

MILFORD HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Milford Haven Town Council
held at the Torch Theatre, Milford Haven
on Monday 27th November 2023 at 6.15 pm

A Presentation by the Conqueroars Atlantic Row 2025

PRESENT

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

Councillors: Mrs N. Beavis-Morrissey L. J. Bridges
 E. A. Davies DipSM FJOIFF Miss K. F. Gray
 N. Harteveld C. A. Sharp

Mrs B. J. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk/Financial Officer

Emma, Tyenne and Rowena – The Conqueroars

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS welcomed the Conqueroars – Emma, Tyenne, and Rowena - to the Meeting.

Emma, Tyenne and Rowena are a Social Worker, a Financial Advisor, and an A&E nurse. As the Conqueroars, they will sail from Lanzarote in January 2025 to Antigua: a distance of 3,200 miles. Their journey will be unsupported by any other vessel. Emma and Rowena are local to Milford Haven with Tyenne coming from 'over the bridge'.

The ladies have three charities they aim to raise funds for:

Wales Air Ambulance; a service which is vital in the rural community with medical services moving away from Pembrokeshire further down the M4 corridor.

Multiple Sclerosis Society; chosen due to the impact of the illness on Rowena's close family member.

The Robin Cancer Trust; chosen due to the death of a close friend of Emma's who had planned to raise money for this charity. The Conqueroars have taken up this challenge.

Two years ago Emma and Rowena decided to row across the Atlantic. Since that time they have been joined by Tyenne. 18 months into fundraising they bought a boat from Denmark which is now with Pembrokeshire Yacht Club. This boat requires full restoration. The Conqueroars have had a bespoke trailer made to carry the boat; the trailer is 11 meters long, weighing 700kgs.

The ladies need to secure funds for equipment, food, shipping of the boat, plus refurbishment of the boat which is currently named 'Saga'.

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The ladies are contacting many organisations for funding or sponsorship. They are currently speaking with Milford Haven Round Table, and they also hope to contact the Milford Haven Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets. If funded or sponsored, the organisation's name would be put on to the boat.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS, explained that the Council are not in a position to offer money: however, there is an opportunity to apply for a precept grant, which could be up to £10,000. There is a tight turnaround on applying for this grant: the grant would have to be applied for by the end of Thursday 30th November. An opportunity to apply for smaller grants is also an option.

The Councillors thanked Emma, Tyenne and Rowena for an interesting presentation and wished them every success.
