

MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council
held at the Torch Theatre, Milford Haven
on Monday 13th November 2023 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT

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

Councillors: K. Abbott	Mrs N. Beavis-Morrissey
L. J. Bridges	Miss V. Brown
E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF	Miss K. F. Gray
N. Hartevelde	C. Jones
C. A. Sharp	D. R. Sinnett
Miss T. Stevens	

Mrs B. J. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk

Two members of the public were also present.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, opened the Meeting at 7:00 pm.

190. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Councillor Mrs C. Stevens (unwell) and Councillors D. Abbott (ill health), M. Jones (work commitments), Mrs Y. G. Southwell (Church meeting commitments), G. Woodham MBA (Open) LL.B. (Hons) (family commitments) and M. Woodward (holiday).

191. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 – Applications for Christmas Donations 2023 - *Parents and Supporters Association (P&SA) – Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets* - as he is a former volunteer for the Unit.

Councillor C. A. Sharp declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 - Applications for Christmas Donations 2023 - *Parents and Supporters Association (P&SA) – Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets* - as he is the Chair of the Unit.

Councillor Mrs N. Beavis-Morrissey declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 – Applications for Christmas Donations 2023 - *Milford Athletic Under 10 Football Club* - as her children are on the team.

Councillor C. Jones declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 – Applications for Christmas Donations 2023 – *Steynton Community Group* – as she is a member of the Group.

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Councillor D. R. Sinnett declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 – Applications for Christmas Donations 2023 (*all applications from local schools*) - as he is an appointed School Governor.

Councillor E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 – Applications for Christmas Donations 2023 – *Steynton Community Group* – as he is a member of the Group.

Councillor K. Abbott declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 - Applications for Christmas Donations 2023 – *Royal British Legion (Milford Haven) Club Limited* – as he is an ex-Serviceman and Club member.

192. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

No questions have been raised.

193. NEWS FROM THE DEPUTY MAYOR:

Councillor Lee Bridges

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, greeted Councillor Bridges back to the Council.

Councillor Derrick Abbott

The Deputy Mayor conveyed his best wishes to Councillor Derrick Abbott who is ill at the present time.

Remembrance Sunday Service – 12th November 2023

The Deputy Mayor commented on a wonderful Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November. The event was marred only by some rain towards the end of the Parade.

Milford Haven Community Primary School

The Deputy Mayor advised Council of the request from Milford Haven Community School to have a Council representative attend a meeting at the school.

RESOLVED THAT: this matter is to be followed up.

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

No questions have been raised.

195. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd OCTOBER 2023:

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on 23rd October 2023 be received and that they be signed by the Mayor as a true record.

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196. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MILFORD HAVEN MULTI-AGENCY WORKING GROUP HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2023:

Members considered the minutes of the Meeting of the Milford Haven Multi-Agency Working Group (MAWG) held via the Microsoft Teams software on 19th October 2023.

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Meeting of the Milford Haven Multi-Agency Working Group (MAWG) held on 19th October 2023 be received.

197. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODY: COASTLANDS SCHOOL:

(deferred from the Meeting of the Full Council on 23rd October 2023)

RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pembrokeshire County Council is to be informed that the Town Council are declining the opportunity to have a representative as a Community Governor.
2. The Town Clerk is to contact Milford Haven Community School to discuss the matter of a Community Governor due to the resignation of County Councillor T. J. Davies in that role.

198. AUDIT WALES REPORTS – 2022 AND 2023:

The Audit reports for years ending March 2022 and March 2023 were accepted. Thanks were relayed to the office staff for work carried out for the audits.

RESOLVED THAT: the Audit Reports for financial years 2022 and 2023 are accepted.

199. APPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2023:

28 applications were received for the Christmas Donations. It was agreed to donate £125 to each of the successful applicants. Some applications have been grouped together – these groups will be granted £125 per group.

The list of successful applicants is: -

1. 1st Hakin Guides and Rangers
2. 1st Milford Haven Guides / 1st Milford Haven Rainbows / 7th Milford Haven Brownies (grouped)
3. 2nd Milford Haven Sea Scouts
4. ASD Family Help – for Pembrokeshire Branch
5. Committee of Friends of Havenhurst
6. Friends of the Mount (Pembs)
7. Gelliswick Community Choir
8. Hakin United Under 7s
9. Hubberston & Hakin Community Centre / Friendship Club / Luncheon Club (grouped)
10. Meads Flying Start Centre
11. Milford Athletic and Milford Athletic Under 10 Football Club (grouped)
12. Milford Haven Community Primary School

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13. Milford Haven School
14. Milford Haven Youth Club
15. Milford United Football Club
16. Parents and Supporters Association (P&SA) - Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets
17. Pembrokeshire Puffins Disability Swimming Squad
18. Salvation Army
19. Steynton Community Group

These donations are made in accordance with the Milford Haven Town Council's powers under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

On voting for each of the applications there were abstentions or comments on:

- 2nd Milford Haven Sea Scouts – 1 abstention
- Gelliswick Community Choir – 1 abstention
- Meads Flying Start Centre – 1 abstention
- Milford Haven Community Primary School – 4 abstentions
- Milford Haven School – 3 abstentions
- Milford Haven Youth Club – 1 abstention
- Milford United Football Club - 2 abstentions
- Parents and Supporters Association (P&SA) Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets – Confirmation required that the donation will be spent in Milford Haven. The Deputy Mayor Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS and Councillor C. A. Sharp both chose not to vote.
- Pembrokeshire Puffins Disability Swimming Squad – 1 abstention
- Salvation Army – confirmation required that the donation will be spent within Milford Haven

There were some unsuccessful applicants. These are:

HOPE Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre
Royal British Legion (Milford Haven) Club Limited
Sandy Bear Children's Bereavement Charity
Unison Dance Group

RESOLVED THAT: the successful applicants be granted £125 each. It is to be noted that some applications have been grouped together and those groups will receive £125 for that group.

200. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS – OCTOBER 2023:

RESOLVED THAT: the Schedule of Accounts for October 2023 as presented by the Clerk for the month of October 2023 in the sum of £16,762.15 be accepted and approved for payment.

201. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS – OCTOBER 2023:

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