Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

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

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor R. D. Gray)

 Councillors: P. Coe Miss K. Gray

 E. R. Harries A. H. Miles

 C. A. Sharp D. R. Sinnett

 Mrs L. E. Turner Mrs C. T. Williams

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

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 PRAYERS:

 Prayers were led by the Mayor’s Chaplain, Rev. A. Bookless.

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

128. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, and Councillors L. J. Bridges, A. E. Byrne, W. D. Elliott BA QTS, M. P. Rickard, Mrs Y. G. Southwell, and the Youth Representatives, Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts.

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

 Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 11 (b) – Applications for Financial Assistance – Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastic Club as he has a close friend who is involved with the Club.

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

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the

 Milford Haven Town Council held on the 11th October,

 2018, be accepted and that they be signed by

 the Mayor as a true record.

131. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

 (a) Survey of the Town Hall Building

 The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray, said that before Councillors can hold further discussions on the Town Hall building, it is necessary to agree a payment of £3,500 to be made to the Chartered Building Surveyor for undertaking a condition survey including cost estimates (without specialist tests). The fees are based on the figure of £3.52 per square metre of gross usable floor space.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (a) the sum of £3,500 be paid (in two instalments) to

 Mr. M. C. Andrews, M.R.I.C.S., Chartered Building

 Surveyor, for carrying out a condition survey,

 including cost estimates (without specialist tests)

 on the three storeys of the Town Hall building;

 (b) this sum is to be taken from Reserves.

132. CEMETERY REPORTS – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2018:

 RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Reports, as

 presented by the Clerk for the months of

 August and September, 2018, be accepted. (See

 Appendix A.)

133. 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, 2 and 3 of the attached report

 (see Appendix B) be approved.

134. UPDATE FROM MISS B. ROBERTS, MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:

 RESOLVED THAT this item be deferred as Miss Roberts

 was unable to attend this evening’s meeting.

135. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2019-2024 – CONSULTATION:

 Members gave consideration to the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Draft Corporate Plan 2019-2024 which sets out that Authority’s Strategic Direction for the next five years.

 RESOLVED THAT the Mid and West Wales Fire and

 Rescue Authority Draft Corporate Plan 2019-2014 –

 Consultation be received.

136. BROADBAND PROVISION:

 Members discussed an email from Ms. S. Henehan, Community Safety, Poverty and Regeneration Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council, in which she advised that the Pembrokeshire County Council is working on a number of initiatives to better connect the County. Part of the solution is understanding the metrics behind current broadband provision. The Pembrokeshire County Council is actively mapping various datasets to help understand the important metrics of “not spots”, slow and unreliable provision.

 Ms Henehan asked if Councillors could detail any specific issues that they are aware of within the town.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) the email be received;

 (ii) all Councillors are encouraged to participate to

 try and identify areas where broadband could be

 improved such as blind spots in the town.

137. FINANCIAL ASISTANCE:

 RESOLVED THAT the following decisions be

 made in relation to the applications for financial

 assistance:

 (a) Cleddau Chamber Orchestra (CCO) - £150

 *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.*

(b) Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastic

 Club - £200

 The Secretary of the Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastic Club is to be advised that the Club may wish to apply for further funding from the Main Grants Application category which will be considered at January’s Precept meeting.

 *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 E. R. Harries reiterated his personal interest in this matter.

138. STATEMENT OF INCOME:

 RESOLVED THAT the statement of income

 for the second quarter of the financial year

 2018-2019 be received.

139. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE:

 RESOLVED THAT the summary of expenditure

 for the second quarter of the financial year

 2018-2019 be received.

140. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

 RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

 as presented by the Clerk for the month of

 September, 2018, in the sum of £26,835.44

 be accepted and approved for payment.

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