

MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of a Meeting of the Paddling Pool Working Group
held via the Zoom software
on Monday 20th November 2023 @ 6pm

PRESENT

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

Councillors: Miss K. F. Gray (Chair)

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

207. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillor D. Abbott (ill health).

208. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No Declarations of Interest were submitted.

209. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PADDLING POOL WORKING GROUP HELD ON 10TH JULY 2023:

It was **RESOLVED THAT:** the minutes of the Meeting of the Paddling Pool Working Group held on 10th July 2023 be accepted as a true record.

210. MATTERS ARISING:

It was agreed that the paddling pool was a popular asset with the one-month extension in September welcomed by all.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs C. Stevens, expressed her wish to volunteer again next year. The Mayor had found she had problems accessing the pool to do the water checks and would like more clarity on who does what going forward.

The Chair of the Paddling Pool Working Group, Councillor Miss K. F. Gray stated that this year was a pilot scheme; there had been no issues by not having a lifeguard in place. The Mayor stated the asset had been very successful with the children being looked after by family members.

Councillor D. Abbott (absent from this evening's Meeting due to ill health) had recommended that the pool be opened a month earlier in the year to enjoy some of the better weather. The Deputy Mayor agreed with Councillor Abbott to extend the time of opening. He supports earlier opening dependant on the weather. A volunteer scheme would be welcomed, not necessarily just Councillors.

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The Chair advised that there is money in the budget to train two more people.

The Mayor said that she would like more decoration at the pool, such as mosaics on the walls and colourful benches.

It was agreed that the Town Council involvement in the paddling pool was dependant on the Community Asset Transfer and Pembrokeshire County Council's decision on which party they intend to transfer the paddling pool.

It was **RECOMMENDED THAT:**

- (i) the Town Council is to continue the pilot scheme into 2024;
 - (ii) the Town Council is to run another water testing course for two more people.
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