Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Thursday, 15th November, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T. J. Davies)

Councillors: L. J. Bridges A. E. Byrne W. D. Elliott BA QTS E. R. Harries

M. P. Rickard C. A. Sharp

D. R. Sinnett Mrs Y. G. Southwell

Mrs C. T. Williams

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

Youth

Representatives: Miss A. Coaker Miss B. Roberts

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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.

147. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray, and Councillors P. Coe, Miss K. Gray, Mrs N. C. Joseph, A. H. Miles, Mrs L. E. Turner and R. Williams.

148. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 (9) – Applications for Christmas Donations – Christmas Together - as he is one of the organisers of the event.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 (16) – Applications for Christmas Donations – Pembrokeshire Action to Combat Hardship (PATCH) – as he is a Trustee at the organisation.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 (9) – Applications for Christmas Donations – Christmas Together – as he is one of the organisers of the event.

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 (9) – Applications for Christmas Donations – Christmas Together – as he assists with the event.

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 (13) – Applications for Christmas Donations – Hubberston and Hakin Luncheon Club – as he is a Trustee of the Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre.

Councillor Mrs Y. G. Southwell declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 – Applications for Christmas Donations – Friends of Springboard - as she is Chair of the Gelliswick Church in Wales VC School Governing Body.

Councillor D. R. Sinnett declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 (6) – Applications for Christmas Donations – Milford Haven School 6th Form – as he is a Governor at the School.

Councillor A. E. Byrne declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 (12) – Applications for Christmas Donations – Hakin Old Age Pensioners – as he meets the organisation’s criteria on an individual level.

149. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 29TH OCTOBER, 2018:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the

Milford Haven Town Council held on the 29th October,

2018, be accepted and that they be signed by

the Mayor as a true record.

150. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, advised Members that assistance was required to decorate the Council Chamber before the visit of Santa to Milford Haven on Saturday, 1st December.

A Member asked if any dates had been arranged to assist with the decorating. The Deputy Mayor responded to say that he would check this with the Mayor.

151. CCTV CAMERAS IN MILFORD HAVEN:

Members discussed how Councillors should proceed following the Report regarding the three CCTV cameras at the junction of Priory Road / Cromwell Road, Gelliswick Road, and on the roof of the Torch Theatre in St. Peter’s Road. The annual analogue legacy rental cost of these cameras is as follows:

Junction of Priory Road / Cromwell Road - £1067.82 + VAT

Gelliswick Road - £1390.56 + VAT

The roof of the Torch Theatre in St. Peter’s Road - £1089.25 + VAT

As these three cameras are not GDPR compliant, do not satisfy the Surveillance Camera Commissioner’s guidelines, and will not be monitored, it was RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Council no longer continues to fund these cameras.

152. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODY – MILFORD HAVEN HERITAGE AND MARITIME MUSEUM:

Councillor C. A. Sharp, in his role as a Trustee of the Museum, thanked Councillor Mrs C. T. Williams for her hard work as a Trustee of the Milford Haven Heritage and Maritime Museum. Councillor Mrs Williams will shortly be moving to England.

Discussion followed as to Councillor Mrs C. T. Williams’ replacement and it was proposed and seconded that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies be appointed as Trustee on the Milford Haven Heritage and Maritime Museum.

RESOLVED THAT the Deputy Mayor,

Councillor T. J. Davies, be appointed

as Trustee on the Milford Haven

Heritage and Maritime Museum.

153. APPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS:

The Deputy Mayor suggested that each of the applicants should receive a donation of £100, with the exception of the two organisations who asked for £50.

The Deputy Mayor then drew Members’ attention to two applications that had been received after the closing date of Friday, 9th November.

A vote was taken and five Members voted not to consider the applications for funding their Christmas event, with five Members in favour of considering the applications. The Deputy Mayor had the casting vote and voted not to consider the late applications.

The Youth Representatives, Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts, then left the Meeting.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the two late applications not be considered

as they had been received after the closing

date;

(ii) the following donations be made in respect of the

applications for Christmas donations:

* 1st Milford Haven Rainbow Guides - regret, no donation
* Christ Church, Priory Road Milford Haven

- £100

* Forget Me Knots Pembrokeshire - £100
* Friends of the Mount (Pembs) - £200
* H.O.P.E. MS Therapy Centre - £100
* Milford Haven School 6th Form - £100

Councillor M. P. Rickard declared a personal interest in this application as he is a Governor at Milford Haven School.

* Pembrokeshire Blind Society - £100
* Pembrokeshire Disabled Bowlers Club - £100
* Christmas Together - £100
* Committee of Friends of Havenhurst - £50
* Hakin Ladies Glade No.589 - £50
* Hakin Old Age Pensioners - £50
* Hubberston and Hakin Luncheon Club - £100

Councillors A. E. Byrne and E. R. Harries took no part in voting on this application.

* Milford Haven Yarn Club - £50
* National Federation of Retirement

Pensioners Association - £30

* Pembrokeshire Action to Combat Hardship (PATCH)

- £200

* Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastics Club

- £80

* The Salvation Army - £90

(iii) as the total of the donations exceeded the budget of £1,400

£200 be taken out of Reserves to fund these applications.

A Member spoke of his dissatisfaction with this evening’s procedure. He stressed that he had absolutely no issue with the Chairing of the Meeting, but he felt that applications for Christmas Donations should first be considered at a Public Events Sub-Committee Meeting before being brought to Full Council.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED THAT discussion

on the process of deciding Christmas donations

be referred to the Public Events Sub-Committee

early in 2019.

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