Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Thursday, 7th March, 2019 at 7:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor R. D. Gray)

Councillors: L. J. Bridges A. E. Byrne

P. Coe E. A. Davies

M. P. Rickard C. A. Sharp

D. R. Sinnett Mrs Y. G. Southwell

Mrs L. E. Turner R. Williams

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

Mrs M. L. Galliford, Town Clerk

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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.

230. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, and Councillors W. D. Elliott BA QTS, Miss K. Gray, E. R. Harries, Mrs N. C. Joseph, A. H. Miles and the Youth Representatives, Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts.

231. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor L. J. Bridges declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6 – Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Events Sub-Committee - as his company has previously and would wish to once more supply to the Founders’ Day event.

232. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 28TH JANUARY, 2019:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the

Milford Haven Town Council held on the 28th January,

2019, be accepted and that they be signed by

the Mayor as a true record.

233. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor welcomed Councillor E. A. Davies to his first meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council.

The Mayor said how much she had enjoyed the recent Milford Haven Amateur Operatic Society’s production of My Fair Lady.

234. MINUTES OF THE YOUTH WORKING GROUP:

The Minutes of the Youth Working Group held on 14th February, 2019, were moved by the Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Youth Working

Group held on 14th February, 2019, be approved

and adopted.

235. MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP:

The Minutes of the Traffic Working Group held on 14th February, 2019 were moved by the Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Traffic

Working Group held on 15th February, 2019,

be approved and adopted.

236. MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Minutes of the Public Events Sub-Committee held on 20th February, 2019 were moved by the Chair, the Mayor, Councillor R. D. Gray.

(a) Minute 225 – Discussion on Founders’ Day

Councillor M. P. Rickard joined the meeting during the discussion of this item.

Members discussed the best way forward to celebrate Founders’ Day.

Reference was made to last year’s event which was poorly attended not only by Councillors but by the public.

A Member said that businesses in the town centre felt that it was always a poor day for trade but stressed that no other town in Pembrokeshire held an equivalent event. The Member suggested speaking to local Community Centres to investigate whether they could help share the workload.

Another Member commented that more should be done to mark Milford Haven’s unique heritage.

The Mayor agreed and said that Founders’ Day should be a celebration and an insight into the history of our town.

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the Public Events Sub-Committee will review

Founders’ Day and give further consideration

to more appropriate ways of celebrating the

town’s birthday;

(ii) the Public Events Sub-Committee will look at

whether Founders’ Week activities could be

moved back to Festivities Week to link with

Milford Haven Carnival.

237. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20:

Members discussed the Independent Remuneration for Wales’s Annual Report 2019/20.

It was noted that under Table 10 under the heading “Making Payments to members” sets out each Determination applicable to Town and Community Councils and if a decision is required by the Council in respect of each one.

Councils cannot make a decision on the following determination numbers:

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| Determination Number | Is a decision required by Council? |
| 40 – All Community and Town Councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses. | No – the payment of £150 is mandated for every member unless they advise the appropriate officer that they do not want to take it in writing. |
| 46 – All Community and Town Councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. | No – the payment is mandated for every  member if they are eligible to claim and wish to do so. |
| 49 – Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) cannot receive any payment from any Community or Town Council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care. | No – Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) can only receive travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care; if they are eligible to claim and wish to do so. |

RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the Milford Haven Town Council adopts

the following Determination Numbers:

Determination No. 43 – Community and Town Councils can make payments

to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved

duties.

Determination No. 44 – If a Community or Town Council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members.

Determination No. 45 – Community and Town Councils can pay financial loss

compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties.

Determination No. 47 – Community and Town Councils can provide a Civic Head payment to the Mayor/Chair of the Council up to a maximum of £1,500.

Determination No. 48 – Community and Town Councils can provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chair of the Council up to a maximum amount of £500.

(ii) the Milford Haven Town Council does not

adopt the following Determination Number:

Determination No. 41 – Community and Town Councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Clerk

is to send letters to Councillors with their

Agenda packs for the Council’s AGM asking

whether or not they wish to receive the

Councillor Allowance for 2020/21.

238. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO – C3001, DALE ROAD, MILFORD HAVEN):

Members gave consideration to a copy of the public notice in respect of the Pembrokeshire County Council’s intention to make a 40 MPH speed limit order on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to the Order.

RESOLVED THAT the information be received.

239. REPRESENTATION ON BODY – ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The Mayor advised that there is a vacancy for an Additional Community Governor at St. Francis Catholic Primary School.

No Member of the Town Council expressed an interest in being nominated for this position.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk advises the

Governors’ Support Services, Pembrokeshire

County Council, that there are no nominations

from the Milford Haven Town Council for the

vacancy of an Additional Community Governor at

St. Francis Catholic Primary School.

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