invitation is sent to County Councillors for them not to be able to speak. He could not find anything in Standing Orders stating that a County Councillor receiving an invitation is not able to speak. It may be that this needs to go forward to a Standing Orders Sub-Committee for further discussion to confirm that County Councillors can speak when invited to do so by the Mayor at Town Council meetings.

The first Member said that he was not convinced that a case has been made for this procedure and moved that the Council does not introduce this at this stage until the appropriate alteration to Standing Orders has been implemented. The Member stated that Standing Order 29(a) does not indicate that a County Councillor other than as a Member of this Council can speak.

The Mayor advised that other Councils, such as Neyland, invite County Councillors to speak at their Full Council meetings.

It was proposed and seconded that County Councillors be allowed to speak at this evening’s meeting and this issue be redirected to the Standing Orders Sub-Committee.

A vote was taken and the proposal was carried with two abstentions.

Councillor E. R. Harries wished to stress his opposition to the implementation of the proposal at this stage, as he considered that the Standing Orders as they are at the moment do not facilitate this procedure.

Councillor Harries said that he had explained to the Mayor that he had to leave the meeting early this evening and left the meeting at this point.

The Mayor asked Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons), who is County Councillor for the East Ward, to make his report on County Council issues.

County Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) said that he had been appointed Chair of Policy and Pre-Decision Scrutiny Committee.

To date, one meeting has been held. The October meeting will be Pre-Decision Scrutiny of the Waste Review which will be of interest to this Council and the wider community.

At July’s Full Council meeting the merger of the Meads Infant and Nursery School and Milford Haven Junior School was approved which will take effect from 1st September, 2018. At present, the merged School will remain on the two current sites.

An application for Band B 21st Century School funding has been submitted to the Welsh Government requesting funding for a new primary school building for Milford Haven. However, even if on the same funding basis as Band A 21st Century funding, the Local Authority estimates a need to identify £50 million funding to deliver Band B. There are no guarantees that this funding can be found.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) said that he is continuing with the usual Ward issues which focus primarily on housing issues on the Mount Estate – Housing Revenue account may be utilised to help address housing stock issues.

The Mayor thanked Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) for this information.

County Councillor D. R. Sinnett, the County Councillor for the West Ward, was then asked to make a report.

Councillor Sinnett explained that initial discussions are starting to take place about the shape of next year’s budget for the Pembrokeshire County Council. The Pembrokeshire County Council needs to make around £12 million of savings so it is going to be a challenging year not only for the County as a whole but also for the Council in terms of how they make those savings and what the impact will be on the services delivered. As that process proceeds the County Councillors will provide further information about some of the proposals coming forward.

Councillor Sinnett said that he is also a member of the Policy and Pre-Decision Overview and Scrutiny Committee that Councillor Woodham chairs. He is on the Waste Management Sub-Group so will be heavily involved in the discussions relating to such issues as recycling and residual waste collection. Councillor Sinnett advised that this is not going to be an easy matter, as again there are challenging Welsh Government targets and there are issues as to how the Council funds its services in terms of waste management.

Councillor Sinnett said that he has been invited to become Anti-Poverty Champion for the County Council. He has also been placed as a County Council representative on the

Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee in Haverfordwest. In addition, Councillor Sinnett has been appointed on the MIND Management Group and will attend the first meeting in September.

Councillor Sinnett referred to the recent community clean up event at Howarth Close which had been attended by the Mayor and Councillor Davies. Councillor Sinnett said that it was heartening to see services come together to spruce up the Estate. It is important that the improvement is sustained to keep the estate as clean and tidy as possible.

Councillor Sinnett advised that there are a number of traffic issues relating to parking.

He highlighted the area towards the end of Priory Road around Robert Street. There is displacement from Robert Street car park into the residential streets surrounding that area, as people do not wish to pay for parking in the town and park on the highway as a result. This has led to residents in that area being unable to park near to their own properties. Councillor Sinnett has requested proposals that can be taken forward relating to the potential for restricted parking times or a Resident Only Parking Scheme which will need to go out for consultation within the next few months.

Councillor Sinnett said that there are also concerns in Prioryville in relation to traffic management and the speed of traffic around school times – particularly 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. He has had some discussions with Highways on this issue.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Sinnett for his report.

The Mayor then asked County Councillor S. G. Joseph, the County Councillor for the Central Ward, if he wished to make any observations.

Councillor Joseph explained that he had not prepared a report and had attended this meeting to start a local dialogue. He said that he had been appointed to the Dyfed- Powys Police and Crime Panel and the Fire Authority Panel. He would be pleased to attend Full Council meetings on a regular basis.

Councillor Joseph advised that he was in contact with the contractors who are demolishing the former Motorworld building. The building will be demolished very soon.

Councillor Joseph said that the Town Clerk could contact him with any queries.

The Mayor thanked the County Councillors for their valuable input.

Councillor Joseph then left the meeting.

86. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN REGENERATION ACTION TEAM (TREAT):

Members discussed the re-establishment of TREAT.

Councillor D. R. Sinnett, who had established and Chaired MEAT (Milford Environmental

Action Team) during his Mayoral year, referred to the importance of environmental issues and the need to work with the Pembrokeshire County Council and other organisations to enhance the community, using the recent clean up event at Howarth Close as an example.

Councillor Sinnett explained that different departments in Pembrokeshire County Council deal with areas such as fly tipping, dog fouling and general maintenance issues so it will be necessary to invite more than one representative from Pembrokeshire County Council around the table.

A Member suggested that the Town Council representatives on the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team should also be members of TREAT.

Councillor M. P. Rickard said that he welcomed his name going forward as a Member of TREAT.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the Milford Haven Town Council is to reconstitute

TREAT with the Mayor as Chair;

(ii) Councillor Sinnett is to liaise with the Clerk on

who to invite to the first meeting;

(iii) all Councillors will receive an open invitation to

attend the meetings.

87. MATTERS ARISING FROM MILFORD HAVEN TOWN REGENERATION TEAM:

1. Founders’ Day 2018

The Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp, declared a personal interest as a member of the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS declared a personal interest as the outgoing Chair of the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

Councillor R. D. Evans declared a personal interest as a member of the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

Councillor B. T. Jenkins declared a personal interest as a member of the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

Councillor M. P. Rickard declared a personal interest as he represents the Pembrokeshire Herald on the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

Councillor Mrs. L. E. Turner declared a personal interest as the Treasurer of the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

Councillor Mrs. C. T. Williams declared a personal interest as a member of the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal interest as the Torch Theatre representative on the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS said that at the Milford Haven Town Team Regeneration meeting it was agreed to ask the Town Council to take on Founders’ Day to re-establish the Civic role and to give a better lead on the project.

The Founders’ Day preparations could be dealt with by the Public Events Sub-Committee, which could co-opt non-Council members, in particular those who helped with this year’s Founders’ Day.

RESOLVED THAT the Town Council, through the

Public Events Sub-Committee, takes on Founders’

Day celebrations with the intent of co-opting

non-Council members to assist.

(b) Discussion on Christmas Tree

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS said that at a Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team meeting a business owner offered to donate a Christmas tree to either the Town Council or the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team to put in Market Square or Charles Street.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk investigates the

feasibility of erecting a Christmas tree in the

Market Square or Charles Street, initially with

the Streetcare Department of the Pembrokeshire

County Council.

(c) Removal of Ringfenced Reserves

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) said that this item was on the Agenda to try and clear up an ongoing confusion in relation to the ringfenced reserves with the Town Council reserves.

Councillor Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) explained that in 2013 the Pembrokeshire County Council announced it would be offering funding of up to £40,000 to towns for regeneration projects and it would be helpful if Town and Community Councils match funded.

Councillor Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) had proposed in 2013 that this Council ringfenced £40,000 for regeneration projects at a Full Council meeting. One of the conditions that was attached to ringfencing was that nothing would be taken from that £40,000 without it being discussed and approved at Full Council.

Since that time, it has been misunderstood as being a pot of money that was specifically provided for town regeneration.

Some of that money has been used for regeneration projects, and if the ringfencing is removed this Council will still be considering any suitable applications that come forward from reserves if they have not been precepted.

RESOLVED THAT the term “ringfenced from

the funds set aside for town regeneration” is

no longer used and any funds remaining become

part of the Council’s reserves.

88. PLANS:

RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the

Chairman of the Public Works and Planning

Committee in respect of the planning applications

detailed on page 1 of the attached report

(see Appendix B) be approved.

89. LETTER FROM THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE RE APPLICATION BY VALERO ENERGY AT VALERO PEMBROKE REFINERY, PEMBROKE:

A letter was received from the Major Casework and Chart Case Officer, The Planning Inspectorate, in which he advised that the application by Valero Energy Limited has been formally submitted to the Welsh Ministers for determination. The application has been passed to the Planning Inspectorate who will be arranging for an Inspector to consider the issues involved and submit a report to the Welsh Ministers within 24 weeks of the date of the letter (12th July).

RESOLVED THAT the letter be received.

90. REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF PEMBROKESHIRE:

Members discussed a letter from the Chief Executive of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales in which he advised that the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales are to review the electoral arrangements for the County of Pembrokeshire with a view to considering and formulating proposals for future arrangements.

A Member said that he had recently attended a County Councillor Session on this topic. He strongly recommended that all Councillors visit the website and look at what is being proposed.

The Member explained that of the 60 Wards in Pembrokeshire there is a Ward with approximately 800 constituents and another with approximately 2,500 constituents. The Electoral Commission is going to try and balance those out so that the vote is equal across the Wards and to the do that they are suggesting an increase of 2 additional Wards in Pembrokeshire.

A knock-on effect may be that if, for example, Hubberston, has a larger electorate than anywhere else, changing its boundary would inevitably impact on a neighbouring Ward, and as a result there would be an impact across the whole of Pembrokeshire. The Member urged all Councillors to make comments to the Electoral Commission.

RESOLVED THAT the information be received.

91. NEW MILFORD HAVEN 3-11 PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp, declared a personal interest as a member of the Governing Body of The Meads Infant and Nursery School.

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS declared a personal interest as a future employee of the Milford Haven Junior School.

Councillor T. Davies declared a prejudicial interest as an employee of The Meads Infant and Nursery School.

Councillor R. D. Evans declared a personal interest as a member of the Milford Haven Junior School Governing Body.

Councillor M. P. Rickard declared a personal interest as the Vice-Chair of Milford Haven Junior School Governing Body.

Councillor Mrs. C. T. Williams declared a personal interest as a member of the Milford Haven Junior School Governing Body.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal interest as Chair of Milford Haven Junior School Governing Body.

Correspondence was received from the Pembrokeshire County Council advising that at its meeting on 20th July, 2017, it was agreed to discontinue The Meads Infant and Nursery School and Milford Haven Junior School on 31st August, 2018 and establish a new 3 – 11 community primary school for Milford Haven on 1st September, 2018 utilising both existing school sites.

RESOLVED THAT the information be received.

92. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

(a) Additional Community Governor, The Meads Infant and Nursery School

(b) Additional Community Governor, Milford Haven Junior School

RESOLVED THAT the declarations of interest as

declared in the previous Agenda Item are applicable

for this item.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons), speaking in his role as Chair of the Milford Haven Junior School, explained that the two vacancies arise from Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS resigning as a Governor at The Meads Infant and Nursery School and former Councillor Mrs. C. Stevens stepping down as a Councillor.

Councillor Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) explained that although the Milford Haven Junior School and The Meads Infant and Nursery School will become one school on 1st September, 2018, both these schools will run as separate schools until 31st August, 2018 and the governing bodies need to be populated.

A Temporary Governing Body will be appointed which will exist until the appointment of the new school Governing Body in 2018.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) had spoken with Governing Support Services and the Chair of The Meads Infant and Nursery School who were in agreement that it would be practical to appoint one Councillor as the Additional Community Governor on both Schools.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor C. A. Sharp be appointed as Additional Community Governor on both governing bodies as he already sits on one of the Governing Bodies as a Local Authority Governor.

RESOLVED THAT Councillor C. A. Sharp is

appointed as an Additional Community

Governor on The Meads Infant and Nursery

School and the Milford Haven Junior School.

(c) Waterston Liaison Committee

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Mrs. T. Olin is

to be appointed as this Council’s representative

on the Waterston Liaison Committee.

93. ONE VOICE WALES:

(a) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee

held at County Hall, Haverfordwest on Tuesday, 26th July, 2016:

Members gave consideration to the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall, Haverfordwest on Tuesday, 26th July, 2016.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Annual General

Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held

at County Hall, Haverfordwest on Tuesday, 26th

July, 2016, be received.

(b) Minutes of the Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall, Haverfordwest on Tuesday, 25th April, 2017:

Members gave consideration to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall, Haverfordwest on Tuesday, 25th April, 2017.

The Mayor thanked Councillor A. E. Byrne for attending this meeting on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the

Pembrokeshire Area Committee held on Tuesday,

25th April, 2017, be received.

94. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

(a) Acknowledgement of Donations:

The Mayor advised that letters of thanks had been received from All Pembrokeshire Cruse, Hubberston and Hakin Luncheon Club, Milford Haven Museum, Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets, Milford Waterfront (re P1 Welsh Grand Prix of the Sea), Milford United Under 9’s, Neyland Ladies Choir, PATCH (Pembrokeshire Action to Combat Hardship), Pembrokeshire Disabled Bowlers, Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastic Club, The Rotary Club of Milford Haven, The St. Katharine’s Players and the Torch Theatre.

(b) Applications for Financial Assistance:

RESOLVED THAT the following decisions be

made in relation to the applications for financial

assistance:-

(i) Milford Haven Yarn Bombers - £200

The Mayor advised that there were samples of the Milford Haven Yarn

Bombers’ work on the table near the Chamber door.

*This donation is to be made in accordance with the Milford Haven Town Council’s powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.*

(ii) Pembrokeshire Action to Combat Hardship (PATCH) - £5,000

towards the purchase of a chiller van, with the

proviso that the van is branded to acknowledge

the Town Council’s donation.

Councillor Mrs. T. Olin declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the Manager of PATCH and left the room during discussion of this item.

*This donation is to be made in accordance with the Milford Haven Town Council’s powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.*

95. STATEMENT OF INCOME:

RESOLVED THAT the statement of income for the

first quarter of the financial year 2017-2018 be

received.

96. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE:

RESOLVED THAT the summary of expenditure for

the first quarter of the financial year 2017-2018

be received.

97. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

as presented by the Clerk for the month of

June, 2017, in the sum of £20,184.99,

be accepted and approved for payment.

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