Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Thursday, 9th January, 2020 at 6:30 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

A. H. Miles M. P. Rickard

C. A. Sharp D. R. Sinnett

Mrs L. E. Turner R. Williams

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

Youth

Representative: Miss B. Roberts

The Town Clerk was also present.

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In the absence of his Chaplain, prayers were led by the Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies.

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

152. CONDOLENCES:

The Council’s deepest sympathies were passed on to Councillor R. D. Gray and the Clerk and Secretary following their recent bereavements.

153. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. A. Davies, W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Gray, Mrs Y. G. Southwell and the Youth Representative Miss A. Coaker.

154. MAYOR’S REMARKS:

The Mayor reminded Members that community councillors do not have a prejudicial interest in decisions made by their Council in respect of grants, loans or other financial assistance to community groups or voluntary organisations where the value does not exceed £500. Community councillors who have been appointed to the community group or voluntary organisation concerned by their Community Council, e.g. to the board of a community hall, will not have a prejudicial interest in decisions made by their Council in respect of any grants, loans or other financial assistance. If, on the other hand, you are on such a board in your own capacity and have not been appointed by your Council, then you will have a prejudicial interest.

155. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor T. J. Davies declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Museum Trust – as he has been appointed by this Council as one of its representatives on the Milford Haven Museum Trust.

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Museum Trust – as he is a past Chairman of the Milford Haven Museum Trust.

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Round Table – as the application form has been completed by his granddaughter’s husband.

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets – as he is a past Chairman of the Unit.

Councillor M. P. Rickard declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Youth Matters – as his employer is remunerated by them.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Museum Trust - as he is the Chairman of the Museum Trust.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets - as he is the Chairman of the Unit.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Pill Social Centre - as he is the Chairman at the Centre.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Torch Theatre – as he is married to Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) who is salaried by the Torch Theatre.

Councillor D. R. Sinnett declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Torch Theatre – as he is the Pembrokeshire County Council nominated Board member for the Torch Theatre.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Torch Theatre – as he is a paid employee (Senior Manager - Business) of the Torch Theatre.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Town Band – as he is President of the Milford Haven Town Band.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Milford Haven Junior Town Band – as he is President of the Milford Haven Junior Town Band.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 – Council’s Precept Requirements for 2020/2021 – Pill Social Centre – as he is an unpaid volunteer at the Pill Social Centre.

156. TO CONSIDER THE COUNCIL’S PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020/2021:

Members discussed the Council’s precept requirements for 2020/2021.

(a) Milford Haven Museum Trust (LGA 1972, s. 137)

Councillor C. A. Sharp reiterated his personal and prejudicial interest and left the Council Chamber during discussion on this item.

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Museum

Trust’s donation is to remain at £10,000 for

the financial year 2020/2021.

(b) Milford Haven Round Table (LGA 1972, s.145)

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Round Table’s

donation is to remain at £4,150 for the financial year 2020/2021.

Councillor E. R. Harries abstained from voting on this item.

(c) Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets (LGA 1972, s.137)

Councillor C. A. Sharp reiterated his personal and prejudicial interest and left the Council Chamber during discussion on this item.

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Sea Cadets

and Royal Marine Cadets are to receive a donation

of £2,000 for the financial year 2020/2021.

(d) Milford Haven Town Band and Milford Haven Junior Town Band (LGA 1972, s.145)

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Band and

Milford Haven Junior Town Band’s donation is to

remain at £2,500 for the financial year 2020/2021.

(e) Milford Haven Twinning Association (LGA 1972, s.145)

Councillor C. A. Sharp, the Milford Haven Town Council’s representative on the Twinning Association, explained that the Milford Haven Twinning Association was not seeking funding for the next financial year, but would request funding if the circumstances changes and funding was required.

RESOLVED THAT the information be received.

(f) Pill Social Centre (LGA 1972, s.137)

Councillor C. A. Sharp reiterated his personal and prejudicial interest and left the Council Chamber during discussion on this item.

RESOLVED THAT the Pill Social Centre is to receive

a donation of £1,500 for the financial year 2020/2021.

(g) Torch Theatre Company Limited (LGA 1972, s.145)

Councillors C. A. Sharp and G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) reiterated their personal and prejudicial interests, and Councillor D. R. Sinnett, reiterated his prejudicial interest and left the Council Chamber during discussion on this item.

RESOLVED THAT the Torch Theatre Company

Limited’s grant is to be decreased from £10,000 to

£7,000 for the financial year 2020/2021.

(h) Milford Youth Matters (LGA 1972, s.137)

Members discussed this application in which a donation of £8,690 was requested to fund the “Under The Bridge” project.

It was proposed and seconded that a donation of £5,000 should be made. Some Members were concerned that if only part of the funding was given some aspects of the project may go ahead. Members wished to support this group and to assist in applying for additional funding. An amendment was proposed and seconded that the full donation of £8,690 should be made.

A vote was taken and the proposal of £5,000 was carried.

RESOLVED THAT Milford Youth Matters is to receive

a donation of £5,000 for the financial year 2020/2021

for its “Under the Bridge” project, with the caveat that

representatives from Milford Youth Matters be invited

to a meeting to be held later this year to discuss ways of working together, such as future fundraising.

(i) Hakin United Amateur Football Club (LGA 1972, s.137)

Members expressed disappointment that this organisation had not submitted the correct financial information as stipulated in the application guidelines.

RESOLVED THAT Hakin United Amateur Football

Club be given a donation of £500 for the financial

year 2020/2021, subject to the provision of

up-to-date financial information.

Councillor C. A. Sharp wished his dissatisfaction recorded that no up-to-date financial information had been received from this organisation.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED THAT when the Clerk

undertakes the annual review of Standing Orders and

Financial Regulations, attention is drawn to the

issue of grant applications.

(j) Councillor Allowance

RESOLVED THAT the Councillor Allowance be increased

from £2,550 to £2,700.

(k) Elections

RESOLVED THAT that the Clerk is to contact the

Elections Unit to clarify the financial implications for this

Council with regard to the County and Town Council

Elections in 2022.

(l) Precept

RESOLVED THAT a Precept Requirement in the sum of

£192,219 be served on the Pembrokeshire County

Council in respect of the financial year 2020/2021.

This figure is equivalent to a charge of £36.49 per

annum per Band “D” household, a decrease

of £0.96 per annum.

157. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CEMETERY FEES SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2019:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery Fees Sub-Committee held on 5th December, 2019, were moved by the Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the

Cemetery Fees Sub-Committee held on 5th December,

2019, be approved and adopted.

158. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2019:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 5th December, 2019, were moved by the Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the

Establishment Committee held on 5th December,

2019, be approved and adopted.

159. BT PAYPHONE CONSULTATION:

Members discussed the BT Payphone Consultation.

RESOLVED THAT the Milford Haven Town Council

sees no reason why the payphones in Charles Street

and Hamilton Terrace should not be removed.

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