Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Thursday, 11th July, 2019 at 6:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor T. J. Davies)

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

 Councillors: A. E. Byrne E. A. Davies

 W. D. Elliott BA QTS E. R. Harries

 M. P. Rickard C. A. Sharp

 Mrs L. E. Turner G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons)

 Youth Representative: Miss B. Roberts

 The Town Clerk and Secretary were also in attendance.

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 PRAYERS:

 The Mayor’s Chaplain, Father A. P. Johnson, led Members in prayer.

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

49. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Coe, R. D. Gray, A. H. Miles, Mrs Y. G. Southwell, R. Williams and Miss A. Coaker, Youth Representative. Apologies for absence were not received from Councillors L. J. Bridges, Mrs N. C. Joseph and D. R. Sinnett.

 50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

 There were no declarations of interest recorded.

51. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 24TH JUNE, 2019:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of

 the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

 24th June, 2019, be accepted and that they be

 signed by the Mayor as a true record.

52. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

 The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, advised that he had no information to pass on this evening.

53. YOUTH WORKING GROUP:

 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Working Group held on 24th June, 2019, were moved by the Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies.

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Youth

 Working Group held on 24th June, 2019,

 be approved and adopted.

54. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND LAND ACQUISITION GROUP:

 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery Maintenance and Land Acquisition Group held on 26th June, 2019, were moved by the Chairman, Councillor C. A. Sharp.

 (a) Minute 48 – To Consider Applications for Benches at the Cemetery:

 The Chairman said that a telephone call had been received at the office earlier that afternoon from a daughter whose mother had been interred at the Cemetery this year and whose father had recently had a stroke. The father very much wanted a bench to be situated near to his wife’s grave. The Chairman said that at the Cemetery meeting it had been recommended to allow 3 more benches and asked, as this issue was being discussed this evening, whether it would be possible to increase the number to 4.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (a) permission be granted for a further bench to be

 erected at the Cemetery;

 (b) the recommendations made by the

 Cemetery Maintenance and Land Acquisition

 Group under this heading be amended (the amended

 recommendations are shown in italics);

  *(i) permission be granted for four further benches to*

 *be erected at the Cemetery;*

 *(ii) the bench holders are to be advised that the*

 *benches must be fixed on a base installed by a*

 *Monumental Mason;*

 (iii) the benches must be environmentally friendly –

 they are to be made of maintenance free recycled

 plastic – and they must be in situ by no later than

 31st December, 2019;

 (iv) *bench holders are to be told that they are not*

 *permitted to display any artefacts on the benches*;

 *if they do so, these will be removed;*

 (v) *the following recommendation is to be removed*:

 “no more benches are to be erected in the Cemetery”;

 (vi) families are to be told that they can either sponsor

 the planting of a tree or shrub in memory of a loved

 one at a suitable location in the Cemetery;

 (vii) families will be able to have a memorial plaque

 in front of the tree or shrub;

 (viii) families will be reminded of the option to place a

 plaque in the Chapel.

55. CORRESPONDENCE FROM HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD:

 Members discussed the documentation “Developing Trauma Services in Hywel Dda University Health Board” and “A Healthier Mid and West Wales – Our future generations living well”.

 RESOLVED THAT the documentation be received.

56. REPORT FROM MISS B. ROBERTS, YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:

 An email was received from Miss B. Roberts, Youth Representative, in which she advised that the Milford Haven Youth Council is a group of young people aged 11 to 18 who work to benefit the community and to remove the stereotypical view of teenagers in society. They have hosted annual projects such as a Christmas Dinner/Bingo and Afternoon Tea for pensioners which have been very successful.

 This Summer they have decided the host a Great Council Bake Off on 20th August 2019 at Milford Haven Youth Centre.

 Miss Roberts asked if a Councillor would bake with the Youth Council’s nominated representative.

 RESOLVED THAT the Deputy Mayor, Councillor

 Miss K. F. Gray, be appointed as the Council’s

 Representative at the Great Council Bake Off.

57. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

 (a) Acknowledgement of Donations:

The Mayor advised that letters of thanks had been received from Cruse Bereavement Care, Milford Haven Museum, Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastics Club, Pill Social Centre, Rotary Club of Milford Haven and the Torch Theatre.

(b) Applications for Financial Assistance:

 RESOLVED THAT the following decisions be

 made in relation to the applications for financial

 assistance:

 (i) Milford Haven Youth Council - £200

 *This donation is to be made in accordance with the*

 *Milford Haven Town Council’s powers under Section 137 of the*

 *Local Government Act 1972.*

 (ii) Hakin United AFC

 As the donation requested is in excess of the maximum of £500 available under the Small Grants Application system, this application be deferred whilst clarification is sought as to whether the Club would prefer to apply for an Exceptional Grant. Hakin United is also to be asked whether they have applied for funding from any other organisation.

 (iii) The Wales Air Ambulance

 Charitable Trust - £200

 *This donation is to be made in accordance with the*

 *Milford Haven Town Council’s powers under Section 137 of the*

 *Local Government Act 1972.*

 (iv) Bobath Children’s Therapy

 Centre Wales - Regret, no donation.

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