

MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven
on Monday 25th April 2022 at 6:30 pm

PRESENT

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

Councillors: A. E. Byrne E. R. Harries
 B. Phillips M. P. Rickard
 C. A. Sharp D. R. Sinnett
 Mrs L. E. Turner R. Williams
 G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons)

Mrs B. J. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk
Miss F. Galliford, Secretary

County Councillor Mrs V. Stoddart
J. Riley (Western Telegraph Reporter)
Mr J. Morgan
Mrs M. Sinnett

The Mayor, Councillor Miss K. F. Gray, welcomed Mrs J. James of Pembrokeshire Energy Trust to the meeting. Mrs James is delighted that the small charity which was created as a memorial of all who gave their lives in the energy sector is being transferred under the 'umbrella' of Milford Haven Town Council. Chevron have given permission for the transfer.

Mrs James and County Councillor J. Davies will stay as advisors until June 2022.

The Investment company and Barclays Bank will be informed of the new details and transfer of the funds. Chevron are donating an additional £10,000 to current funds which currently stand at circa £13k with £800 in a current account.

Mrs James met with the new Trustees, Councillor A. E. Byrne and Councillor B. Phillips. Councillor E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF was unable to attend the meeting but will meet with Mrs James at a later date. A further meeting will be planned for May or June 2022 to complete handover.

PRAYERS:

Father Andrew Johnson led prayers at 6.55 pm.

273. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Coe, E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF, T. J. Davies, W. D. Elliott BA QTS, R. D. Gray and Mrs Y. G. Southwell.

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274. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

275. NEWS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor attended the Anzac Day tribute on Sunday 24th April. On 25th April a service took place for HMS Landing Craft 15 & 16 and HMS Rosemary. The service was well attended.

The Mayor gave thanks to the Members who are standing down as Councillors. Councillors Mrs Lynne Turner – five years service, Mathew Rickard – ten years service, Paul Coe – four years service, Rose Gray – eight years service and Alun Byrne – thirty-seven years service.

The Mayor gave special thanks to Councillor Eric Harries who has served since 1964, offering gratitude for all he has done for Milford Haven and the Town Council over many years of service. Everyone in the Chamber showed their appreciation to Councillor Harries.

Councillor Harries thanked the Mayor for her kind remarks. He was delighted to be with everyone for the evening. Councillor Harries paid tribute to the past Clerk, Mrs Moyra Galliford and was particularly sad that Moyra had been unable to attend. He had however shown his gratitude to her for all her work over the years, also to the secretary, Miss Fiona Galliford. Councillor Harries had invited family and friends in to the Town Hall to celebrate with him after the meeting. Councillor Harries said it would be a pleasure to see many who had supported his candidature. Councillor Harries thanked John Morgan for his heroic effort in attending the Town Hall. He thanked and remembered his late wife Joyce who stood by him for over 50 years. He also thanked the public for voting for him to serve the wonderful town of Milford Haven.

Councillor Harries received a standing ovation.

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

No items were raised.

277. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 28th MARCH 2022

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on 28th March 2022 be accepted and that they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

278. TO RECEIVE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 11th APRIL 2022

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance, Governance and Projects Committee held on 11th April 2022 be approved and adopted.

279. MINUTES OF A PRESENTATION FROM MR S. JARDINE, REGENERATION MANAGER, PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND MR A MEULMAN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGENERATION, BE GROUP ON 14th APRIL 2022, REGARDING REGENERATION / PLACEMAKING PLANS FOR MILFORD HAVEN

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RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes from this presentation held on 14th April 2022 regarding regeneration/placemaking plans for Milford Haven be received.

280. PLANNING AND CEMETERY MATTERS

The Chair of Planning, Policy and Community Committee, Councillor R. Williams, stated that all the planning applications had been recommended for approval. The planning notifications and Cemetery Report for March 2022 were accepted.

RESOLVED THAT: the information be received.

281. MAYORAL TENURE

A report was presented at Full Council outlining the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic severely disrupting the Civic Year 2021–2022. Consideration was given to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor continuing in their posts for a second year.

Councillor G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons) formally proposed Councillor Miss K. F. Gray to remain as Mayor for the term 2022–2023. Councillor D. R. Sinnett seconded the proposal.

Councillor R. Williams formally proposed that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs C. Stevens, remains in post for a second term. Councillor B. Phillips seconded the proposal.

Councillors unanimously agreed on both proposals.

RESOLVED THAT: Councillor Miss K. F. Gray remains as Mayor for the term 2022 – 2023. Councillor Mrs C. Stevens remains as Deputy Mayor for a second term.

282. DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS: MAY TO DECEMBER 2022

RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Calendar of Meetings for May to December 2022 be accepted.

283. UKRAINE DONATION

At the Meeting of the Full Council on 28th February, it was agreed to give a donation to a Ukrainian relief fund of £3000. This is money that would have been precepted for the Milford Haven Twinning Association, which has not received financial support from the Town Council for the last three years. The money was given to the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. The Clerk contacted One Voice Wales to ensure this money was paid under the correct power; One Voice Wales confirmed it could be paid under the powers of wellbeing.

The grant has been awarded under the powers of wellbeing contained in the Local Government Act 2000 ss 1 – 5. In particular, this Council resolved that it considers that the awarding of the grant achieves the promotion of social wellbeing, with section 2 (5) of the Act enabling the Council to use the power of wellbeing to do anything in relation to, or for the benefit of, any person or area situated outside its area if it considers that it is likely to achieve this wellbeing objective.

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RESOLVED THAT: the Grant is awarded under the Power of Wellbeing.

284. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILFORD HAVEN AND NEYLAND MULTI AGENCY WORKING GROUP (MAWG) HELD ON 5TH APRIL 2022

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Meeting of the Milford Haven and Neyland Multi Agency Working Group (MAWG) held on 5th April 2022 be received.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

285. MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2022

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of a Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 11th April 2022 be approved and adopted.
