Minutes of a Meeting of the Youth Working Group

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 26th March, 2018 at 5:15 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor C. A. Sharp)

The Deputy Mayor Councillor R. D. Gray)

Councillors: M. P. Rickard Mrs. C. T. Williams

R. Williams

Youth Representative: Miss B. Roberts

292. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

The Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp, welcomed Members to the meeting of the Youth Working Group.

293. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Evans and Miss A. Coaker, one of the Youth Representatives.

294. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:

The Mayor advised that the current Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Councillor R. D. Evans, who was not present at this evening’s meeting, had indicated that he would like to be considered as Chair of this Committee.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) this Agenda item be deferred until the next meeting

of the Youth Working Group;

(ii) the Mayor is to continue to Chair this meeting of

the Youth Working Group.

295. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE:

Councillor R. Williams indicated that he wished to become a member of the Youth Working Group.

RESOLVED THAT Councillor R. Williams becomes

a member of the Youth Working Group.

296. TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL:

(a) Safeguarding

The Mayor read out an email from Ms. N. Farmer, Pembrokeshire Youth Services, in which she stated that in terms of safeguarding the young people after the meeting she could only offer general guidance as each organisation has individual policies. The young people attending the meetings have been given permission by their parents to travel to and from the meetings on their own, this is the same situation as when they attend Youth Club. On occasions, however, when young people have been expecting a lift from parents/family members who are late, officer(s) from Pembrokeshire Youth Services, as a matter of good practice, remain with the person until his/her parents/family members arrive. Whilst again good practice would dictate any adult assuming this role is the same sex there is no mandated requirement that this should be the case.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) the information be received;

(ii) the Clerk contacts One Voice Wales to obtain

advice regarding Safeguarding;

(iii) this issue is to be placed on the Agenda for

the next Youth Working Group meeting.

(b) Youth Representatives

The Mayor then read out an email from Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS in which he made suggestions as to the role of the Youth Representatives on this Council.

Members emphasised the importance of working more closely with the Milford Haven Youth Council.

Miss Roberts agreed to prepare a monthly report for consideration by Full Council.

Councillor M. P. Rickard joined the meeting during this discussion and the Mayor updated him on the recommendations made at the meeting.

Miss Roberts said that some Youth Representatives might find it daunting to address Full Council and would prefer to gain confidence by speaking at the Committee structure.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) an item ‘Youth Council Report’ be placed on

every Full Council Agenda for the last meeting

of the month;

(ii) the Youth Working Group is to meet more

frequently.

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