Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 30th 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: A. E. Byrne T. J. Davies

W. D. Elliott BA QTS Miss K. Gray

E. R. Harries A. H. Miles

Mrs. T. Olin M. P. Rickard

D. R. Sinnett Mrs. Y. G. Southwell

Mrs. L. E. Turner R. Williams

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

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Representatives: Miss A. Coaker Miss B. Roberts

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PRAYERS:

The Mayor’s Chaplain, Father Harri Williams, led Members in prayer.

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

337. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. D. Evans and Mrs. C. T. Williams.

338. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Mrs. L. E. Turner declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item No. 11 – Application for Financial Interest (Friends of the Mount Pembs) as she is a trustee of the charity.

339. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12TH APRIL, 2018:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of

the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

12th April, 2018, be accepted and that they be

signed by the Mayor as a true record.

340. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

Members were advised of the Mayor’s engagements since 13th April, 2018:

13th April - St. Katharine’s Panto

18th April - PALS Coffee Morning

19th April - PAVS Presentation

19th April - South Hook Liaison Meeting

21st April - Pembrokeshire Tourism Awards

24th April - Dai Britton’s Funeral

24th April - Soroptimists International – Rwanda Aid Talk *(also attended by the Deputy Mayor)*

25th April - Memorial Service – Landing Crafts 15 & 16 and HMS Rosemary

27th April - St. Katharine’s Bingo

27th April - Autism Library Launch *(also attended by the Deputy Mayor)*

29th April - Greenacres Dog Show

29th April - Milford Waterfront Wedding Fayre

The Mayor asked Members to complete the proforma confirming whether they wish to receive their Agenda packs by paper or electronically.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

341. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH APRIL, 2018:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Events Sub-Committee held on 5th April, 2018, were moved by the Chairman, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS.

(a) Events arranged by Milford Haven Town Council – (i) Deputy Mayor/Mayor Elect’s Chaplain:

A Member asked what the implications of this recommendation would be for the Mayor Elect’s Chaplain, Rev. A. Bookless.

The Deputy Mayor/Mayor Elect said that this has been referred to the Church for further discussion.

RESOLVED THAT, subject to the above, the

Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Events

Sub-Committee held on 5th April, 2018, be

approved and adopted.

342. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING ORDERS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH APRIL, 2018:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Orders Sub-Committee held on 5th April, 2018, were moved by the Mayor, Councillor C. A. Sharp.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

of the Standing Orders Sub-Committee held

on 5th April, 2018, be approved and adopted.

343. CEMETERY:

RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Report, as

presented by the Clerk for the month of

March, 2018, be accepted. (See Appendix A).

344. PLANS:

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.

Councillor M. P. Rickard, Chairman, Public Works and Planning Committee, said that he thought it was crucial to discuss some important outstanding planning applications this evening as the next Full Council meeting would be the Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman gave background information on each planning application.

(a) Planning Application 14/0158/PA – Demolition of a number of existing buildings and the mixed use redevelopment of Milford Waterfront comprising up to 26,266 sq m of commercial, hotel, leisure, retail and fishery related floorspace (Class A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, C1, D1 and D2), up to 190 residential properties (Class C3), up to 70 residential properties (Class C3), up to 70 additional marina berths, replacement boat yards, landscaping, public realm enhancements, access and ancillary works (all matters reserved other than primary access) (AMENDED APPLICATION) at Land at Milford Marina, Milford Haven.

A Member asked for clarification as to the meaning of Class C3 residential units, and whether the development of 190 properties includes any allocation for affordable housing.

The Chairman said that he would seek clarification on these points.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) if any Member has any additional questions on

this planning application they are to email

the Chairman with a copy to the Secretary for

information;

(ii) if the Chairman cannot meet the deadline for

the responses, he, as Chairman, the Mayor

and Deputy Mayor are to be deputed to

prepare a response to this application.

(b) Planning Application No. 17/1218/PA – Erection of a bat house at North Site, Victoria Road, Hakin, Milford Haven:

The Mayor asked the Chairman whether he had been updated as to the status of this planning application.

The Chairman replied that he had failed to contact the officer who is responsible for this application.

The Chairman said that he would speak to the Clerk and Secretary the next day to attempt to move progress on this matter.

(c) Planning Application No. 17/1305/PA – Retention of access track to serve two wind turbines at Scoveston Park, Steynton, Milford Haven:

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Council recommends that the application be approved.

(d) Planning Application No. 18/011/PN – Proposed base station installation at land at Gelliswick Road, Hubberston, Milford Haven:

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Council recommends that the application be approved.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he has dealings with Telefonica installations through his work and he took no part in any voting or discussion.

(e) Planning Application No.18/0044/PA – Rear extension to existing dwelling at 5 Trafalgar Road, Milford Haven:

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Council

recommends that the application be approved.

(f) Planning Application No. 18/0054/PA – Demolition of Burnyeats Building and provision of temporary car parking and Public Realm at Burnyeats Building, Nelson Quay, Milford Haven:

RESOLVED THAT any Member with concerns relating

to this application emails the Chairman with a copy to the Secretary for information.

The Chairman asked if Members could alert him to any questions or concerns before Friday, 4th May.

345. VERBAL REPORT FROM “OUR BIG NHS CHANGE – CONSULTATION ON HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD” AT PEMBROKESHIRE ARCHIVES, PRENDERGAST, HAVERFORDWEST, ON MONDAY, 23RD APRIL, 2018:

Councillor M. P. Rickard declared a personal interest as his wife is employed by the Hywel Dda University Health Board.

Councillor D. R. Sinnett declared a personal interest as his wife is employed by Hywel Dda University Health Board.

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray and Councillor Mrs. Y. G. Southwell for attending this meeting and asked them to brief Members with their account of the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray, said we, as a Town Council, need to press for a drop-in session in Milford Haven. There are drop-in sessions scheduled for Saundersfoot and Letterston, and, as was pointed out at the meeting, many residents of Milford Haven do not have access to a vehicle, which makes it difficult for them to be involved in the consultation.

Councillor Mrs. Y. G. Southwell indicated that the presentation was very informative, with 4 consultants and a senior nurse in charge of Accident and Emergency at Withybush General Hospital in attendance.

The proposed new hospital would be built between Narberth and Cross Hands.

Miss B. Roberts, Youth Representative, referred to the Children’s Rights Impact Assessments, and said that she had written to Mr. P. Davies AM stating her concerns that the additional distance to travel to the new hospital would affect children’s rights to access the correct health care. She had yet to receive a response from Mr. Davies.

The Mayor asked Miss Roberts to keep the Council informed.

Members agreed it was imperative that the people of Milford Haven be given the opportunity to attend a drop-in session locally.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the Mayor, on behalf of the Milford Haven

Town Council, makes an application for a local

drop-in session to be held at an appropriate

venue;

(ii) the Milford Haven Town Council will look to

respond to the consultation before the

deadline.

346. REPORT FROM MISS B. ROBERTS:

Miss Roberts gave a detailed report highlighting the many activities of the Milford Haven Youth Council.

Miss Roberts concluded her report by asking Members what they want from the two Youth Representatives.

RESOLVED THAT Miss Roberts be thanked for her

report.

347. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FRIENDS OF THE MOUNT (PEMBS):

Councillor Mrs. L. E. Turner reiterated her personal and prejudicial interest and left the Council Chamber during the discussion of this item.

Members were reminded of Milford Haven Town Council’s 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.

The criteria stated 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”.*

RESOLVED THAT the following decision be

made in relation to the application for financial

assistance:-

Friends of the Mount (Pembs) - £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.*

348. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

as presented by the Clerk for the month of

March, 2018, in the sum of £24,004.97

be accepted and approved for payment.

349. ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Councillor D. R. Sinnett proposed and Councillor Mrs. Y. G. Southwell seconded that Councillor R. D. Gray be elected as Mayor of Milford Haven for the municipal year 2018-2019.

RESOLVED THAT Councillor R. D. Gray be

elected as Mayor of Milford Haven for the

municipal year 2018-2019.

350. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Councillors T. J. Davies and Miss K. Gray submitted their names for consideration as Deputy Mayor/Mayor Elect for the year 2018-2019.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) as in previous years, the voting for the election

of the Deputy Mayor/Mayor Elect for the year

201702018 will be by secret ballot and with a

clear majority;

(ii) the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor D. R. Sinnett, and the

Chairman of the Public Works and Planning Committee,

Councillor M. P. Rickard, be appointed as scrutineers.

The secret ballot took place which resulted in Councillor T. J. Davies receiving 8 votes and Councillor Miss K. Gray receiving 6 votes.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

(iii) Councillor T. J. Davies be elected as Deputy Mayor/

Mayor Elect for the year 2018-2019.

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