Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council

held electronically using the Zoom software

on Monday, 26th 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: A. E. Byrne P. Coe

E. A. Davies R. D. Gray

M. P. Rickard C. A. Sharp

Mrs L. E. Turner R. Williams

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

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

 Ms F. K. Galliford, Town Council Secretary

 Mr. J. Hemingray, Western Telegraph reporter

268. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. D. Elliott BA QTS, E. R. Harries, A. H. Miles, D. R. Sinnett, Mrs Y. G. Southwell and Mrs C. Stevens.

269. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 – *Milford Haven Working Together* - as he has been elected Chair of this Group.

Councillor Mrs L. E. Turner declared a personal interest in Agenda No. 7 – *Milford Haven Working Together* - as she is a Trustee of a Charity that may be applying for funding.

270. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Davies, said that there would be a presentation prior to the next Meeting of the Full Council on 19th November by representatives from the Port of Milford Haven regarding the report “Call to Action for a Freeport in Pembrokeshire”.

271. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 15th OCTOBER 2020:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

 of the Full Council held on 15th October 2020

be accepted and that they be signed by the Mayor

as a true record.

272. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER 2020:

 (a) Minute No. 262 – Christmas 2020

A Member said that he had connections with Father Christmas and that he would be pleased to assist with this.

 (b) Minute No. 263 – Facemasks

Councillor M. P. Rickard apologised for his late arrival at this evening’s Meeting. He reiterated his personal and prejudicial interest due to his contractual work with Pure West Radio.

 RESOLVED THAT, subject to the above,

the Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Events

Sub-Committee on 22nd October 2020 be accepted

and that they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

273. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER 2020:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting

 of the Establishment Committee on

22nd October 2020 be accepted and that

they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

274. MILFORD HAVEN WORKING TOGETHER:

Members discussed the advice received from One Voice Wales which stated that if the Town Council wishes to support this initiative, then it could consider using the Power of Wellbeing – the power to do anything to promote the economic, social and emotional wellbeing of the Council’s area or anyone in the area (Local Government Act 2000 Sections 1 – 5).

The Council could add a proviso stating that the monies only be used to benefit groups or individuals within Milford Haven.

The Council could also request whether the Community Group would be prepared to provide quarterly/half yearly or yearly reports on how the monies are distributed. It may not be possible to name individuals who have benefited because of data protection but the reason why money was given to an individual could be reported back.

A Member suggested that any donation be subject to the proviso recommended by One Voice Wales.

Councillor C. A. Sharp, as Chair of the Group, advised that an email had been circulated to all Councillors via the Secretary which contained a copy of an application form for Milford Haven Working Together. In the Conditions and Declaration section it states, “all projects outcomes must benefit the community of Milford Haven”.

After a discussion it was RESOLVED THAT a donation of £3,000 be made to this Group under the Power of Wellbeing.

275. CASUAL VACANCY – NORTH WARD, MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL:

Councillor R. Williams said that he was currently the Councillor for the Central Ward of the Milford Haven Town Council. He referred to the Council’s agreement a few years ago when Councillor Miss K. F. Gray moved from the North to the East Ward and asked whether he could move from the Central to the North Ward of the Milford Haven Town Council.

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (a) Councillor R. Williams is to become one of the Members

 for the North Ward of the Milford Haven Town Council;

 (b) the Clerk advertises the vacancy for a Councillor for the

 Central Ward;

(c) thanks be recorded to Mrs N. C. Joseph for her contribution to the Milford Haven Town Council.

276. REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEES:

Members discussed Welsh Government correspondence – circulated by Ms T. Gilmartin-Ward of One Voice Wales – regarding regulations to establish Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) to exercise certain local authority functions on a collaborative basis, as provided for in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill currently before the Senedd.

 RESOLVED THAT the document be received.

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