Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 25th September, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor C. A. Sharp)

Councillors: T. Davies W. D. Elliott BA QTS

Miss. K. Gray E. R. Harries

B. T. Jenkins M. P. Rickard

D. R. Sinnett Mrs. L. E. Turner

Mrs. C. T. Williams G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons)

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Representatives: Miss A. Coaker Miss B. Roberts

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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.

133. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray and Councillors A. E. Byrne, R. D. Evans, A. H. Miles, Mrs. T. Olin and Mrs. Y. G. Southwell. Apologies for absence were not received from Councillor J. Thrower. Councillor Mrs. C. T. Williams had advised that she would be arriving late.

134. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2017:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of

the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

7th September, 2017, be accepted and that they

be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

135. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

(a) Mayor’s Engagements:

Members were informed of the Mayor’s Engagements since the 8th September, 2017:

9th September - LATCH Charity Band Night

13th September - PALS Coffee Morning

13th September - Mayor of St. David’s Civic Service

21st September - Visit of Cruise Ship Europa

23rd September - Fishermen’s Tribute Service at The Rath

23rd September - Mayor’s Charity Night – Lady Gaga Night

(b) Fishermen’s Tribute Service:

The Mayor thanked Members who had attended the Fishermen’s Tribute Service on Saturday, 23rd September. He expressed disappointment that more Members had not attended this event.

(c) Redecoration of Council Chamber:

The Mayor drew Members’ attention to the recently decorated Council Chamber.

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REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

136. PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LIAISON GROUP:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Pembrokeshire County Council Liaison Group held on 7th September, 2017, were moved by the Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Pembrokeshire

County Council Liaison Group held on 7th September,

2017, be approved and adopted.

137. CEMETERY REPORTS:

RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Reports, as

presented by the Clerk for the months of

July and August, 2017, be received.

138. PLANS:

The Chairman of the Public Works and Planning Committee, Councillor M. P. Rickard,

thanked those Members who had made comments and said that more comments would be useful.

(a) Planning Application No. 17/0487/PA – Conversion of former kitchen/toilet block to a family annex associated unit 2 at 18 Old Boys School, Upper Hill Street, Hakin, Milford Haven:

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest as he lives in proximity to this property.

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.

139. LICENSING APPLICATIONS:

(a) Flowers and Favours, 48 Charles Street, Milford Haven:

RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the

Chairman of the Public Works and Planning

Committee in respect of the application for

a new premises licence be approved (see

Appendix C).

(b) Hamiltons, 41-43 Charles Street, Milford Haven:

The Chairman of the Public Works and Planning Committee said that this was being discussed at this evening’s meeting to give Members the opportunity to speak on this licensing application.

A Member said that she had been approached regarding this application by two or three people who either live or have businesses in this vicinity. The Member had contacted the Clerk to find out whether she should approach the Pembrokeshire County Council on their behalf or come through this Council. The Member understood that these people were submitting objections individually to the Pembrokeshire County Council.

A Member said that he had made a comment on this application and was advised by the Licensing Department to say that he was a Town Councillor. His business was almost directly opposite these premises and he has never had any problems with them. In addition, for the last 6 weeks they have had a TENS – Temporary Event Notice - until 4:00 am.

The Mayor said Councillors have to be very careful when writing emails when using the words “Councillor” because it can give the impression that a Councillor is speaking on behalf of the Council, especially prior to a meeting, so Councillors have to be very conscious as to how they word certain emails.

Another Member said that he has been approached by people regarding the extension in hours as they are very concerned that this business is already opening until the early hours of the morning and this is going to increase the workload of the local police. As the Milford Haven Police Station closes at

3:00 am officers will have to come from other areas to deal with any problems that happen within the town.

The Chairman said that he understood the strain on the resources and the concerns regarding insufficient manpower to cover the town with the extension of the hours, but the police would have the opportunity to make representations regarding this application.

The Chairman said he did not know of the TENS until this evening which did not appear to have had any detrimental effect and recommended, based on the information received, that the application be approved.

Councillor Mrs. C. T. Williams joined the meeting during this debate.

A vote was taken with 5 in favour, 1 against and two abstentions.

RESOLVED THAT the application for a new premises

licence for Hamiltons Ltd. be approved.

140. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Mayor said that the next scheduled Full Council meeting was due on Thursday, 12th October, when the Milford Haven School Art Exhibition would still be in the Chamber.

He asked whether Members wished to change the date of the meeting to Monday, 16th October.

RESOLVED THAT the date of the next scheduled

Full Council meeting be changed from Thursday,

12th October to Monday, 16th October.

141. LAUNCH OF CAMPAIGN TO END LONELINESS IN PEMBROKESHIRE:

An email was received from Ms. R. Gibby, Older Person’s Strategy and Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinator, Pembrokeshire County Council, in which she provided information on the Launch of the new Campaign to End Loneliness project in Pembrokeshire.

Networking talks and workshops to help end loneliness in Pembrokeshire would be held at Letterston Memorial Hall on 29th September, 2017.

RESOLVED THAT the information be received.

142. ONE VOICE WALES:

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

held at County Hall, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday, 19th July, 2017:

Members gave consideration to the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday, 19th July, 2017.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Annual General

Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held

on Wednesday, 19th July, 2017, be received.

(b) Minutes of the Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday, 19th July, 2017:

Members gave consideration to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday, 19th July,

2017.

A Member said that he was pleased to note that Councillor Byrne was representing the Council on this Committee.

The Mayor explained that Councillor Byrne was not able to attend this evening’s meeting due to family reasons which may be ongoing for some while so the Council would look at one of the reserves to attend the next One Voice Wales meeting. The Clerk said that the next meeting was Tuesday 26th September (the next day) and she would make Councillor Byrne’s apologies in case he is not able to attend.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the

Pembrokeshire Area Committee held on Wednesday,

19th July, 2017, be received.

(c) One Voice Wales AGM Motions 2017

Members discussed the One Voice Wales AGM Motions 2017.

RESOLVED THAT the One Voice Wales AGM Motions

2017 be received.

143. DEFIBRILLATORS IN PEMBROKESHIRE:

A letter was received from the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service regarding the intention to raise public awareness of the use and locations of defibrillators in Pembrokeshire.

The Mayor said that the Town Council had purchased two defibrillators – one located outside the Murray Suite and another which was situated inside CK’s Supermarket in Hubberston. The Deputy Mayor had been approached by residents asking if this defibrillator could be moved to a more suitable location with 24-hour access.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the letter from the Mid and West Wales

Fire and Rescue Service be received;

(ii) the Deputy Mayor and Clerk be authorised

to re-locate the defibrillator at CK’s Supermarket

to a more convenient location with 24-hour

access.

144. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

as presented by the Clerk for the months of

July, and August, 2017, in the sum of £29,061.42,

be accepted and approved for payment.

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