

MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven
on Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Miss K. F. Gray)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs C. Stevens)

Councillors:	A. E. Byrne	P. Coe
	E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF	T. J. Davies
	E. R. Harries	A. H. Miles
	B. Phillips	C. A. Sharp
	Mrs L. E. Turner	R. Williams

Mrs B. J. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk
Ms F. K. Galliford, Secretary

Mr. J. Riley, Western Telegraph Reporter

PRAYERS:

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Father Andrew Johnson, led Members in prayer.

95. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Gray, M. P. Rickard, D. R. Sinnett, Mrs Y. G. Southwell and G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons).

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T. J. Davies declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 – *Quotes for Cemetery Work* – as he is employed by a local undertaker.

Councillor B. Phillips declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 – *Rath Paddling Pool* – as he is a prominent figure in maintaining the pool. Councillor Phillips is also a key personality in the "Bring Back the Big Pool Campaign".

97. NEWS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Councillor Miss K. F. Gray, enthused about an event she had attended in St. Davids Cathedral on Sunday 19th September.

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98. QUESTIONS WITHOUT DEBATE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 6.

No items were raised.

99. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 26th JULY 2021

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council held on the 26th July 2021 be accepted and that they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

100. MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2021

Mr. Riley left the Council Chamber during discussion of this item.

Councillor A. E. Byrne advised that he was unable to submit his apologies in advance of this Meeting due to a completely unavoidable situation.

A Member questioned the confidential nature of the Meeting. The Member was informed that local authority concerns had necessitated the requirement for confidentiality.

RESOLVED THAT, subject to the above, the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council held on the 7th September 2021 be accepted and that they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

Mr. Riley returned to the Council Chamber once this matter had been concluded.

101. FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE held on 6th September 2021

In the absence of the Chairman of the Finance, Governance and Projects Committee, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance, Governance and Projects Committee held on 6th September 2021 were moved by the Vice Chairman of the Committee, Councillor E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Finance, Governance and Projects Committee held on 6th September 2021 be moved and adopted.

102. PLANNING, POLICY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on 9th September 2021

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Policy and Community Committee held on 9th September were moved by the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor R. Williams.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Policy and Community Committee held on 9th September 2021 be approved and adopted.

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103. LICENSING APPLICATION IN MILFORD HAVEN

Members discussed the licensing application for the Imperial Hall on Hamilton Terrace. This application had first been discussed at the Meeting of the Planning, Policy and Community Committee on 9th September 2021.

RESOLVED THAT the Chairman of the Planning, Policy and Community Committee's recommendation that this application be refused, on the basis of noise emanating from the premises and nuisance caused given the close proximity to neighbouring residential properties, be supported.

104. CEMETERY – QUOTES FOR WORK

The Chairman of the Cemetery Maintenance and Land Acquisition Group, Councillor C. A. Sharp, addressed Members. Councillor Sharp spoke most positively about the work progressing at the Cemetery. Work will commence on the crumbling wall very soon, and the painting of the Cemetery Chapel door will start towards the end of the week. A broken window in the Cemetery Chapel was replaced at the end of last month.

Councillor Sharp expressed deep gratitude towards members of the Probation Service who have been carrying out a number of jobs at the Cemetery.

Councillor Sharp asked members if a couple of quotes for work to be done at the Cemetery - £3480 to remove the toilet block and £2230 to repair roof damage – could be accepted. These quotes are from the same company.

Concern was expressed at the absence of toilet facilities at the Cemetery. Councillor Sharp advised that there was a toilet located in Cemetery House and that members of the public had used this toilet, but a great deal of work was needed to bring this toilet up to a respectable standard.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) the quotes for the work to be done at the Cemetery be received;
- (ii) the Town Clerk, Mrs B. J. Fitzgerald, is to obtain quotations for work to commence on the bathroom/toilet at Cemetery House.

105. POINT FIELDS (CUNJIC) TO HAKIN POINT

Members considered a Report regarding the closed Point Fields (Cunjic) to Hakin Point path. This path has been closed to the public since a landslip almost ten years ago. There is presently growing interest on social media regarding the opening of this path.

A Member, who was brought up in the area, for which he retains a deep affection, questioned where the responsibility for the path lies. He spoke of the history of the

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area, and asked whether the appropriate authorities could be requested to examine the drainage pipes.

Another Member asked whether the Senedd could help with any funding regarding the path.

RESOLVED THAT the relevant authorities be contacted and requested to investigate the drainage pipes.

Councillor E. R. Harries left the Meeting following discussion of this item.

106. RATH PADDLING POOL

Councillor B. Phillips apprised Members of the situation with the Rath Paddling Pool.

The Paddling Pool did not open this year despite the efforts of Councillor Phillips and his team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to get the pool ready in time.

Councillor Phillips informed Members of his project to "Bring Back the Big Pool". He and Mr. Michael Allen are the key personalities of this project.

"Bring Back the Big Pool" proposes a National Lottery funded build of a fifty-metre outdoor pool and wet play area to be built on the Rath Water Garden and adjoining Baby Pool site. This would support the existing one million annual Pembrokeshire open water swimming industry and provide a fun facility for all ages, including children, seniors and families.

Councillor Phillips asked the Council for their support for this project. The "BBTBP" project would encompass the Rath Paddling Pool.

Councillor Phillips advised that the group was on the verge of forming a Charitable Trust.

A Member complimented Councillor Phillips and his team of volunteers for their hard work with the paddling pool, and sympathised with their disappointment at the pool not being able to open this year. The Member said that he was happy to back the project but stated that the Council would need to see proposals very soon.

Another Member stated that the Town Council has an agreement with the Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the funding of the Paddling Pool. The Member said that the Trust would need to liaise with the Pembrokeshire County Council regarding this matter.

RESOLVED THAT the "Bring Back The Big Pool" project is supported in principle, with further information required.

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107. PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR DROPPED KERBS

Members considered a Report regarding the problem of dropped kerb provision in Milford Haven. This issue had been raised by Councillors D. R. Sinnett and G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons), neither of whom were present at the Meeting.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) Councillors with concerns over dropped kerb provision contact the Town Clerk with the information;
- (ii) the Police are to be contacted to establish the present situation with dropped kerb provision in Milford Haven.

108. ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Members considered correspondence from Ms R. Evans AS/MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government, Welsh Government, regarding a review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County of Pembrokeshire. The Commission has recommended that the following electoral Wards receive Welsh language names: Milford West will become Gorllewin Aberdaugleddau, Milford East will become Dwyrain Aberdaugleddau, Milford North will become Gogledd Aberdaugleddau and Milford Central will become Canol Aberdaugleddau.

A Member asked whether the Councillor's name badges – detailing name, Ward, and Town Council – will have to be changed to reflect the Welsh language changes, and queried the financial implications.

RESOLVED THAT name badge queries be deferred to a Council Meeting after May 2022, following the Town and Community Council elections.
