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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
Held on 21 st September 2023 at 6pm in the Old Wool Market and via video conference

Present:	Cllr J Owens Cllr M Lewis Cllr J Brady Cllr A Brooker Cllr J Hackett Cllr K Jones Cllr H Lewis Cllr P Lewis Cllr P Lewis Cllr S Pearce Cllr B Simister Cllr R Thomas	Chairman / Mayor Vice Chairman / Deputy Mayor
Observers	Members of the publ	ic
2412 Apologies	Cllr A Griffiths Cllr T Moses	

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming the two new members, Cllr P Lewis and Cllr R Thomas and said that she was confident that they would make a useful contribution to the Council's deliberations.

2413 Declarations of Interest from Members

The Chairman indicated that these would be offered at the appropriate stage of the meeting.

2414 Questions from Members of the Public

No Correspondence had received.

2515 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a) Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 27th July 2023. Minutes were accepted as a true record.
- b) Updates on the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27th July 2023. There were none.
- c) Extraordinary Meeting held on 30th August 2023 Minutes were accepted as a true record.
- d) Updates on the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 30th August 2023. The Town Clerk reported that she had posted the Public Notice that afternoon. In response to a suggestion that the lateness of the notice meant that the submission to the auditor's office was flawed, the Town Clerk assured Council all had been submitted correctly.

2416 Mayor's Update and Correspondence

The Mayor reported that she had attended a number of functions on behalf of the Council but felt that the meeting she had attended with Mike Cavanagh of Pembrokeshire County Council was the most significant. It was felt by all present that a healthy relationship between the two Councils was important. Mr Cavanagh had been invited to meet with the Council on a regular basis.

2417 Consider a request for financial Assistance

Council accepted the Mayor's suggestion that item ten on the agenda could be brought forward so that those representing the Round Table could submit their reason for seeking financial support from the Council and then leave before the meeting proceeded to other business.

The members of Council expressed their pleasure at the fact that the Round Table had been returned to the town. All present recognised that assistance should not be delayed.

ResolvedThat the Haverfordwest Round Table be grantedThe sum of £7,656 to assist with its shed project

2418 Planning Applications

23/0361/LB	Support
23/0357/LB	support
23/0393/PA	Support
23/0263/CA	Resolved
23/0415/PA	Support
23/0356/PA	Support
23/0314/PA	Support
23/0248/PA	Support
23/0457/PA	Support

2419 Report of the Management Estates and Strategy Committee held on 5th September 2023

This meeting was not quorate

2420 Report of the Personnel, Policy and Finance Committee held on 7th September 2023

All voted to accept the minutes and the recommendations.

2421 Twin Town Visits

This had been returned to Council by the MES Committee as its meeting had been inquorate. The meeting was informed that the belief that expenses for a recent visit to Oberkirch were being sought was incorrect. The Deputy Mayor had represented the Mayor at his own expense.

Resolved

That the Deputy Mayor be thanked for representing The Mayor in Oberkirch at his own expense

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That the policy be reconsidered at a later date.

2422 Consider the adoption of the NALC revised version od Standing Orders May 2023

It was felt that councillors had not been given sufficient time to study the document and its implications. It was decided that this be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting

2423 Consider matter relating to Portfield Fair.

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Showmen's Guild seeking support for their case for a better site for the Fair. It was also pointed out that the Fair would be taking place in early October.

Resolved That support be given for the request for a better site for Portfield Fair. That a reception be held in the Council Chamber after the fair. That up to £500 be allocated for catering.

2424 Consider a response to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Consultation on their Equality Plan 2020 – 2026.

It was decided that each individual be given the opportunity to respond to this document.

Appointments	
Recommended	That Cllr P Lewis serve on the Portfield Recreation Committee.
Accounts for Payment	
Recommended:	That the Accounts for July and August be accepted That clarity be sought from Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the lease for the Picton Centre and the money owing.

2425 Funding Officer: work Plan. Quotation and Service Level Agreement It was proposed by the Old Wool Market Committee that the services of Mr C Atherton be accepted. This was agreed to by the majority present Cllr R Thomas and Cllr P Lewis abstained from voting. The Town Clerk was thanked for her work for Haverfordwest Town Council.

The Mayor gave an update on the acquisition of new staff and it was decided that a meeting of the Staffing Committee should be held as soon as possible.