Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Thursday, 14th November, 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. R. Harries Mrs N. C. Joseph

 M. P. Rickard C. A. Sharp

 Mrs Y. G. Southwell

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

 The Town Clerk was also present.

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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.

134. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. A. Davies, W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Gray, A. H. Miles, Mrs L. E. Turner and the Youth Representatives, Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts. Apologies for absence were not received from Councillor D. R. Sinnett.

 135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

 Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 – Planning Application No. 19/0622/PA as he is a friend of the applicant.

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

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

 of the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

 28th October, 2019, be accepted and that they be

 signed by the Mayor as a true record.

137. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

 The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, said that the Casual Vacancy for the West Ward has been advertised following the resignation of Mr. Lee Bridges, who said that he did not have the time to carry out his Council duties effectively.

 The Mayor then advised Councillor Rose Gray will not be able to attend Council meetings or events for the foreseeable future as her stepfather has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. She will not be able to decorate the Chamber for Father Christmas’s visit on Saturday, 7th December. If any Councillor can help, could they please inform the Clerk.

 138. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

 RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of

 the Chairman of the Public Works and Planning

 Committee in respect of the planning applications detailed on Pages 1 and 2 of the attached report

 be approved.

 Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) did not participate in the discussion or vote on any of the planning applications.

139. CONSULTATION – BT PAYPHONE REMOVAL:

 Members discussed a consultation regarding the removal of BT payphones in the County. There were two payphones listed as being located in Milford Haven – one in Shakespeare Avenue where only 1 call had been made in the last twelve months, and one in Wellington Road, Hakin, where 90 calls had been made in the last twelve months.

 A Member considered that there was no reason why British Telecommunications should not remove the payphones.

 Another Member said that it might be advantageous to keep a payphone in case of an emergency.

It was noted that Councils have the option to adopt any payphones. A Member, however, said that if anyone adopts a payphone they are responsible for line rental and maintenance.

 RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Council

 sees no reason why British Telecommunications

 should not remove the payphones in Milford Haven.

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