Minutes of a Meeting of the

Public Events Sub-Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on 14th November, 2019 at 6:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor T. J. Davies)

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

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

C. A. Sharp Mrs Y. G. Southwell

Councillor Mrs N. C. Joseph was also in attendance.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

129. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Chair, Councillor R. D. Gray, Councillors E. A. Davies and A. H. Miles.

130. CHAIRMAN:

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

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

131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The following personal interests were declared in relation to Agenda Item 4 – Applications for Christmas Donations:

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 (3) as he is a member of the Christmas Together Committee.

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 (14) as he is a volunteer with the Parents and Supporters Association (P&SA) (Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets).

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 (14) as he is a former Chairman of the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets.

Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 (15) Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastics Club - as he is a close friend of the husband of the main fund raiser.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal interest in Agenda Item (4) (3) as he is one of the Founders and Organisers of Christmas Together.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal interest in Agenda Item (4) (9) as he is a Governor at the Milford Haven Community Primary School.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal interest in Agenda Item (4) (14) as he is the Chairman of the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item (4) (17) as he is married to the Business Manager of the Torch Theatre.

Councillor Mrs Y. G. Southwell declared a personal interest in Agenda Item (4) (17) as she is a member of the Torch Theatre Management Board.

132. VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY:

Members discussed correspondence from Mr. B. Peek LVO OBE OPR regarding the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Mr. Peek wrote that VE Day 75 is on the weekend of 8th – 10th May 2020 and will be an international celebration of peace.

He explained that SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity – which has been supporting service personnel, veterans and their families since 1885 – are the charity partner for this series of VE Day 75 commemorative events. Mr. Peek said that he would like to encourage engagement with the local SSAFA branch to ensure community collaboration.

The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, advised that the closest SSAFA branch was in Glamorgan. He said that he had held informal discussions with representatives from the local Branch of the Royal British Legion, who were keen to celebrate this important event.

A Member questioned whether it would be possible for this Council to donate towards the funding of street parties.

Another Member explained that the Council had on previous occasions supported the community by funding street parties. Applicants had to write to the Council confirming the date of the street party and had to apply for any necessary permissions themselves.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Royal

British Legion stating that the Council wishes

to participate in a commemorative event and

is of the opinion that a joint meeting with the

Council and the Royal British Legion would be

advantageous to both organisations;

(ii) a provision of £1,500 be added to the Public

Events Sub-Committee budget to assist with

the celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

133. ­­APPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2019:

Members were advised that there was £2,000 available in this budget line.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT the following

decisions be made in relation to the

applications for Christmas Donations:

1. 1st Milford Haven Rainbow Guides - £126

2. Christ Church - £100

3. Christmas Together - £100

Councillor C. A. Sharp reiterated his personal interest and

took no part in the discussion or voting on this application.

4. Committee of Friends of Havenhurst - £50

5. Hakin Ladies Glade - £50

6. Hakin Old Age Pensioners - £50

7. Homeless Pembrokeshire - Regret, no donation

as this Council does not support third party giving.

8. Hubberston and Hakin Community Luncheon

Club - £100

9. Milford Haven Community Primary School - £100

10. Milford Haven Swimming Club - £100

11. Milford Haven Yarn Club - £100

12. Milford Haven Youth Council - £200

13. National Federation of Retirement

Pensioners Association - £100

14. Parents and Supporters Association (P&SA)

(Milford Haven Sea Cadets & Royal Marines

Cadets) - £200

15. Pembrokeshire Special Needs Gymnastics

Club - £150

16. Salvation Army - £150

17. Torch Theatre - to be deferred

Councillor C. A. Sharp reiterated his prejudicial interest and took no part in the discussion or voting on this application.

Members noted that this application was for a family ticket for a show at the Torch Theatre. A Member pointed out that, if agreed, this could be construed as third party giving as the Council would not be deciding on which family received the ticket. Another Member felt that as the show is being staged at the Torch Theatre, then the Torch Theatre should subsidise the cost of any tickets.

It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED

THAT this application be deferred until

Full Council on 5th December when the

Clerk will provide a copy of the criteria

regarding applications for Christmas

donations.

The Mayor said that, to date, the donations totalled £1,676. There was therefore a balance of £324 in this budget line.

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