

MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council
held at the Pill Social Centre, Milford Haven
on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Miss K. F. Gray)
The Deputy Mayor/Mayor Elect (Councillor Mrs C. Stevens)
The Deputy Mayor Elect (Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS)

Councillors: D. Abbott
E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF
C. A. Sharp
G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons)
M. Woodward
Miss V. Brown
B. Phillips
Mrs Y. G. Southwell

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

Mrs A. George, Mayor's Photographer

T. Sinclair, Editor, Pembrokeshire Herald

Family members and friends of the Mayor, Mayor Elect, and Deputy Mayor Elect, and partners of several of the Councillors, were also in attendance.

Councillor C. A. Sharp opened the meeting with a request for one minute silence for Mr. Martin Williams, a past Mayor of Milford Haven (1984/1985), who had recently passed away.

Councillor Sharp then asked everyone to make a toast to King Charles III.

The Mayor, Councillor Miss K. F. Gray, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Mayor explained the housekeeping rules at the Pill Social Centre.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. Abbott (work commitments), Mrs N. Beavis-Morrissey (family illness), T. J. Davies, M. Jones (work commitments), D. R. Sinnett (holiday) and R. Williams (work commitments). Apologies for absence were also received from the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Father A. Johnson.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Councillor B. Phillips gave a brief speech proposing Councillor Mrs C. Stevens for the role as Mayor of Milford Haven for 2023-2024.

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Councillor M. Woodward then gave a speech on being a Councillor and explaining the role of Mayor. Councillor Woodward was delighted to second the proposal for Councillor Mrs Stevens to become Mayor of Milford Haven for 2023–2024.

The proposal was put to Councillors to vote; the vote was unanimous.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Miss K. F. Gray removed her Chain of Office and placed it on to the shoulders of the incoming Mayor. Councillor Miss Gray congratulated the Mayor, wishing her well for her upcoming year in office. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Stevens, then signed her Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor gave a short speech outlining her aspirations for the coming year. The Mayor requested for her husband, Mr. Edwin Stevens, to accept his Chain of Office as the Mayor's Consort. Councillor Miss K. F. Gray then placed the Chain of Office onto the shoulders of Mr. Stevens.

3. RETIRING MAYOR:

Councillor Miss K. F. Gray gave a speech thanking Councillors, the Town Clerk, Town Council Secretary, and her family, for their unstinting support over the last two years.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Councillor C. A. Sharp proposed Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS as Deputy Mayor of Milford Haven for 2023-2024. Councillor Sharp gave a short speech, emphasising Councillor Elliott's experience as a Councillor, and as a Past Mayor in 2016-2017.

Councillor E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF seconded Cllr Sharp's proposal, declaring that he had no hesitation in nominating Cllr Elliott as Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs C. Stevens, asked Councillors to vote on the nomination of Councillor Elliott as Deputy Mayor; the vote was unanimous. The Deputy Mayor then signed his Declaration of Office.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, gave a speech stating how honoured he was to be in the position of Deputy Mayor. He thanked his fellow Councillors, his partner, and his family for their support.

5. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

Councillor D. Abbott

Hubberston Ward Representative – South Hook Community Liaison Group

Councillor Miss V. Brown

Representative – CWBR Youth
Link Councillor - Milford Haven Youth Council
Link Councillor - Milford Youth Matters

Councillor E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF

Representative – Pembrokeshire Energy Workforce/Chevron
Representative – Dragon LNG Community Liaison Committee

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Councillor T. J. Davies

Community Governor - Milford Haven Community Primary School

Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS

Reserve - One Voice Wales Pembrokeshire Area Committee
Representative - James Johns and David Stuart Johns Charity Trust

Councillor Miss K. F. Gray

Representative - James Johns and David Stuart Johns Charity Trust
Representative - Dragon LNG Community Liaison Committee

Councillor B. Phillips

Representative – Pembrokeshire Energy Workforce/Chevron

Councillor C. A. Sharp

Trustee and Chairman – Milford Haven Heritage and Maritime Museum
Representative – Milford Haven Twinning Association
Reserve - One Voice Wales Pembrokeshire Area Committee
Representative – Valero Community Advisory Panel
Representative – Milford Haven Port Welfare Committee
Representative – Pembrokeshire Energy Workforce/Chevron

Councillor D. R. Sinnett

Representative – Port of Milford Haven Advisory Committee

Councillor Mrs Y. G. Southwell

Representative – Torch Theatre Board of Management
Community Governor – Gelliswick Church in Wales VC School
Hakin Ward Representative – South Hook Community Liaison Group

Councillor Mrs C. Stevens

Representative – Pembroke Power Station Local Liaison Committee
Community Governor – Milford Haven School

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

Representative – James Johns and David Stuart Johns Charity Trust

Councillor M. Woodward

Representative – One Voice Wales Area Committee
Representative – Pembrokeshire County Council Working Better Together Group

RESOLVED THAT: the above details be received.

6. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS – APRIL TO DECEMBER 2023:
(for information only)

RESOLVED THAT: the Calendar of Milford Haven Town Council Meetings from April to December 2023 be received.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR’S CADETS:

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs C. Stevens, named her Cadets for the upcoming year.

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- Cadet Lance Corporal Clayton Jones-Rogers of Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets.
- Lance Corporal Jason Jenkins of Dyfed and Glamorgan Army Cadet Force.
- Miss Elinor Pritchard from Girlguiding Pembrokeshire.

The three Cadets received their Mayoral Cadet badges and a certificate. The Mayor advised each Cadet that she was looking forward to working with them over the next year.

8. DATE OF CIVIC SERVICE:

The Mayor announced the date of her Civic Service as Saturday 22nd July at 12:00pm at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Priory Road. Refreshments will follow at the Royal British Legion, Hamilton Terrace, Milford Haven.
