Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 28th October, 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: A. E. Byrne P. Coe

E. A. Davies C. A. Sharp

Mrs L. E. Turner R. Williams

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

The Town Clerk was also present.

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TO RECEIVE MR. D. GIBBY, PROJECT COORDINATOR, MILFORD YOUTH MATTERS:

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Miss K. F. Gray, welcomed Mr. Gibby to the meeting. Mr. Gibby was accompanied by two young people named Liam and Sean, who are active members of Milford Youth Matters.

Mr. Gibby advised Councillors that Milford Youth Matters is a registered charity based in Milford Haven. Encompassing all six wards within the town – Central, North, East, West, Hakin and Hubberston – and the surrounding areas of Neyland, Johnston, and Tiers Cross – Milford Youth Matters serves around 2,500 young people aged between 11 and 25.

Milford Youth Matters offers a package to young people through their projects relating to employment, education, vocational training and physical and emotional support.

Milford Youth Matters hosts intergenerational projects to demonstrate communality, such as community lunches.

Mr. Gibby emphasised that Milford Youth Matters is a fun and engaging charity for young people, giving them the options and opportunities for further community involvement. He took this opportunity to introduce Liam and Sean to the Councillors.

Mr. Gibby informed Members of the numerous projects undertaken by Milford Youth Matters. He advised of a new element providing interdependency support to young people regardless of their education/training status. This element assists with such matters as budgeting and payment of bills.

Mr. Gibby then highlighted the established “Under the Bridge” project which had taken place during the summer. Open to those aged between 11 and 18, and based under Hakin Bridge at Milford Waterfront, the project gave young people the opportunity to engage in free activities that were not readily accessible such as DJ workshops and skatepark sessions. “Under the Bridge” is supported by visible PCSOs and anti-social behaviour has not been a factor.

Three young people – Liam, Sean and Finley – were recruited as “Under the Bridge” Ambassadors this year where they were part of the project planning, promotion, facilitating of nightly sessions, clearing away and evaluation.

Liam and Sean enthused about their participation.

Mr. Gibby said that a provision has recently been set up at the Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre.

Milford Youth Matters utilises social media, with a strong Facebook and Twitter presence.

The presentation then concluded.

The Deputy Mayor apologised for the poor attendance amongst Councillors. She complimented Sean and Liam on their excellent manners and congratulated them on being excellent ambassadors for Milford Haven.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mr. Gibby and Sean and Liam for their presentation and they left the meeting at this point.

Councillor P. Coe joined the meeting during the presentation.

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The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, and Councillors C. A. Sharp, Mrs L. E. Turner, R. Williams and G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) joined the meeting.

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.

116. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Gray, E. R. Harries, Mrs N. C. Joseph, A. H. Miles, M. P. Rickard, Mrs Y. G. Southwell and the Youth Representatives, Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts. Apologies for absence were not received from Councillors L. J. Bridges and D. R. Sinnett.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The Mayor declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 6 – Cemetery Maintenance and Land Acquisition Group - as he is employed by a Funeral Director. He explained that he has dispensation to speak but not vote.

118. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 17TH OCTOBER, 2019:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

of the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

17th October, 2019, be accepted and that they be

signed by the Mayor as a true record.

119. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor advised that information regarding the Services in Connection with Remembrance would be circulated the next day as the Clerk was waiting for confirmation from the Royal British Legion as to times.

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REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

120. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND LAND ACQUISITION GROUP:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery Maintenance and Land Acquisition Group held on 17th October, 2019 were moved by the Chairman, Councillor C. A. Sharp.

(a) Minute 106 (c) – Public Convenience

A Member referred to the recommendation to close the public convenience on a trial basis as it might cause problems for members of the public who wished to use the facilities.

The Chairman advised that this was only a trial and would be reviewed if there were any complaints. Members of the public would be able to use the toilet in the House.

(b) Minute 107 (a) – Cemetery House

A Member said that this building could be refurbished and let out to tenants.

It was pointed out that this Council might have to utilise the building for its office staff and to hold meetings.

In addition, the building was not fit to be let out in its present condition.

It was proposed and seconded that a further recommendation be added to the recommendations made by the Cemetery Maintenance and Land Acquisition Group.

RESOLVED THAT the following be added to the list

of recommendations:

(iii) a feasibility study be conducted on the future use

of Cemetery House.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT, subject to the above,

the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery

Maintenance and Land Acquisition Group held

on 17th October, 2019, be approved and

adopted.

121. CEMETERY REPORT:

RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Report, as

presented by the Clerk for the month of

September 2019 be accepted.

122. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE:

RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the

Chairman of the Public Works and Planning

Committee in respect of the application for

a new premises licence be approved.

123. PUBLICATION OF STATUTORY NOTICE – MILFORD HAVEN SCHOOL LRC (2):

Members considered the Notice published by the Pembrokeshire County Council stating that Special Educational Needs provision is added to the Milford Haven School.

The effect of adding SEN provision to the School is that a Learning Resource Unit will be provided. This will make provision for learners with special educational needs, as defined by Section 312(1) of the Education Act 1996 and will specifically support provision for those with complex learning needs and autistic spectrum condition.

RESOLVED THAT the document be received.

124. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020:

Members discussed the draft Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, which would impact on the financial year 2020/21.

RESOLVED THAT the document be received.

125. #EVERYDAYAGEISM CAMPAIGN:

Information was received from Ms H. Herklots CBE, the Older People’s Commissioner for Wales, in which she explained her role is to protect and promote older people’s rights and ensure that action is taken to improve their lives.

The Commissioner stated that on 22nd October she will be launching a new campaign - #EverydayAgeism – to raise awareness of the scale and impact of the ageism faced by older people every single day, challenge ageism and age discrimination, and empower older people to do the same.

RESOLVED THAT the information be received.

126. STATEMENT OF INCOME:

RESOLVED THAT the statement of income for the

first quarter of the financial year 2019-2020 be

received.

127. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE:

RESOLVED THAT the summary of expenditure

for the first quarter of the financial year

2019-2020 be received.

128. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

as presented by the Clerk for the month of

September, 2019, in the sum of £9,868.55

be accepted and approved for payment.

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