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The **MINUTES** of the full Town Council Meeting

held in the Town Hall, Fishguard on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7pm

Cllr. Jordan Ryan was in the Chair.

Cllr. Jordan Ryan – *J. Ryan*

Cath Bannister, Town Clerk – *C. Bannister*

The Pembrokeshire County Council will be abbreviated and referred to as PCC within these minutes.

The Fishguard and Goodwick Town Council will be abbreviated and referred to as FGTC within these minutes

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION: CLLR. RYAN

The public session offers members of the public, the opportunity to comment on items on this agenda or those previously requested and agreed.

The public will be limited to two minutes per comment or question.

The Mayor will update with regards to previous actions and ideas proposed by the public during this session.

This session will also allow County Councillors to update the Town Council and those members of the public present, on matters of interest and for the Pembrokeshire County Council Liaison Officer to update the Town Council.

PUBLIC PRESENT:

There were no members of the public present.

The press reported from the County Echo was present.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

County Councillor Pat Davies:

The pavement widening should be completed by the end of March.

There will be some further temporary diversions (5 days) as the junction between Fford Yr Efail and West Street is prepared.

Cllr. Davies has requested that the Town Hall is washed and re-painted due to the overall appearance of it.

That land on Heol Preseli, earmarked as green open space in the Local Development Plan, could be earmarked in the future, as land for social housing and as a green open space.

Before the meeting adopted standing orders, there was a presentation to the full council by Fishguard Bay Welcome, represented by Mrs. Alex Harding and Mrs. Jana Davidson.

Points to note are:

2019 season – 32 ships attended with 11,000 passengers, plus crew members, were welcomed in the Port.

2020 season, 29 ships are scheduled to visit, with a potential 17,500 passengers plus crew. The number of ships is down slightly on last year, but the size of the ships are much bigger.

There is to be a recruitment day for prospective volunteers in March

The Mayor thanked the ladies for their very interesting and informative presentation.

7:35pm STANDING ORDERS ADOPTED

29/20 APOLOGIES: CLLR. RYAN

To formally record apologies for absence and to record the attendance of Town Councillors:

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. Thickitt, Mason, Murphy, Lawton and Shaw

Those Cllrs. present were Cllrs: Ryan, Stokes, Price, Perkins, McCarney and Davies

30/20 MEMBER INTERESTS: CLLR. RYAN

To formally record any personal or pecuniary interests that a Town Councillor may have in any of the agenda items listed:

There were no interests declared.

31/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: CLLR. RYAN

To record the previous meeting minutes held on 7.1.20 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr. Stokes noted that on p.5 of the minutes, Minute reference 26/20, item number 3. It reads as if the TC will take on the costs of maintenance to the Lower Town Costs.

It was agreed at the meeting (3.3.20), that the costs of maintenance of both sets of toilets is included in the £9k contribution to be made by the TC.

It was then resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 7.2.20 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Clerk will amend the respective minutes accordingly.

32/20 CLERKS REPORT: TOWN CLERK

Vacancy F/G NE	No election has been called. The Clerk will advertise the two vacancies this week.
Defibs. x 2	Have been delivered and will be installed as soon as a contractor can be agreed.
Loctudy Visit 2020	Set at Tuesday 14 th April at 12:30pm here in the Town Hall. All Cllrs. welcome with a plus 1 but please advise the Clerk before 9.3.20 for catering numbers.
Training	Code of Conduct Training at Neyland at 7pm.
Aberjazz	Letter of support sent to Aberjazz
WiFi Working group	Cllr. Ryan assured the Clerk that the working group would sit week commencing 9.3.20

33/20 REPORTS: CLLR. RYAN.

The minutes are for information and comments in order for them to be referred back to the relevant committees for approval: A short verbal update will be made by the Chair/Vice Chair, of each committee.

Planning – Cllr. Ryan

Finance – Cllr. McCarney

Events – Cllr. Stokes

34/20 TOWN COUNCILLOR UPDATE SESSION: ALL

An opportunity for Town Councillors to update the Town Council with regard to what has happened, what's happening and if anything needs attention, in the community that they represent.

Cllr. Stokes:

Cllr. Stokes had recently met with a member of the community who had requested that the FGTC declares a Climate Emergency.

There was a general discussion and it was resolved that this would become an Agenda item on 6.4.20

Cllr. Davies:

Had submitted a report to the Clerk and the Mayor and Deputy with regards to Green Spaces and Community Asset Transfer (CAT).

The report is available for Cllrs. to read so that if the CAT's do become available, the TC is better informed.

35/20 LOCATION OF THE CANNON IN FISHGUARD: CLLR. RYAN

Once the street works are completed, what is the preferred location for the cannon?

Please discuss. Handouts will be available on the evening to assist with the decision making process.

Following on from a buoyant on-line and hard copy poll, there had been over 1,000 responses from the community. The results are as follows:

82% for the cannon to be returned to the Market Square

14% for the cannon to be located on the Golden Mile

1% for the cannon to be located on Fford Yr Efail

3% suggested other locations for the cannon, some not in the immediate district.

36/20 FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE THEATR GWAUN: CLLR. RYAN

The Town Council has agreed to allocate £1,500, to be retained in the reserve account, towards possible future costs incurred by the Theatr in replacing their heating system.

How long is the reserved amount be retained?

After Cllr. Stokes had visited the Theatr to ascertain how they were doing with their fundraising, she advised the Councillors that the theatr were confident all funds should have been raised by March 2021.

It was resolved to retain the £1500 until 31.7.20. If the funds had not been claimed by the date of the Full Council meeting in July, 7.7.20, then the matter of holding the £1500 for a longer period, would be discussed again.

37/20 ENHANCING PEMBROKESHIRE GRANT: CLLR. RYAN

To date, the Town Council has not suggested any ideas or supported any group with regards

to this valuable grant.

Does the Town Council wish to proceed and propose ideas?

Please discuss.

Cllr. Davies, along with Cllrs. Stokes and Pepper are progressing a use for land located at the bottom of the Penslade as a mini Amphitheatre. They will progress and report back to the Council when the application is ready to be submitted, for Council to either support or not.

Cllr. Stokes is progressing signage around the town. She will progress and report back to the Council when the application is ready to be submitted, for Council to either support or not.

38/20 MEETING ROOM ENHANCEMENTS: CLLR. STOKES.

Cllr. Shaw had previously outlined some costs which were quite varied and costly. Cllr. Mason offered to consult his suppliers and to report back for the matter to be resolved at the February meeting.

A much more acceptable quotation was discussed.

It was resolved to allocate £750 for the purchase of a screen and projector and associated equipment.

Cllr. Stokes and the Clerk will progress the exact model and place an order.

39/20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: CLLR RYAN

The Pembrokeshire Remakery had contacted the Clerk by email, asking for a letter of support from the in their bid for further funding.

It was resolved to send a letter of support.

The Clerk will progress.

40/20 URGENT MATTERS: CLLR RYAN

Any matters that have come to the attention of the Town Council after the Agenda has been circulated, can be discussed here.

The Chair and the Town Clerk will need to be advised before the start of the meeting.

Please be aware that no resolution can be reached on non-agenda items, but, they can be discussed and deferred to the relevant committee for further discussion or taken to the next full town council meeting as an agenda item.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8:06pm.