

MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Milford Haven Town Council
held at the Torch Theatre, Milford Haven
on Monday 26th June 2023 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs C. Stevens)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS)

Councillors: D. Abbott K. Abbott
Miss V. Brown E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF
T. J. Davies Miss K. F. Gray
B. Phillips C. A. Sharp
D. R. Sinnett Miss T. Stevens
G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B (Hons)
M. Woodward

Mrs B. J. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs C. Stevens, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

37. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs N. Beavis-Morrissey (family commitments), M. Jones (work commitments) and Mrs Y. G. Southwell (family commitments). Councillor R. Williams gave apologies late in the afternoon via the Town Council's private Facebook Group.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor T. J. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in all Cemetery matters as he is employed by a local Funeral Director. Councillor Davies has received dispensation from the Monitoring Officer to speak but not vote on this issue at Meetings.

39. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions have been raised.

40. NEWS FROM THE MAYOR

Councillor Miss Thomasina Stevens

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Miss T. Stevens as the new Member for Hubberston Ward. Councillor Miss Stevens was greeted warmly.

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Mr. Bleddyn Gibbs

The Mayor expressed her delight at the success of Thornton's sporting star Bleddyn Gibbs who, whilst representing Team GB, has won four Gold medals for powerlifting at the recent Special Olympics in Berlin.

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

No questions have been raised.

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2023

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council on 12th June 2023 be received and that they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

43. MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

RESOLVED THAT: the Milford Haven Town Council Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2023 be received.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs C. Stevens, and the Town Clerk signed and dated the document.

44. MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT – CIVIC YEAR 2022 / 2023

RESOLVED THAT: the Milford Haven Town Council Annual Report – Civic Year 2022 / 2023 be received.

45. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS has been Chair of the Finance, Governance and Projects Committee for a number of years. As he is now the Deputy Mayor he will no longer be in this role.

Councillor E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF was nominated with the nomination being seconded. Councillor Davies accepted the position.

RESOLVED THAT: Councillor E. A. Davies is appointed as Chair of the Finance, Governance and Projects Committee.

46. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Councillor Miss K. F. Gray was nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Committee. The nomination was seconded and Councillor Gray accepted the position.

RESOLVED THAT: Councillor Miss K. F. Gray is appointed as Vice Chair of the Finance, Governance and Projects Committee.

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47. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE PLANNING, POLICY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor B. Phillips continues as Chair of the Planning, Policy and Community Committee.

RESOLVED THAT: Councillor B. Phillips is appointed for another year as Chair of the Planning, Policy and Community Committee.

48. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING, POLICY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor D. R. Sinnett continues as Vice Chair of the Planning, Policy and Community Committee.

RESOLVED THAT: Councillor D. R. Sinnett is appointed for another year as Vice Chair of the Planning, Policy and Community Committee.

49. WAITING RESTRICTIONS PROPOSALS – VARIATION 26 – WARWICK ROAD, MILFORD HAVEN

Councillor D. R. Sinnett updated Members on this matter. Councillor Sinnett saw no reason not to support.

RESOLVED THAT: the Waiting Restrictions Proposals for Warwick Road are supported.

50. PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION – PROPOSED PLANNING APPLICATION AT PUMA ENERGY LIMITED, AMOCO ROAD

RESOLVED THAT: this proposal be accepted.

51. FUTURE OF THE LAND BEHIND THE MEADS

Councillor C. A. Sharp supported anyone growing food etc and in principal backs what the Grŵp are doing, however the Grŵp need to update Council once the residents in the area have been informed of their plans.

Councillor D. R. Sinnett informed the committee that there is a planned consultation taking place at the Meads during August.

The Grŵp are indicating that Milford Haven Town Council are supporting their plans; however, at the present time the Town Council are not supporting as not enough information has been provided.

The Council would be happy to receive feedback from the Grŵp once the general public have been consulted.

It was suggested that a member for the West Ward consider involvement with the Grŵp. This involvement would be a personal decision.

The Clerk is to contact Miss Moller to clarify the position of Council.

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RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) no decision has yet been made on support;
- (ii) the Grŵp can feedback to Council once consultation with residents has taken place;
- (iii) a Council member for the West Ward may consider involvement with the Grŵp on a personal level.

52. TREE PLANTING TO COMMEMORATE THE PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Councillor C. A. Sharp asked where planting could occur within Milford Haven.

Councillor M. Woodward suggested the information is released to groups who may wish to contact PCNPA (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority).

Councillor Miss K. F. Gray suggested that the trees could replace the trees destroyed by the Ash die back.

Councillor D. R. Sinnett asked the Clerk to contact Mr. Will Whittington to find any restrictions for the Town Council on planting as Milford Haven is not within the National Park.

RESOLVED THAT: the Clerk is to contact Mr Whittington for any restrictions there may be of planting with Milford Haven.

53. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS: MAY 2023

RESOLVED THAT: the Schedule of Accounts, as presented by the Clerk for the month of May 2023 in the sum of £23,425.13 be accepted and approved for payment.

54. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS: MAY 2023

RESOLVED THAT: the Statement of Accounts for the month of May 2023 be received.

55. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PADDLING POOL WORKING GROUP HELD ON 19TH JUNE 2023

The Chair of the Group, Councillor Miss K. F. Gray explained the discussion at the working group to the Council.

The current situation is that Councillors D. Abbott and B. Phillips have everything in hand with assistance from Valero Volunteers. Both Councillors are undertaking the water treatment course which will be completed before the pool opens.

The date of the pool opening is 25th July. Councillor B. Phillips stated that time was tight with the amount of work to be done but he is confident that it will all be completed in time.

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RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) as per Paddling Pool rules, information posters be sent to Price and Kelway to confirm the legal position;
 - (ii) social media be thoroughly utilised regarding such matters as Paddling Pool opening times and parental responsibilities.
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