Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 29th January, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor C. A. Sharp)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. D. Gray)

Councillors: W. D. Elliott BA QTS Miss K. Gray

E. R. Harries D. R. Sinnett

Mrs. Y. G. Southwell G. Woodham MBA (Open)

LL.B (Hons)

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Representative: Miss A. Coaker Miss B. Roberts

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PRAYERS:

In the absence of his Mayor’s Chaplain, Father Harri Williams, prayers were led by the Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp.

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

231. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. E. Byrne, T. J. Davies, R. D. Evans, A. H. Miles, Mrs. T. Olin, M. P. Rickard, J. Thrower, Mrs. L. E. Turner and Mrs. C. T. Williams.

232. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2017:

RESOLVED THAT, subject to the above, the Minutes

of the Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held on the 11th December, 2017, be accepted and

that they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

233. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11TH JANUARY, 2018:

RESOLVED THAT, subject to the above, the Minutes

of the Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held on the 11th January, 2018, be accepted and

that they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

234. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

(a) Mayor’s Engagements

Members were informed of the Mayor’s Engagements since 12th December, 2017:

15th December: Meads Christmas Story Visit

17th December: Civic Christmas Carol Concert

18th December: Little Acorns Christmas Visit

18th December: Havenhurst Christmas Sing a Long

19th December: Meads Christmas Concert

20th December: Junior School Panto Visit Torch Theatre

20th December: Hakin Christmas Lunch

21st December: Milford Junior School Christmas Concert

22nd December: Panto Visit Torch Theatre

24th December: Crib Service

24th December: Midnight Mass

25th December: Christmas Together

5th January: Visit to Meads Indoor Bowls

12th January: Art for All Torch Theatre

14th January: Gordon Richards Service Marloes

18th January: Meads Promenade of the Fairies

19th January: C.A.P Launch

20th January: Opening of The Mount Community Centre

25th January: South Hook Visit

27th January: Rotary Club Fundraiser Bingo

(b) Letter from a Community Speed Watch Volunteer

The Mayor said that he had received a letter from Mrs. J. Wilson who is a Community Speed Watch Volunteer. Mrs. Wilson forwarded information from the North Wales Police Force concerning temporary speed cameras which had been placed on Coombs Road and Dale Road.

The following exceeded the mandatory 30 mph speed limits.

**COOMBS ROAD:**

17th May, 2017 – 15 offences.

31st May, 2017 – 17 offences.

**DALE ROAD:**

4th July, 2017 – 24 offences.

13th July, 2017 – 22 offences.

4th August, 2017 – 50 offences.

1st September, 2017 – 54 offences.

7th September, 2017 – 39 offences.

21st September, 2017 – 35 offences.

24th November, 2017 – 16 offences.

15th December, 2017 – 19 offences.

The Police Force sends out letters to those motorists who have had their vehicle registrations reported to them for exceeding the mandatory speed limit of 30 mph.

The total amount of letters sent out in the seven areas that the Community Speed Watch covers was 450, with a total for the Milford Haven area of 291.

The Mayor advised that he had written to Mrs. Wilson thanking her for this information and inviting her to continue sending such useful information.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) a copy of Mrs. Wilson’s letter is to be

forwarded to all Councillors when these

Minutes are circulated;

(ii) a copy of Mrs. Wilson’s letter is to be

forwarded to Mr. B. Blake, Head of Highways

and Construction, Pembrokeshire County Council.

235. CEMETERY REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017:

RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Reports, as

presented by the Clerk for the months of

November and December, 2017, be received.

236. PLANS:

The Mayor urged more Members to respond to Planning Applications.

RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of

the Chairman of the Public Works and Planning

Committee in respect of the planning applications detailed on Pages 1 and 2 of the attached report

(see Appendix B) be approved.

237. LICENSING:

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).

*PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960*

RESOLVED THAT as publicity would be

prejudicial to the public interest by reason

of the confidential nature of the business to

be transacted, the press and public be excluded

from the Meeting.

238. COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE:

The Council RESOLVED THAT a request from

a Councillor to extend his continuing absence

not be approved and a vacancy for a Councillor

be declared.

239. ONE VOICE WALES:

(a) Minutes of the Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at

County Hall, Haverfordwest on Tuesday, 26th September, 2017:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the

Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall,

Haverfordwest, on Tuesday, 26th September, 2017,

be received.

(b) Minutes of the Meeting of the Larger Councils’ Committee held at the Media Resource Centre, Llandrindod Wells, on 18th October, 2017:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Larger Councils’ Committee held at the Media Resource Centre, Llandrindod Wells on 18th October, 2017, be

received.

(c) Minutes of the Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall, Haverfordwest, on Tuesday, 7th November, 2017:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pembrokeshire Area Committee held at County Hall, Haverfordwest, on Tuesday, 7th November, 2017, be received.

It was noted that this Council was not represented at any of the three Meetings.

240. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

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 a member of the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

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

(a) Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team:

The Mayor said that although Councillor Mrs. C. T. Williams (who is the Chair of the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team) was not present at this evening’s Meeting, she had asked whether she could be considered to represent the Town Council on the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team.

RESOLVED THAT the following are to be this Council’s Representatives on the Milford Haven Town Regeneration Team:

(i) the Office of Mayor (currently Councillor C. A. Sharp);

(ii) the Chair of the Public Events Sub-Committee (currently Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS);

(iii) Councillor Mrs. C. T. Williams

It was FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Member of an Outside Body representing this Council must make it quite clear in any statement/correspondence that they are not giving the corporate opinion of this Council.

(b) Dragon LNG Community Liaison Committee

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal interest as he represents the County Council on the Dragon LNG Community Liaison Committee.

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Miss K. Gray be appointed this

Council’s Representative on the Dragon LNG Community Liaison Committee.

241. CONSULTATIONS:

The Mayor read out the background to the Pembrokeshire County Council’s Draft County Council Budget 2018-2019.

(a) Pembrokeshire County Council Budget 2018-2019

The Mayor said that this was an important consultation and would affect every single person in Milford Haven.

RESOLVED THAT Members are to respond this consultation

on an individual basis if they wish to do so.

(b) Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities: Local Toilets Strategies

RESOLVED THAT the document be received.

242. STATEMENT OF INCOME:

RESOLVED THAT the Statement of Income for the

3rd quarter of the financial year 2017/2018 be

received.

243. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE:

RESOLVED THAT the Summary of Expenditure for

the 3rd quarter of the financial year 2017/2018 be

received.

244. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

(a) Acknowledgement of Donations

The Mayor advised that letters of thanks had been received from the 2nd Milford Haven Sea Scouts, Federation of National Pensioners’ Association, Friends of Havenhurst, The Friends of St. Katharine and St. Peter’s Church, Hakin OAPs, Haven Over 60s Club, Hubberston and Hakin Luncheon Club, Milford Haven Gymnastics Club, Milford Haven Junior Town Band, Milford Haven Round Table, Milford Haven Swimming Club (Milford Tigers), Milford Haven Town Band, Milford Haven Yarn Bombers, Milford Haven Youth Centre, PATCH, Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastics Club, RVS Darby and Joan Club, Torch Theatre, Town Centre Traders Group and Volunteering Matters’ Rural Wisdom Project.

(b) Applications for Financial Assistance:

RESOLVED THAT the following decisions be made in relation to the applications for financial assistance:

(i) 2nd Milford Haven Sea Scouts - £500

*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.*

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a prejudicial interest in the following two financial applications as both of them provide specific quotes from the Torch Theatre, where he is employed as Senior Manager Business, and he left the Chamber during discussion of these items.

Councillor Mrs. Y. G. Southwell declared a personal interest as she is this Council’s Representative on the Torch Theatre Management Board.

(ii) Milford Haven Amateur Operatic Society - £350

*This donation is to be made in accordance with the Milford Haven Town Council’s powers under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.*

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest as his granddaughter is very heavily involved in the School’s project and took no part in the discussion or voting on this matter.

Councillor D. R. Sinnett declared a personal interest as he is a County Councillor appointed Governor on Milford Haven School and took no part in the discussion or voting on this matter.

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS asked for guidance as to whether he should declare an interest as he is employed by the Local Authority at Milford Haven Junior School and Milford Haven School is a school within the Authority.

A Member said that although ultimately every Councillor has to make their own decisions as to when to declare an interest, it might be judicious to defer this application to the next Full Council Meeting.

(iii) Milford Haven School - Deferred to the next Full Council Meeting.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) returned to the Chamber.

(iv) Relate Cymru - £125

*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.*

245. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

as presented by the Clerk for the months of

November AND December, 2017, in the sum

of £34,399.00 be accepted and approved for

payment.

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