Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held electronically using the Zoom software

on Thursday, 15th October, 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: E. A. Davies W. D. Elliott BA QTS

M. P. Rickard C. A. Sharp

Mrs Y. G. Southwell Mrs C. Stevens

R. Williams

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

 Mrs M. L. Galliford, Town Clerk / Financial Officer

 Ms F. K. Galliford, Town Council Secretary

TO RECEIVE PCSO R. O’NEILL, MILFORD HAVEN NEIGHBOURING POLICING TEAM, DYFED-POWYS POLICE, TO EXPLAIN MILFORD HAVEN WORKING TOGETHER FUND:

The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, introduced PCSO O’Neill to the Meeting.

PCSO O’Neill gave some background information to the Milford Haven Working Together Fund. She explained that the Dyfed Police and Crime Commissioner has given £10,000 to spend within the local community to help community resilience.

Funds have also been received from other organisations and the account currently stands at £18,300.

The concept is that this is to be community owned, community-led and community decided.

There is an active Milford Haven Working Together Facebook page.

A Steering Group has been appointed which will make the key decisions. A maximum of £1,000 has been allocated for funding applications with only 2 bids received from any one organisation. A copy of the application form can be obtained via email, Facebook or the Police Station.

The Mayor thanked PCSO O’Neill for her presentation and said that this would be discussed later on the Agenda.

246. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. E. Byrne, P. Coe, R. D. Gray, E. R. Harries, Mrs N. C. Joseph, A. H. Miles, D. R. Sinnett and Mrs L. E. Turner.

247. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor M. P. Rickard declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 13 – Face Masks – due to his contractual work with Pure West Radio. He said that he would be pleased to provide full information or leave the Meeting, whichever Councillors preferred.

248. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, advised that he had spoken to the Council’s landlord. The landlord was re-rendering the rear of the Town Hall. The defibrillator had been removed and would be replaced at the front of the building with the new notice board.

It has been necessary to replace the obsolete boiler with an energy-saving alternative. According to the terms of its lease, the Town Council must contribute 15% towards the cost.

As it was Baby Loss Awareness Week, the Mayor said that an LED candle had been placed in a visible downstairs location in the Town Hall.

249. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

 of the Full Council held on 24th September 2020

be accepted and that they be signed by the Mayor

as a true record.

250. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND LAND ACQUISITION GROUP HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2020:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

 of the Cemetery Maintenance and Land Acquisition

Group on 7th October 2020 be accepted and that

they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

251. PROMOTING A SOUTH WEST WALES FREEPORT:

Members discussed a document from Mr A Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Milford Haven, in which he invited views on the content of a proposition report “Call to Action for a Freeport in Pembrokeshire”.

 RESOLVED THAT representatives from the Port of Milford

 Haven be invited to address this Council to explain the

 report.

252. REMEMBRANCE SERVICES 2020:

The Clerk contacted the Welsh Headquarters of the Royal British Legion and was told that, in Wales, Town Councils are responsible for the Remembrance Service, with the Legion being responsible for the Parade.

The Clerk was informed that there would not be any Parades this year. Current Welsh Government guidelines state that only up to 30 people can attend this event.

Members discussed the best way in which the Town Council could commemorate this important Service.

The Mayor reminded Members that the attendance at the Service would have to be properly managed as gatherings of more than 30 people could receive a £10,000 fine.

 RESOLVED THAT:

1. there is to be a limited Service at the War Memorial

by invitation only of up to 30 people;

1. all Councillors are to be invited to the Service;
2. the Public Events Sub-Committee is to be given the

authority to finalise arrangements for the Service.

253. MILFORD HAVEN WORKING TOGETHER FUND:

Members discussed the presentation made by PCSO O’Neill.

 RESOLVED THAT the Clerk is to ascertain whether this

 Council has the powers to support this initiative.

254. DRAFT WELL BEING ASSESSMENT FROM CWBR - OCTOBER 2020:

Members considered the Community Well-Being and Resilience Project as prepared by PLANED. This was a draft version of their initial well-being assessment from the community engagement that has taken place to date.

 RESOLVED THAT the document be received.

255. HANGING BASKETS IN CHARLES STREET:

Members were advised that 2021 may be the last year that the Pembrokeshire County Council is able to have hanging baskets on the lampposts in Charles Street.

 RESOLVED THAT this issue be referred to the next

 meeting of the Public Events Sub-Committee for

 further discussion.

256. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION FOR WALES DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT CONSULTATION – FEBRUARY 2021:

Councillors discussed the Independent Remuneration for Wales Draft Annual Report Consultation for February 2021.

 RESOLVED THAT the Independent Remuneration for

 Wales Draft Annual Report Consultation for February

 2021 be received.

257. MINISTERS WRITTEN STATEMENT PHASE 2 OF THE DIVERSITY IN DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME:

A written statement from the Minister for Housing and Local Government on phase 2 of the Diversity in Democracy programme was received.

 RESOLVED THAT this document be received.

258. FACEMASKS:

Members discussed an email from Mr. T. Ellis, Station Manager, Pure West Radio, in which he asked if this Council would be interested in giving away free facemasks to the residents of Milford Haven.

The facemasks would cost £3 each, which includes the mask, logo printing and packaging. (There would be the Town Council’s logo and Pure West Radio’s logo on each.)

Councillor M. P. Rickard advised that other Town Councils had supported this initiative.

A Member questioned whether people would take a mask, even if they did not want one, because it was free.

 RESOLVED THAT this issue be referred to the Public

 Events Sub-Committee for further discussion.

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