Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 27th January, 2020 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

 A. H. Miles M. P. Rickard

 C. A. Sharp D. R. Sinnett

 Mrs C. Stevens Mrs L. E. Turner

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

 The Town Clerk and Secretary were also present.

 County Councillors Mrs V. M. Stoddart and S. T. Hudson MBE were in attendance.

 Members of the public and press 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.

167. MAYOR’S REMARKS:

The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, welcomed Councillor Mrs C. Stevens to her first Meeting since becoming a Councillor for the West Ward.

168. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. E. Byrne, R. D. Gray, Mrs N. C. Joseph, Mrs Y. G. Southwell, R. Williams, and the Youth Representatives, Miss A. Coaker and Miss B. Roberts.

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

 Interests were declared as the Meeting progressed.

170. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 5TH DECEMBER, 2019:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

 of the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

 5th December, 2019, be accepted and that they

 be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

171. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY, 2020:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

 of the Milford Haven Town Council held on the

 9th January, 2020, be accepted and that they

 be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

172. CEMETERY REPORTS – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019:

 RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Reports, as

 presented by the Clerk for the months of

 November and December 2019 be accepted.

173. 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 report be approved.

(a) Planning Application 19/0948/PA – Erection of a 5 storey 100 bed hotel (Use Class C1) with an ancillary restaurant at ground floor level, landscaping, ancillary works, pursuant to outline planning permission 14/0158/PA (application for the approval of reserved matters (appearance, scale, layout, landscaping and access for the development of Phase 1 (Hotel) at Phase 1 (hotel) of Milford Waterfront Redevelopment

 Councillor Mrs L. E. Turner declared a personal interest as she is a Trustee of the Priory Trust.

 Although Members looked forward to this development and its benefits to

 the town, they were mindful that they were representing residents of the town who had written letters expressing health and safety concerns regarding how this development would impact on the flood problems at Havens Head and Lower Priory.

 After an in-depth discussion, it was RESOLVED THAT the Chairman’s recommendation that this planning application be approved, be reversed and the application be refused under policy GN1 on the grounds of health and safety concerns until the Capita report has been completed and considered.

 It was FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Head of Planning be asked to refer this application to the Pembrokeshire County Council’s Planning Committee for deliberation. This would give those objecting to the planning application the opportunity to speak.

174. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE – KENNY’S, CHARLES STREET, MILFORD HAVEN:

 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.

175. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 CONSULTATION:

Members discussed a letter from the Development Plans and Conservation

Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council, in which she advised that the Pembrokeshire County Council is undertaking an eight-week consultation on the Deposit Local Development Plan between 15th January and 11th March 2020.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) Members are to email any comments to the

 Clerk;

 (ii) the comments will be discussed at the Full

 Council Meeting to be held on 5th March.

176. ONE VOICE WALES:

(a) One Voice Wales Larger Councils’ Committee – Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October, 2019 in the Media Resource Centre, Llandrindod Wells

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the One Voice

 Wales Larger Councils’ Committee held on

 16th October, 2019 be received.

(b) One Voice Wales Policy Committee – Briefing Paper 13th December, 2019, re Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

 RESOLVED THAT the One Voice Wales Policy

 Committee – Briefing Paper 13th December,

 2019, be received.

(c) Community and Town Councils – Welsh Government Areas for Action

 RESOLVED THAT Community and Town Councils –

 Welsh Government Areas for Action be received.

(d) Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – One Voice Wales Response

 RESOLVED THAT the document be received.

177. SPEEDING ON THE DALE ROAD, HUBBERSTON:

Members discussed correspondence from County Councillor Mrs V. M. Stoddart and an Officer from the Pembrokeshire County Council regarding speeding on the Dale Road in Hubberston.

Members agreed that they were most anxious to see the implementation of an appropriate scheme.

 RESOLVED THAT County Councillor Mrs V. M.

 Stoddart and an Officer from the Pembrokeshire

County Council be invited to a Meeting of the

Traffic Working Group to discuss this issue.

178. CHAT BENCHES:

Members were advised that Milford Haven School has offered two ‘Chat Benches’ to the Milford Haven Town Council to be located at the Council’s discretion.

In the UK, more than one million older people say they always or often feel lonely, according to the charity Age UK. A review found that 17% of older people talk to family, friends or neighbours less than once a week. For many, it is even more scarce than that. ‘Chat Benches’ are clearly marked benches that seek to break down that social barrier and allow us to all say ‘hello’.

Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre and Steynton Community Group had indicated that they would like one of these benches for their communities.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) this initiative be shared on the Council’s

 social media platforms to ascertain if other

 organisations in the town are interested in

 obtaining a bench;

 (ii) this matter is to be referred to the next

 Meeting of the Full Council on 13th February,

 2020;

 (iii) Ms S. Henehan, Community Safety, Poverty

 and Regeneration Manager, Pembrokeshire

County Council, is to be invited to a future

Meeting of the Full Council to discuss the

possibilities created by the Enhancing

Pembrokeshire Grant.

179. BUSINESS CARDS FOR COUNCILLORS:

Members considered a suggestion that each Town Councillor is provided with their own business cards. These cards would be adorned with the Milford Haven Town Council crest and would detail the Councillor’s name, Ward and contact details.

It was felt that, if Councillors wished to have these cards, then the cards should be purchased from their Councillor Allowance.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) the Milford Haven Town Council does not

 provide business cards for its Members;

 (ii) however, Councillors who are interested in

 obtaining their own business cards are to

 contact the Clerk to consider options.

180. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

(a) Additional Community Governor – Milford Haven Community Primary School

 RESOLVED THAT Councillor Miss K. F. Gray be

nominated by this Council as Additional Community

Governor on the Milford Haven Community Primary

School.

(b) Additional Community Governor – St. Francis Catholic Primary School

 RESOLVED THAT Councillor Mrs C. Stevens be

nominated by this Council as Additional Community

Governor on the St. Francis Catholic Primary

School.

(c) Representative – Milford Haven Port Welfare Committee

Councillors E. A. Davies and A. H. Miles both indicated their interest in this position.

A vote was taken and it was RESOLVED THAT Councillor E. A. Davies be appointed as this Council’s representative on the Milford Haven Port Welfare Committee.

181. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

 (a) Acknowledgement of Donations

The Mayor advised that letters of thanks had been received from the 1st Milford Haven Rainbow Guides, 7th Milford Haven Brownie Unit, Christ Church, Christmas Together, Committee of Friends of Havenhurst, Hakin Ladies Glade, Hakin Old Age Pensioners, Hubberston and Hakin Community Luncheon Club, Milford Haven Community Primary School, Milford Haven Museum, Milford Haven Round Table, Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets, Milford Haven Swimming Club, Milford Haven Yarn Club, Milford Haven Youth Matters/Under the Bridge, National Federation of Retirement Pensioners Association, Parents and Supporters Association – Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets, Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastics Club, Pill Social Centre and the Salvation Army.

The Nelson Society were very disappointed with their donation.

 (b) Applications for Financial Assistance

 RESOLVED THAT the following decisions be

 made in relation to the applications for financial

 assistance:

 (i) Milford Haven Amateur Operatic Society - £500

*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.*

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the production will be put on at the Torch Theatre, where he is a paid employee. He left the Council Chamber during discussion on this item.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal and prejudicial interest as his husband is a paid employee of the Torch Theatre. He left the Council Chamber during discussion on this item.

Councillor D. R. Sinnett declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he is the Pembrokeshire County Council’s nominated Board member for the Torch Theatre. He left the Council Chamber during discussion on this item.

(ii) Milford Haven Hockey Club - £500

*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.*

182. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

 RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts,

 as presented by the Clerk for the months of

 November and December, 2019, in the sum

 of £40,116.99 be accepted and approved

 for payment.

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