



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2014

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 17 April 2014 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor J Ninnes (Mayor)
 Councillors J Bennett, B Capper, G Coad, D Cocks, J Coombe, N Farrar, L Fox, H Lyons, B Mims, O Philp, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard and A Rance

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Paul Pellegrinetti attended the public participation session and commented on several issues, including dog control, tourism, the application for a 24-hour licence by ASDA and safety issues at the swimming pool. He was informed that all the issues he raised were in hand and was thanked for volunteering to help with clearing the Millponds. Finally, Mr Pellegrinetti congratulated the Mayor on her term in office.

7.25PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

517 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Mayor asked for one minute's silence to remember Charlie Allen, who had been a long-serving Councillor and Mayor of Hayle.

Councillors were invited to a preview session of the Linden Home Exhibition at 2.30pm on Monday 28 April 2014.

Councillors were informed that there would be an official opening of the Beach Access Scheme at 3.30pm on Wednesday 30 April 2014, to which they were all invited.

518 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

519 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 9a (Minute 525a refers) and made the following statement: - 'In commenting on these applications I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position if the matter is discussed at the Cornwall Council Planning Committee and full information is available.'

520 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 3 APRIL 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 3 April 2014 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

521 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 3 APRIL 2014

All matters were dealt with on the night.

522 HAYLE HARBOUR - SOUTH QUAY UPDATE

- a) Simon Humphrey, Project Manager, Bowmer & Kirkland Ltd, to present his monthly status report to Council

No one attended to present a report. The Clerk was asked to email Gary Cartmell to ask for an update.

523 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

- a) Paul Weston, Neighbourhood Plan Consultant engaged by Hayle Town Council, to present an update briefing to Council

The Mayor invited Paul Weston to present his briefing.

Mr Weston began by outlining his background in community development opportunities and strategies and neighbourhood planning. He said he was pleased to see communities getting involved in the process and their aspirations for their towns. The opportunity to draw up and submit a Neighbourhood Plan for official approval was only open to Town and Parish Councils, in their capacity as qualifying and decision-making bodies. He said he was an advocate of public participation and that it was important to include local people and other interest groups on the steering group, especially so that they could support the process by sharing their skills and talents.

He recommended the 'green book' for use as a reference and distributed and spoke to a handout on the sequential process and timetable for Hayle's Neighbourhood Plan (see Appendix B).

Mr Weston concluded by saying that his aim was for the development of a plan which would suit and reflect the aims and desires of the people of Hayle, so that the town could work together with Cornwall Council using its Neighbourhood Plan.

In a discussion that followed it was agreed that information regarding policies of Hayle Town Council would be passed on to Mr Weston, but that many were contained in resolutions in the minutes and might take some time to find in the Council's records.

It was agreed that the consultation with the public needed to reach as diverse an audience as possible, to be different, exciting and original and to attract people who would not usually involve themselves. Social media was recognised as being important in reaching this wide audience and that it was vital to keep things moving so that interest remained high.

The Mayor thanked Paul Weston for his presentation.

- b) To approve the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

It was resolved to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with the following amendments (in bold):

- 4.1 The Group will be formed from current town councillors and local members of the community and shall include not less than six and up to 12 members (no more than six to be Town Councillors **in any capacity**), to be ratified by the Hayle Town Council. **The six non-Councillor places will be advertised as part of the process. The Town Clerk or a representative from the Town Council office can be present in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity at all meetings.**
- 10.2 Meetings will be informal and **will usually** be open to members of the public. [following sentences remain]

It was resolved to disband the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and form the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, with Councillor John Bennett as first Chair. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will comprise active members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

- c) To identify and allocate funds for additional Neighbourhood Plan costs as outlined by Paul Weston

It was suggested that administration costs could be absorbed into Hayle Town Council's general administration costs; Cornwall Council's help could be sought regarding mapping and savings of £1,000 of the sustainability framework and appraisal costs could be made by cooperating with other local neighbourhood planning groups.

It was resolved to allocate the unexpected £13,000 extra received in this year's Council Tax Support Grant towards the Neighbourhood Plan costs.

524 CONSULTATION: TO CONSIDER THE DOCUMENTS FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING THE CORNWALL LOCAL PLAN – STRATEGIC POLICIES – PROPOSED SUBMISSION DOCUMENT MARCH 2014

It was noted that the draft documents of the Cornwall Local Plan had previously been discussed by Hayle Town Council and that its comments had not been taken into account in the submission document under consideration. It appeared that the changes made to the draft document had only been made in order to allow it to fit national planning policy.

Councillors were especially concerned that a whole list of area designations (such as Area of Great Landscape Value) in the Penwith Local Plan had not been included in the Cornwall Local Plan and where they had been included (such as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) they no longer applied to Hayle. It was also noted that no other town in Cornwall had had similar limits put on its retail development and that the policies included increased the likelihood of Hayle becoming a dormitory town. It was felt that the rigidity of the Cornwall Local Plan would block the desires of Hayle's Neighbourhood Plan and its vision for a future Hayle.

It was resolved unanimously to object to the Cornwall Local Plan – Strategic Policies – Proposed Submission Document March 2014 on the basis that:

- 1) Hayle Town Council has concerns that previous protections are not referred to and there do not appear to be any replacement protections;
- 2) During the last consultation Hayle Town Council objected to the comments relating to the West Cornwall Retail Park and its objections have been ignored;
- 3) A new unnumbered paragraph has been included relating to the capacity for additional retail space – which is news to Hayle Town Council;
- 4) Hayle’s development should not be restricted for fear of impact on other towns in the area as this restriction does not apply to other towns in Cornwall;
- 5) The strategic policies have not been clearly identified in the document and they need to be highlighted in the plan;
- 6) Hayle is earmarked for housing and therefore should not have limits applied in terms of future employment, for example in the retail sector.

It was resolved to reply to Cornwall Council with the following statement: ‘Hayle Town Council is extremely concerned and so dissatisfied with this plan that it demands a meeting with the responsible officer urgently, so that it can feed further comments into the Cornwall Local Plan and have the opportunity for a dialogue on these issues and to receive feedback.’

525 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA14/02185; PA14/02597; PA14/02314; PA14/01434; PA14/02436; PA14/02478; PA14/02720; PA14/02905; and PA14/03153

[Councillor Philp left the room at 10.01pm and re-entered at 10.02pm while the comment regarding PA14/02905 was being resolved.]

For the resolutions on individual planning applications see Appendix A attached.

- b) To note the results of previous applications

There were none.

526 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

There was no new information to report.

- b) To consider the preliminary consultation letter from Cornwall Council regarding the proposed changes to the public rights of way relating to planning application PA13/11638 and to complete the pre-order consultation document

It was resolved that there was no objection from Hayle Town Council to the proposed changes.

527 TO ELECT THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR DESIGNATE FOR 2014/15

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a paper nominating Councillor Coad for Mayor. There were no other nominations.

It was resolved that Councillor Coad be elected as Mayor Designate 2014 – 2015, by unanimous vote.

The Clerk then informed the meeting that she had received papers nominating Councillor Farrar and Councillor Polkinghorne for Deputy Mayor. The Clerk also announced that there had been a small typing mistake on the nomination forms which read 19 April instead of the correct 17 April. All Councillors were content that it should read 17 April 2014.

A paper ballot was requested and having counted the completed ballot papers the Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor Farrar had received the majority of votes.

It was resolved that Councillor Farrar be elected as Deputy Mayor Designate for 2014 – 2015.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

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