Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Thursday, 12th April, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor C. A. Sharp)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. D. Gray)

Councillors: T. J. Davies Miss K. Gray

Mrs. T. Olin M. P. Rickard

Mrs. Y. G. Southwell G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons)

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TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR MRS. T. OLIN, SPEAKING IN HER ROLE AS MANAGER OF PATCH, TO DISCUSS THE WORK OF THE CHARITY:

As there were so few Members present this evening, Councillor Mrs. Olin agreed to postpone her presentation until a later date.

PRAYERS:

In the absence of the 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.

327. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. E. Byrne, W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Evans, E. R. Harries, A. H. Miles, D. R. Sinnett, Mrs. L. E. Turner, Mrs. C. T. Williams, R. Williams and the Youth Representatives, Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts.

32 328. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

329. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26TH MARCH, 2018:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of

the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

26th March, 2018, be accepted and that they be

signed by the Mayor as a true record.

330. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

Members were advised of the Mayor’s Engagements since 27th March, 2018:

27th March - Fashion Show

28th March - PALS Coffee Morning

4th April - Grand Opening of Milford Haven Museum

5th April - Torch Youth Theatre Easter Presentation

6th April - Mayor’s Charity Welsh Wrestling

9th April - Pembrokeshire Tourism Awards Judging

11th April - PALS Consultation

11th April - Funeral of Bernard Prettyman

11th April - Pembrokeshire Tourism Networking Event

12th April - Funeral of Pops Joseph

The Mayor said that PATCH is currently one of the “Bags of Help” charities at Tesco Milford Haven. Councillor Mrs. T. Olin has asked whether Members could consider using their tokens for PATCH.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

331. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH WORKING GROUP HELD ON 26TH MARCH, 2018:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Working Group held on the 26th March, 2018 were moved by the Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

of the Youth Working Group held on 26th

March, 2018, be approved and adopted.

332. MUSEUM FUNDING:

Members discussed emails from One Voice Wales; Mr. M. Cavanagh, Head of Cultural Services, Pembrokeshire County Council; and the Office of Mr. P. Davies AM in response to the Clerk’s query as to whether Town and Community Councils have the power to fund Museums.

The advice received confirmed that Community and Town Councils have no powers to fund a Museum; however, they do have power to financially support a charity so subject to a Museum being run by a charitable organisation a Community and Town Council can give financial support under Section 137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 subject to the financial restrictions of Section 137 (4) LGA 1972 which for 2018/19 is £7.86 per elector.

The Clerk explained that the maximum expenditure allowed for this Council for 2017/2018 is in the region of £75,000 and for 2018/2019 approximately £78,000 (this figure is dependent on the number of electors). The Town Council’s S137 donations for the financial year 2017-2018 were under £22,000.

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Council

continues to fund Milford Haven Museum under

Section 137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

333. PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018-2019:

Consideration was given to the proposed meeting dates for the municipal year 2018-2019 as prepared by Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons).

The Mayor thanked Councillor Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) for working with the Clerk to prepare this document.

RESOLVED THAT the calendar for the

municipal year 2018-2019 be approved

and adopted.

334. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 – CALL FOR CANDIDATE SITES:

A letter was received from Ms. S. Morris, Development Plans and Conservation Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council, in which she advised that the Pembrokeshire County Council is development the evidence base for its Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP2). This plan will replace the adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) for the area of Pembrokeshire outside the National Park.

RESOLVED THAT the document be received.

335. ENHANCING PEMBROKESHIRE:

Members discussed an email from Ms. S. Henehan, Community Safety, Poverty and Regeneration Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council, in which she explained the Grant Criteria and invited Members to a briefing of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant on the 16th May in County Hall.

The amount of grant is based upon the number of designated second homes in each town/community council area. The allocation for Milford Haven is £21,603.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray, and Councillor Mrs. T. Olin indicated that they would attend the briefing meeting on behalf of the Milford Haven Town Council.

RESOLVED THAT Ms. Henehan be informed

that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray,

and Councillor Mrs. T. Olin, will attend the

briefing meeting on behalf of the Milford Haven

Town Council.

336. ONE VOICE WALES:

(a) Membership of One Voice Wales:

A letter was received from Mr. L. Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales, in which he invited this Council to renew its membership with that body.

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Council

renews its membership with One Voice Wales for

the financial year 2018/2019.

(b) Minutes of The Larger Councils’ Committee held on 24th January, 2018 in Llandrindod Wells:

Members gave consideration to the Minutes of the Larger Councils’ Committee held on 24th January, 2018, in Llandrindod Wells.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Larger Councils’

Committee held on 24th January, 2018, be received.

(c) Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales – Response to the Independent Review Panel March 2018:

Members discussed the formal response of One Voice Wales to the consultation invitation by the Independent Review Panel.

RESOLVED THAT the document be received.

335. INVITATION BY HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD TO ATTEND A CONSULTATION ON HEALTHCARE SERVICES:

A letter was received from Ms. S. Jennings, Director of Partnership and Corporate Services, Hywel Dda University Health Board, in which she invited two Councillors to attend an event for Town and Community Councils in which Hywel Dda will explain why they consider health services have to change and their proposals.

RESOLVED THAT Hywel Dda be advised that

the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray and

Councillor Mrs. Y. G. Southwell, will attend this

event on behalf of the Milford Haven Town Council.

336. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

(a) Acknowledgement of Donations:

The Mayor advised that letters of thanks had been received from Cleddau Community Church Apostolic Centre, Milford Haven Amateur Operatic Society, Neyland Ladies Choir and Relate Cymru.

(b) New Milford Haven Town Council Grant Support Form:

Members noted the new Milford Haven Town Council Grant Support Form which had been approved by Full Council on 27th November, 2017, to be utilised from the financial year 2018/2019 and which would be reassessed towards the end of the year.

It was noted that two of the applications for financial assistance exceeded the agreed criteria – this Council *“can accept small grants applications all year with no closing date. Small grants will be considered up to the total amount of £500”. Exceptional grant applications are to be accepted once a year. The closing date for exceptional grant applications is 30th November with a decision announced at the end of January with the financial donation (if successful) being awarded in April of that year.*

(ii) Applications for Financial Assistance:

RESOLVED THAT the following decisions be

made in relation to the applications for financial

assistance:

(A) Milford Haven Music Festival - £250

(The Commercial and Fundraising Officer is to be reminded that, contrary to the application form, the Milford Haven Music Festival has received a donation from the Milford Haven Town Council for many years.)

*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.*

(B) Friends of the Mount (Pembs)

A Member asked whether this Council had the powers to grant

retrospective funding as the kitchen equipment referenced in the application has already been purchased.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk investigates whether

the Council has the powers to award retrospective

funding applications.

(C) Rotary Club of Milford Haven - £325

(The entrance fee for 50 children to attend ‘Kids’ Day Out’ at Folly Farm at £6.50 per child.)

*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.*

(D) Cruse Bereavement Care - £100

*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.*

(E) Eisteddfod yr Urdd/

Urdd Gobaith Cymru - £100

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