



“Our Yesterday’s inspire our tomorrow’s”.

Milford Haven Town Council Annual Report Civic Year 2022 – 2023

Introduction

Outline of Council	<p>Milford Haven Town Council serves the area of Milford Haven and its population of around 13,500 residents. It has 18 councillors, covering six wards: Central, East, Hakin, Hubberston, North and West. As democratically elected local representatives, the councillors have a unique and privileged position and the potential to make a real difference to people’s lives.</p> <p>Milford Haven Town Council is the level of government closest to the community, with Pembrokeshire County Council above it in hierarchy.</p> <p>The Town Council employs 4 fulltime members of staff: Two admin staff and two Cemetery staff.</p> <p>The Training Plan for Councillor and staff is available on the town council website.</p> <p>The Town Council keeps in touch with the community through several avenues:</p>
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- The Town Council Website – this gives information about the council, its members, its meetings both past and present, financial information, news and events, information on Milford Haven Cemetery and the history of Milford Haven.
- Social Media – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Full Council meetings – members of the public are encouraged to attend and ask questions.
- Local Radio – information on councillors and forthcoming events are advertised this way.
- Collaborative working with local organisations – Police / Milford Haven Port Authority / Schools – Governing Bodies / several external bodies
- Collaborative working with the Local Authority and other town councils.
- The council office is open to the public from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. The telephone number and email address widely publicised.

Milford Haven Town Council is responsible for:

- Milford Haven Cemetery
- Rath Toilet facilities
- Rath Paddling Pool
- Floral Displays in the Town
- Citizens Awards

Milford Haven Town Council supports

- Events and activities within Milford Haven including the annual Christmas Lights ‘switch on’ the extensive Christmas Lights displays and trees in Milford Haven.
- Financial grants and other support for local organisations and good causes are given throughout the year.

Milford Haven Town Council Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the quality of life for people living in Milford Haven. The Town Council will do its utmost to enhance the town as a place in which to live, play, work, visit and invest. • To provide a strong voice for Milford Haven • To preserve and enhance the traditions and identity of the town • To promote Milford Haven as a clean, safe town with a welcome for residents and visitors alike. • To engage with residents and businesses to understand their needs and resolve how those needs can be delivered within the capabilities available to the Town Council. • To work collaboratively with other organisations to achieve the best for Milford Haven.
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Financial Summary 2022-2023

The Council precept is the main source of income and represents the amount of council tax paid by households in Milford Haven that is allocated to the Town Council. The annual precept (£31.92 per Band D household) raised a total of £174,284 for the Town Council during 2022 / 2023. The Town Council also received other income of £105,163.

During 2022 / 2023 Expenditure was:

Staff Costs – including salaries, PAYE and NI, pension contributions and related expenses.	£124,233	All other payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs. Includes expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing.	£200,748
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The Council retains reserves in excess of £100,000 to deal with unforeseen emergencies.

3 Year Plan

Milford Haven Town Council – 3 year plan			
Well-being Objective	How are MHTC contributing to the Well Being Objective	How the Well-being goals are met.	Which Well-being Goals does this work support?
Quality of life and environment			
Rath Paddling Pool	2022 ongoing	Working with Pembrokeshire County Council to support improvement and well-being of the area. The Town Council are committed to have the paddling pool open to residents during the summer period	A Healthier Wales A Wales of cohesive communities More Equal Wales
Parks & Play Areas	2022 ongoing	Working in collaboration with Pembrokeshire County Council for a Service Level Agreement on a play park in the area. Milford Haven Town Council would contribute and run the play park. These are important community facilities to promote health and fitness, improve physical and mental health.	A Healthier Wales Prosperous Wales A Wales of cohesive communities A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language.
Community Asset Transfer	2022 ongoing	The Town Council continues discussions with Pembrokeshire County Council for various sections of land that could be improved and useful for residents of Milford Haven.	A Wales of cohesive communities Prosperous Wales A Healthier Wales
Land for Milford Haven Cemetery	2022 ongoing	Land purchase for Milford Haven Cemetery is a priority. A ground assessment has been in place for almost 1 year with pre-planning applied.	A Wales of cohesive communities. A globally responsible Wales.

The Coronation of King Charles	2023	The Coronation of King Charles was celebrated by the Town Council gifting a native tree to each of the infant and junior schools within the Milford Haven area.	A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language. A Wales of cohesive communities.
The Chapel, Milford Haven Cemetery	2023	The Chapel at the cemetery is over 100 years old and has recently had extensive remedial work. The Chapel can now be used for services and is open daily (Monday to Friday) for all denominations to use.	A Wales of cohesive communities.

Steps taken by the Town Council that contribute to the Well-being Objective		
Strong Connections		
Grants Schemes	The town council grants scheme enables local organisations and associations to apply for and benefit from funding. Large grants are given to the Torch Theatre, Milford Haven Museum, Milford Haven Youth Matters, the Town Band and Milford Haven Round Table all benefit. Small donations are also given to local groups as a thank you for the work they do for the community (such as choirs, Yarn Bombers, Cadets, Guides and Scout groups).	Prosperous Wales More equal Wales Vibrant Culture and thriving Welsh Language

Town Councillors	Milford Haven Town Councillors are in regular contact with their local communities and represent the Town Council on many local organisations. As such community information is available and problems addressed quickly.	Cohesive Communities
Youth Representation	Rebuilding youth opportunities within Milford Haven Town Council to develop a more cohesive and engagement platform for the young people of the town. A Councillor works with CWBR youth (community, wellbeing and resistance) and also works with the Youth Council and Milford Haven Youth Matters.	Prosperous Wales Cohesive Communities Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh language.
Mayor & Civic Role	2022 – 2023 did provide events to take place and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended many events ranging from shop openings, the Ty Hotel opening, many civic functions and attended Milford Haven Town Councils own celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The Town Council also held the annual ‘Christmas Lights Switch On’ which was attended by hundreds of people.	Cohesive Communities Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language
Citizens Awards	The 2022 Citizens Awards took place. These awards recognise the work of local people and provide the opportunity for the Town Council to acknowledge their good work. Everyone works for the benefit of the local community.	Cohesive Communities Resilient Wales

Steps taken by the Town Council that contribute to the Well-being Objective

Prosperous People and Places

Annual Events	<p>Milford Haven Town Council has an annual programme of key events to bring together local people and communities. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Service to remember crews of Boston Heron ➤ Service of Remembrance for those who lost their lives on Landing Crafts 15 & 16 and HMS Rosemary ➤ Service for Trawlermen at the Fisherman’s Tribute on the Rath ➤ Baby Loss Awareness Memorial Service ➤ Citizens Awards Presentation ➤ Remembrance Service on Remembrance Sunday ➤ Visit of Father Christmas and switch on of the Christmas Lights <p>All of these events took place during 2022 – 2023.</p>	<p>Prosperous Wales Resilient Wales Healthier Wales More Equal Wales Cohesive Communities Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language</p>
The Role of Councillors	<p>Elected Members represent the Council on various bodies including school governors, Milford Haven Port Welfare Committee, One Voice Wales, Milford Haven Heritage and Maritime Museum, Pembroke Power Station Liaison Committee, Milford Haven Twinning Association, Torch Theatre Board of Management, Visit Milford and Trustees of James Johns and David Stuart Johns Charity Trust. The Town Council have recently taken on the Pembrokeshire Energy Workforce Foundation, a charity which commemorates the workers of the energy industry in Pembrokeshire by provision, upkeep and maintenance of sculptures in tribute to them.</p>	<p>Cohesive Communities More Equal Wales Resilient Wales</p>

	Three Town Councillors also represent the County Council aiding the flow of information between the two authorities.	
Supporting the Local Economy	The Town Council has a policy of using local businesses and contractors wherever possible, keeping financial benefits within Milford Haven.	Prosperous Wales Cohesive Communities
Decorative Displays	Milford Haven Town Council provides the floral displays within the town. Bunting is erected in the main shopping area during the summer months. The display brightens the appearance of the town and attracts visitors and shoppers. At Christmas time the light display extends from Charles Street, to the Memorial Gardens on Hamilton Terrace and also displays on the Town Hall in readiness for the light switch on and arrival of Father Christmas.	Prosperous Wales Cohesive Communities
Key Stakeholders	Milford Haven Port Authority, The Police and Pembrokeshire County Council gave updates on important issues impacting on Milford Haven.	Resilient Wales Cohesive Communities