Minutes of a Meeting of the

Public Events Sub-Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on 27th January, 2020 at 6:15 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor T. J. Davies)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Miss K. F. Gray)

Councillors: E. A. Davies W. D. Elliott BA QTS

E. R. Harries A. H. Miles

C. A. Sharp

The Town Clerk and Secretary were also in attendance.

160. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Chair, Councillor R. D. Gray, and Councillor Mrs Y. G. Southwell.

161. CHAIRMAN:

RESOLVED THAT, in the absence of the Chair, the Meeting

be chaired by the Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies.

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

163. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON

 14TH NOVEMBER, 2019:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Public

Events Sub-Committee held on the 14th November, 2019,

be accepted and that they be signed by the Chairman as a

true record.

164. REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2019:

(a) Visit of Father Christmas to Milford Haven on Saturday, 7th December, 2019

 The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, advised Members that the move of Santa’s Grotto to a downstairs room in the Town Hall had been well received. There were minor issues as to the entrance and exit routes from the Grotto but these issues were swiftly resolved.

 The Mayor thanked all of the organisations present for their assistance in making the day so memorable for so many.

(b) Lantern Parade

 Members thanked Councillor M. P. Rickard for once again expertly coordinating the Lantern Parade.

(c) Donations

It was RECOMMENDED THAT donations be made

 to the following organisations for their contribution

 towards the entertainment outside the Town Hall

 during last year’s visit of Father Christmas.

 (i) Neyland Ladies Choir - £50 (plus an additional

 £40 for transportation of their piano).

 (ii) St. Katharine’s

Stratford Players - £50

 (iii) a donation of £50 be made to the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets for their assistance

 during that afternoon.

 (iv) a donation of £50 be made to the Milford Haven Army

 Cadets for their assistance during that afternoon.

165. WALES & VE DAY 75:

Members considered documentation from Mr. B Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster VE Day 75, relating to the upcoming celebrations.

The Clerk advised Members that she had written to the Royal British Legion (Milford Haven branch) regarding their plans to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on the weekend of 8th to 10th May, 2020.

The Mayor advised that he had been informed by the Royal British Legion that they would be holding a meeting at the beginning of February to discuss their plans. Such ideas as bell ringing, street parties and children’s parties – taking place throughout the weekend – have been proposed.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT the Clerk

is to contact the Royal British Legion to

arrange a joint Meeting with this Committee.

166. OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

The Clerk drew Members’ attention to the forthcoming Cemetery Service – *In Memory of those Fishermen who lost their lives at Sea* – especially remembering the crews of Gordon Richards (January 1938), Milford Viscount (April 1950), Richard Crofts (February 1953), Robert Limbrick (February 1957) and Boston Heron (December 1962).

This Service was first held in February 2003, when the 50th anniversary of the foundering of the Richard Crofts was commemorated.

As April 2020 will mark seventy years since the tragic loss of the Milford Viscount, Members considered whether to move the Service to April for this year.

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS joined the Meeting at this point.

Discussion followed and it was RECOMMENDED THAT:

 (i) the Service – *In Memory of those Fishermen*

 *who lost their lives at Sea* – is rescheduled for

Friday, 3rd April, 2020;

 (ii) this Service will have an emphasis on the

 Milford Viscount;

 (iii) the relatives of the crew of the Milford Viscount

 are to be informed of this Council’s intention.

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