Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Thursday, 5th December, 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: P. Coe E. A. Davies

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

 Mrs N. C. Joseph M. P. Rickard D. R. Sinnett Mrs Y. G. Southwell

 Mrs L. E. Turner R. Williams

 The Town Clerk was also present.

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 PRAYERS:

 The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, led Members in prayer.

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

141. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. E. Byrne, R. D. Gray, A. H. Miles, C. A. Sharp, G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) and the Youth Representatives, Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts.

 142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

 Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 –

 Public Events Sub-Committee Minute 133 - Applications for Christmas Donations 2019 as he is a member of the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets and member of the Christmas Together Committee.

 Councillor Mrs Y. G. Southwell declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 – Public Events Sub-Committee Minute 133 - Applications for Christmas Donations 2019 as she is a Trustee of the Torch Theatre Management Board.

143. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14TH NOVEMBER, 2019:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

 of the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

 14th November, 2019, be accepted and that they

 be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

144. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

 The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, read out a letter from a Member in which he said that he had been approached by a number of residents of the town expressing concern at the implications of the recently introduced refuse collection and recycling system.

 In order to gain clarity and accurate information the Member urged the Town Council to ask Pembrokeshire County Council for an appropriate officer to attend a meeting to report on the progress and effectiveness of the newly introduced procedure relating to the collection of refuse and recyclable materials in our town.

 RESOLVED THAT an officer is to be asked to

 attend a Town Council meeting.

The Mayor then read out the following letter from Mrs J. Wilson of the Community Speed Watch Group:

*Speed watch volunteers were out 25 times at 10 different locations from September 2018 to September 2019 and a total of 383 motorists were recorded exceeding the speed limits of 30 and 40 mph. Below are the detailed activities in your area.*

*STEYNTON ROAD (speed limit of 30 mph)*

*1st February - 9 offenders*

*9th May - 10 offenders*

*16th August - 5 offenders*

*DALE ROAD, HUBBERSTON (speed limit of 30 mph)*

*15th July - 26 offenders*

*24th July - 22 offenders*

*1st August - 33 offenders*

*19th August - 22 offenders*

*13th September - 22 offenders*

*THORNTON ROAD (speed limit of 40 mph)*

*19th September - 1 offender*

*Total for the Milford Haven area – 150 motorists exceeding the speed limits.*

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REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

145. PUBLIC EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE:

 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Events Sub-Committee held on 14th November, 2019, were moved by the Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies.

 (a) Minute 133 – Applications for Christmas Donations 2019:

 The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, advised of the Council’s criteria for awarding Christmas Donations.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) Torch Theatre - Regret no donation as the Council does

 not support third party giving.

 As the criteria stated that the average donation was for £100 it was

 FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following organisations have their donations increased from £50 to £100:

 Committee of Friends of Havenhurst, Hakin Ladies Glade, Hakin Old Age Pensioners.

146. CEMETERY REPORT – OCTOBER 2019:

 RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Report, as

 presented by the Clerk for the month of

 October 2019 be accepted.

 147. ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 PART 1 – SECTION 1 THE BIODIVERSITY AND RESILENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY:

 Members discussed the documentation and the Council’s compliance with the enhanced biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) the documentation be received;

 (ii) the draft report, as prepared by the Clerk, be

 approved.

148. MILFORD FLOWERS 2020:

 Members considered the Clerk’s report which stated that she had been asked whether Members wish to order flowers for next year on exactly the same basis as this year.

 In this financial year the cost was £4,925.32. The estimated cost for the next financial year is in the region of £5,130.

 Members discussed the positioning of the 5 towers in the town and it was agreed that the two towers outside the Town Hall and the tower on The Rath were superfluous.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) the Milford Haven Town Council accepts the

 quotation from the Pembrokeshire County Council

 excluding the cost of the three towers;

 (ii) the Pembrokeshire County Council is to be asked

 to provide a breakdown of costings in future

 years.

149. TREES IN MILFORD HAVEN:

 Members considered an email from a Trustee with the Pembrokeshire Federation of WIs in which she advised that they had funds for trees to be planted in public spaces. She asked whether it would be possible to plant trees in Milford Haven.

RESOLVED THAT the Trustee of the Pembrokeshire

Federation of WIs be advised as that the Town Council

 only owns the Cemetery, and there is insufficient room

 to plant trees at this location, it would be better to

 contact the Pembrokeshire County Council as they

 own more land in the town.

150. MILFORD HAVEN – COMMUNITY WELL-BEING AND RESILIENCE PROJECT:

 Members considered an email and documentation from Ms L Lloyd, the Community Well-Being and Resilience Officer for Youth, PLANED, in which she explained that the Community Well-being and Resilience (CWBR) Project team is currently carrying out visioning in communities across Pembrokeshire, including a real focus on young people and ensuring that they have a say in their futures, to find out what is important to them in terms of well-being, what is working well and what might need improving, and what they and/or the Town and Community Councils could do to help with that i.e. project ideas.

 Ms Lloyd said that the CWBR team and members of the advisory board would like to focus work on the Milford Haven area. They would like to work with the Town Council and the community to map and assess the well-being and resilience of residents and to help the Council plan for the future and assist in engagement plans.

 Ms. Lloyd said that they would really like to work with Milford Haven Town Council and, should Members wish, attend a future Town Council meeting to discuss their work further.

RESOLVED THAT representatives from the

 CWBR Project team are to be invited to a

 Town Council meeting.

151. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

 RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

 as presented by the Clerk for the month of

 October, 2019, in the sum of £14,516.93

 be accepted and approved for payment.

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