Minutes of a Meeting of the Public Events Sub-Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday 20th September 2021 at 6:15 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Miss K. F. Gray)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs C. Stevens)

Councillors: E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF E. R. Harries

A. H. Miles C. A. Sharp

Mrs B. J. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk / Financial Officer

Ms F. K. Galliford, Town Council Secretary

Mr. J. Riley, Western Telegraph reporter

90. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Gray and Mrs Y. G. Southwell.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

92. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Mrs C. Stevens be

appointed as Chair of the Public Events Sub-Committee

for the Mayoral Year 2021/2022.

93. CITIZENS’ AWARDS:

Members considered information from April 2021 relating to proposals to hold the Citizens’ Awards Ceremony in Autumn 2021, due to the ever-changing situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. The Citizens’ Awards Ceremony in 2020 did not take place because of the pandemic.

A Member stated that he believed there to be two options. The first option would be to cancel the Ceremony altogether for this year. The second option would see the Ceremony go ahead as normal, but with the caveat that past recipients of Awards do not have the option of attending, thus keeping audience numbers low and adhering with Covid compliance measures.

Discussion followed, and it was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) the Citizens’ Awards Ceremony go ahead as normal;

(ii) the Ceremony be held in January 2022;

(iii) past recipients of Awards be respectfully notified that

they will not be invited to the Ceremony because

of Covid-19 regulations;

(iv) only the newest recipients of Awards and their immediate

family members/friends be invited to the Ceremony.

94. DISCUSSION ON UPCOMING EVENTS:

(a) Baby Loss Awareness Memorial Service (October 2021)

Members considered an attached Report relating to the Baby Loss Awareness Memorial Service, which last took place at Milford Haven Cemetery in October 2019. The Service was not held in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) as much of the Service is held outside, the Service

can go ahead;

(ii) if this is not possible due to the Covid situation, an

electric candle is to once more be displayed prominently

in a window at the Town Hall, to commemorate Baby Loss

Awareness Week 2021.

(b) Remembrance Services (November 2021)

Members discussed the situation regarding Remembrance Services.

A Member stated that the Remembrance Sunday Service had gone ahead last year, albeit in a limited form.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT the Remembrance

Services go ahead as normal in accordance with

Covid-19 regulations.

(c) Visit of Father Christmas to Milford Haven (December 2021)

A Member spoke of how this was a difficult decision to make. He had earlier learnt of an organisation who had regretfully cancelled their

Christmas event as a result of Covid-19 concerns.

Discussion followed, and it was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) the Milford Haven Round Table be asked about their plans

for the festive season;

(ii) the Town Council will proceed with relevant arrangements

once learning of the Round Table’s plans;

(iii) Santa’s Grotto, which is held at the Town Hall, will

not happen this year because of issues relating to the

pandemic;

(iv) as Santa’s Grotto will not be happening, the Town

Council will support the Round Table in any of their festive

endeavours, such as supply of sweet treats.

(d) The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend (June 2022)

Members noted an attached Report and document relating to proposals for Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend commencing on 2nd June 2022.

A Member stated that the Pill Social Centre was available for the lighting of a beacon to mark the occasion. The Pill Social Centre had previously hosted the “Beacon of Remembrance” event in November 2018, and the Milford Haven Town Band were present at this event.

The Member reiterated the Pill Social Centre’s interest but also indicated that he would be happy for other organisations in Milford Haven to help.

RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) a notice be issued in the local media, appealing for

parties interested in participating in the celebrations;

(ii) a beacon be obtained for the celebrations;

(ii) the services of a piper be secured for the celebrations.

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