Minutes of a Meeting of the

Public Events Sub-Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Wednesday, 20th February, 2019 at 11:30 am

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PRESENT

The Mayor and Chair (Councillor R. D. Gray)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T. J. Davies)

Councillors: E. R. Harries Mrs Y. G. Southwell

Mrs M. L. Galliford, Town Clerk

223. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. J. Bridges, W. D. Elliott BA QTS, Miss K. Gray, A. H. Miles, C. A. Sharp, G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons), and the Youth Representatives – Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts.

224. REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2018:

(a) Lantern Parade

The Clerk said that Forrest Traffic Management had kindly provided the traffic management of the lantern parade free of charge.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT Forrest

Traffic Management be thanked for the

kind assistance which is very much

appreciated.

(b) Distribution of Lanterns

The Mayor said that in 2018 only Year 3 children received lanterns. Parents were advised that additional lanterns could be collected from the Town Hall. The Clerk said that this had proved very successful and a number of parents had called to collect lanterns.

Lanterns were also available on the afternoon of the Lantern Parade. The Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets worked hard during that afternoon assembling the lanterns.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT lanterns will no

longer be distributed to the schoolchildren but

will be available for collection from the

Town Hall from the middle of November.

(c) Donations

It was RECOMMENDED THAT donations be made

to the following organisations for their contribution

towards the entertainment outside the Town Hall

during last year’s visit of Father Christmas.

(i) Neyland Ladies Choir - £50 (plus an additional

£40 for transportation of their piano).

(ii) St. Katharine’s Stratford Players - £50

(iii) a donation of £50 be made to the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets for their assistance

during that afternoon.

(iv) a donation of £50 be made to the Milford Haven Army

Cadets for their assistance during that afternoon.

(d) Children’s Rides

A Member said that Councillors present that afternoon had received a complaint from a person who said that he had queued for an hour for a ride that closed at 4:00 pm so he did not have the opportunity to use the ride. The Member pointed out that although the opening times of the rides had been widely publicised it might be of assistance if signage was placed at an appropriate location advising that the rides would be closed at 4:00 pm.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT A3 laminated

signs stating that the rides will be closing

at 4:00 pm be placed at locations where

they are clearly visible.

225. DISCUSSION ON FOUNDERS’ DAY:

Members discussed whether Founders’ Day should take place this year. The Mayor asked the Clerk if any Councillor had indicated that they would be able to assist with Founders’ Day this year and said that only two had replied to say that they would be away from Milford Haven on that day.

The Clerk said it had cost £2,203.51 to hold Founders’ Day in 2018.

Members considered this was cost prohibitive – it was a great deal of expenditure for a one-day event that was weather dependent and they questioned whether this was the best way to serve the community.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT in view of the

lack of support Members are of the opinion

that the event does not justify the expenditure involved and therefore recommends to Full Council that the Town Council does not hold Founders’ Day

in 2019.

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