Minutes of a Meeting of the

Pembrokeshire County Council Liaison Group

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Thursday, 14th March, 2019 at 11.00 am

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor R. D. Gray)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T. J. Davies)

Councillor C. A. Sharp

Mrs M. L. Galliford, Town Clerk

Mr. J. Walters, Manager, Milford Haven Leisure Centre

Mrs N. Joseph, Chair, Nantucket Charitable Incorporated Organisation

240. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Miss K. Gray and Mr. M. Cavanagh, Head of Cultural Services, Pembrokeshire County Council.

241. TO DISCUSS THE RATH PADDLING POOL:

A Member proposed that the Milford Haven Town Council should be responsible for the funding of the Rath Paddling Pool during the School Summer Holidays without the financial assistance of the Nantucket Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Member thanked the Nantucket Charitable Incorporated Organisation for their support.

Mrs Joseph, Chair, Nantucket Charitable Incorporated Organisation said that she was very pleased to hear this as the NCIO had always wanted the Milford Haven Town Council to take responsibility for the Paddling Pool. They only had a limited amount of funds and there were other community projects that they wished to consider for funding.

Members were distributed with the breakdown of the cost of running the paddling pool for the school summer holidays 2018 (from 30th July to the 31st August) which totalled £3,844.33:

Lifeguard Wages 185 hours @ £11.61 per hour = £2,147.85

Duty Officer Wages 22 hours @ £15.08 per hour = £ 331.76

Maintenance Costs = £ 801.64

Chemicals £65.25 x 3 = £ 195.75

Water = £ 327.33

Water Testing = £ 30.00

Various = £ 20.00

Mr. Walters said that he did not have a breakdown of the numbers who attended the Pool over this period but that he could provide this.

Members were reminded that £3,000 had been budgeted for the Paddling Pool for 2019/20.

Mr. Walters said that Mr. D. Gibby from Milford Youth Matters has agreed to provide labour to assist with weed clearing and other essential work in preparation for the opening of the Paddling Pool. Mr. Walters stated that he was most grateful for any assistance. The Paddling Pool had been subjected to incidents of vandalism last year and Mr. Walters hoped that youth involvement in this project would serve as a deterrent.

Mr. Walters advised that, as yet, he did not know the cost of the Lifeguard and Duty Officer Wages for 2019/20 but said that, as a worst-case scenario, he estimated the running costs for this Summer as £5,262. This could be reduced if the Paddling Pool were open less hours in the day.

Mr. Walters then referred to children who arrived at the Paddling Pool at 9.30 am without any food or towels.

Mr. Walters said that he would like to implement initiatives, such as linking in the use of the Paddling Pool with free swimming lessons at the Meads Leisure Centre.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) the Milford Haven Town Council is to exclusively

sign the written agreement with the Pembrokeshire

County Council to fund the opening of the

paddling pool for the School Summer Holidays

2019 without the financial assistance of the

Nantucket CIO;

(ii) the Nantucket CIO is to be thanked for the

financial assistance given;

(iii) if the invoice raised from the Pembrokeshire

County Council for the Paddling Pool

exceeds the £3,000 set aside in the budget,

consideration can be given to using any

funds remaining in the Public Events Budget;

(iv) local companies are to be asked whether

it would be possible to provide some

food for the children;

(v) the Town Council will promote on social media

any groups working on preparing the Paddling

Pool for the Summer period.

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