Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 24th June, 2019 at 7:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor T. J. Davies)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Miss K. F. Gray)

Councillors: L. J. Bridges A. E. Byrne P. Coe E. R. Harries

Mrs N. C. Joseph M. P. Rickard

C. A. Sharp Mrs Y. G. Southwell

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

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Representative: Miss B. Roberts

Mrs M. L. Galliford, Town Clerk

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PRAYERS:

In the absence of his Chaplain, Father A. P. Johnson, the Mayor led Members in prayer.

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

34. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. A. Davies, W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Gray, A. H. Miles, D. R. Sinnett, Mrs L. E. Turner, R. Williams and Miss A. Coaker, Youth Representative.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal interest in Agenda Item – 10

as he is the Chair of the Pill Social Centre where two events will be hosted during Festivities Week. He said that he would be pleased to answer any questions but would abstain from taking part in the discussion and voting regarding the allocation of the Festivities Week funds.

36. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 6TH JUNE, 2019:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of

the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

6th June, 2019, be accepted and that they be

signed by the Mayor as a true record.

37. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor’s engagements, which have been circulated electronically, are as follows:

25th May - Opening of Neyland Judo Club

25th May - Birthday Party at The Original Factory Shop

26th May - Meeting with the Imam from Shah Jalal Mosque

6th June - D-Day Memorial Service

7th June - Citizens’ Awards Presentation Ceremony

8th June - Visit of Silver Cloud cruise ship to Milford Haven

9th June - Opening of Preseli Bluestone Run

9th June - Haverfordwest Civic Service (attended by Deputy Mayor)

9th June - Charity Football Match – Police vs Fire Service

9th June - Opening of Made in Milford exhibition

12th June - Folly Farm (Rotary Club)

15th June - Mayor’s Civic Service

16th June - St. Davids Civic Service

17th June - Drill Hall Army Cadets & Royal Welch Fusiliers

18th June - Milford Haven Community Primary School Sports Day (Infants)

19th June - Milford Haven Community Primary School Sports Day (Juniors)

20th June - Welcome Service at St. Katharine and St. Peter’s Church for Father Andrew Johnson

21st June - HOPE Charity Concert at St. Davids Cathedral

21st June - Lord Nelson Commemoration Meeting

21st June - Litter Pick at Milford Marina

22nd June - BCYA Yacht Rally at Milford Marina

22nd June - Opening of Pembrokeshire Fish Week

38. CEMETERY REPORT:

RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Report, as

presented by the Clerk for the months of

April and May, 2019 be accepted.

39. PLANS:

RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of

the Chairman of the Public Works and Planning

Committee in respect of the planning applications detailed on Page 1 of the attached report

(see Appendix B) be approved.

40. INTRODUCTION OF LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE – MILFORD HAVEN SCHOOL:

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) said that he was not declaring an interest as he is an elected member of the Pembrokeshire County Council. He wished to make Members aware that this falls under his portfolio as Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning and he would not be taking part in the discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor M. P. Rickard declared a personal interest as he is a Governor at Milford Haven School. He said that he would not be taking part in the discussion or voting on in this item.

An email was received from the Pembrokeshire County Council advising of the consultation regarding their proposals to establish a Learning Resource Centre for pupils with Complex Learning Needs and Autistic Spectrum Condition at Milford Haven School.

RESOLVED THAT Members are to complete

the consultation on an individual basis, if

they wish to do so.

41. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES:

Members discussed an email from the Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the review of the polling districts and polling places in Pembrokeshire. The purpose of the review is to ensure that all polling districts and polling places are, as far as possible, suitable and accessible to all voters.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) said that he has already replied to this consultation as the County Councillor for the East Ward.

Councillor Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) stated that the proposals meant that the current polling station for the North Ward – the North Road Baptist Church – would be sited in the East Ward. He had suggested that Steynton Church Hall might be a suitable location for the North Ward polling station, but parking and accessibility may be problematic. The only other realistic alternative that he envisaged was a mobile polling station unless there is a suitable location on the Thornton Industrial Estate, although transport issues would be a concern at that location.

A Member asked whether these proposals would mean that there would be an additional number of Councillors. The Member was advised that this was not the case and that the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission is reallocating some streets into different Wards to balance out the electors. There is a section that is currently in Milford North that is proposed to go into Milford East.

Another Member referred to a potentially problematic situation relating to the boundary changes in Hubberston Ward. He was disappointed at the timescale to consider this consultation.

RESOLVED THAT a letter be written to the

Pembrokeshire County Council stating that

the Milford Haven Town Council is disappointed

at the potential logistical issues and that

Town Councillors would be commenting

on this consultation on an individual basis.

42. ALLOCATION OF FESTIVITIES WEEK BUDGET:

The Clerk advised that there was a budget of £350 for Festivities Week. It had been agreed at a recent Public Events meeting to ask if any organisation was arranging events during Festivities Week.

RESOLVED THAT the following donations be

made in respect of Festivities Week:

£100 - Bingo at the Pill Social Centre.

£100 - Bingo at Milford Haven Youth Club.

£50 - to be utilised for ‘Brass on the Grass’ - the Milford Haven Town Band Concert event in the Memorial Gardens.

£100 - Quiz Night at the Pill Social Centre.

43. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

as presented by the Clerk for the months of

April and May 2019, in the sum of £77,137.62

be accepted and approved for payment.

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