



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2014

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 23 January 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, H Lyons,
 B Mims, O Philp, and J Pollard

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Jonathan Oates and Stella Evans spoke regarding the amendments to their plans for the Boxx club (planning application PA13/09152). Mr Oates explained that the outdoor enclosed area at the rear of the building would now only be accessible through the club building and said that all other conditions had been approved. He said that the building was not connected to the mains water and sewage supply and explained how fresh water and foul water would be brought to and removed from the building, following the conditions set by Environmental Health, and for which he had approval. He commented that although they had approval for outside music events until 11.00pm this facility would be used rarely – perhaps for a wedding reception or other special occasion.

In answer to questions he said that outside music events and attendees would be restricted to within the property boundaries and that he would be happy to consult the Town Council and agree conditions in advance.

[7.20pm Councillor Coad enters the room.]

Mr Oates informed the meeting that he was going to follow the advice of the planning department not to open the following weekend, as had been advertised. Regarding the portaloos, he said that they were a temporary measure until income allowed for the building and installation of permanent toilet facilities. He added that a maximum of 60 people were allowed upstairs at one time and that in the case of fire they would be directed down the stairs by three security personnel.

Paul Pellegrinetti wanted to clarify that on a previous attendance at Public Participation he had not supported the Boxx club specifically, rather he was in favour of general provision of a nightclub in the town.

7.26PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

438 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Mayor announced that McDonald's restaurant on Carwin Rise had extended its invitation to an official re-opening event on Friday 7 February at 10.30am to all Councillors and that if anyone wished to go they should inform the Clerk.

It was announced that there would be a special Full Council meeting on Thursday 30 January 2014 to finalise the budget and precept requirement for 2014-2015. Due to this special meeting the Mayor announced that she would be unable to attend the Community Network Joint Transport meeting, but it was noted that Councillors Cocks and Coombe would be attending.

439 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Fox, Polkinghorne and Rance.

440 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 12a (Minute 449a 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.'

441 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 9 JANUARY 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 9 January 2014 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

442 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 9 JANUARY 2014

All matters were dealt with on the night.

443 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were none.

444 HAYLE HARBOUR - SOUTH QUAY UPDATE

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

The Mayor invited Gary Cartmell to present his report.

Mr Cartmell explained that he was attending the meeting as coordinator for Bowmer & Kirkland, that Simon Humphrey was unable to attend the meeting that night for personal reasons and that in future he and Simon would share attendance at Hayle Town Council meetings. If anyone was unable to reach Simon Humphrey, they should contact him.

He thanked everyone for attending the onsite meeting and extended another invitation to anyone who had been unable to attend previously and said that escorted visits were also being held for local schools and other local groups.

He said that matters were progressing as expected. Letters had been sent to the Town Council and adjacent residents regarding noise from piling works, which would be as per planning conditions during normal business working hours only. A mitre gate, anchor, rails and sleepers had been found and would be looking for a display home in the future. Large machinery was carrying out soil crushing and conditioning and advance notice would be given when excavation was due to start and for any further works which would affect traffic. He stressed that it was not possible for members of the public to go through the site to access the spit.

In response to questions, Mr Cartmell said that Cornwall Council were involved in repairs to the quay wall, that he would find out the contact details of the archaeological lead for Councillor Bennett and that he would check with the Highways Department at Cornwall Council that any traffic works would be coordinated with other road closures. He also agreed to check when work would be carried on Foundry Square, in response to a plea that it not be during the summer. He informed the meeting that Asda would be dealing with employment issues at the store.

Mr Cartmell was asked to report to Simon Humphrey that the Town Council would appreciate his attendance at some of its meetings so that he could answer questions and at the same time receive positive feedback and ideas.

The Mayor thanked Gary Cartmell for his presentation.

445 TO RECEIVE A PRE-APPLICATION PRESENTATION FROM CHRIS GRAHAM FROM KERNOW COARSE FISHERY REGARDING THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE COARSE FISHERY, STRAWBERRY LANE

The Mayor invited Chris Graham to give his presentation.

Mr Graham informed the meeting that he had purchased the fishery lakes formerly known as Sharkey's Pit. He showed plans of the current lakes, buildings and car park and said that he wished to turn the sheds into a visitor centre and accommodation. He planned to make changes to the smaller lake and level the whole area to create a power efficient lake with 10 pegs, all with access for people with disabilities. The buildings would be one metre higher than the existing shed and would contain three toilets, including one for people with disabilities. There would be a small kitchen, a shop for the sale of tackle and a ticket booth. He wanted to create something unique for Cornwall and also that it be as eco-friendly and self-sufficient as possible. There would be a water wheel and solar panels for the generation of electricity and heating would come from a biomass burner with carbon emissions as low as possible and rainwater would be harvested.

In response to questions, the meeting was informed that there would be one full-time employee and some part-time work available. The owner of access to the land supported his plans, the Environment Agency had been contacted, there would be 40 car parking spaces and the Highways Agency would be contacted. The living accommodation would be for staff who would have to be on site at dawn and dusk and for 24/7 security of the premises. He added that everyone was welcome to visit the site.

The Mayor thanked Chris Graham for his presentation.

446 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM PATRICK FIELDER, TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES ADVOCATE AT CORNWALL COUNCIL, REGARDING THE AIMS AND WORKING METHODS OF THE TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES PROJECT

The Mayor invited Patrick Fielder to give his presentation. Firstly, Mr Fielder passed copies of Together for Families in Cornwall's 'A programme guide for supporting troubled families' around the table. He explained that since the riots of Summer 2011 data had been collected by the national government which highlighted the fact that intervention to change the unwanted behaviour of a limited number of troubled families was very costly to the country, with some families costing as much as £1,000,000 per year each. The Together for Families programme aimed to reduce the cost of changing unwanted behaviour.

Mr Fielder explained that Cornwall Council had employed 12 Together for Families Advocates of which he was one. Two Advocates covered Locality 1, which covered the whole of Penwith. He covered Hayle, St Ives, St Just and the surrounding countryside, with his colleague covering Penzance, Marazion, and Newlyn. Within Cornwall 1,400 families had been highlighted in the data collection exercise and of these 900 had been identified and the rest were being sought in order to see if they still required help. The total cost of dealing with unwanted behaviour from these families in Cornwall was £130,000,000 per year which the programme hoped to reduce. He said that very few families living in the countryside had been identified, but that he felt there must be families in need there too.

In response to questions, Mr Fielder told the Mayor that she could pass information to him regarding any families she identified as being in need of help through her work at the Hayle Food Bank. In turn she asked him to highlight to people in need that they could be referred for vouchers for the food bank and for assistance towards school uniform and that free tickets for Hayle Swimming Pool are available for those living in the Hayle area.

Councillor Pollard commented that he felt that the Together for Families programme was very useful in Cornwall and that having one advocate for any particular family was an improvement on having lots of different professionals involved, each seeing the problem from their own point of view with little crossover with other professionals.

The Mayor thanked Patrick Fielder for his presentation.

447 CONSULTATION – TO CONSIDER THE DOCUMENT FROM NHS KERNOW CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP REGARDING THE FUTURE USE OF POLTAIR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND TO COMPLETE THE RELATED SURVEY

There was a discussion regarding the survey, with a general agreement that its options were all slanted towards the closure of Poltair Community Hospital and, supporting the West Cornwall HealthWatch opinion, Councillors agreed that none of the options was suitable.

The West Cornwall HealthWatch paper 'A review of the future use of Poltair Community Hospital – the considered response of West Cornwall HealthWatch' (on file in the Clerk's office), which Councillors agreed was well thought out and researched, recommended a new

unit with 24 beds somewhere near West Cornwall Hospital, perhaps at St Clare, then for closure of Poltair Community and Edward Hain Hospitals. Some Councillors agreed that Poltair Community Hospital needed to close as the building was not fit for purpose or located well, but others agreed with West Cornwall HealthWatch that it should be temporarily reinstated with five beds until other units were ready to meet demand.

It was resolved not to complete the questionnaire, but to respond to the letter from Neil Walden, the Poltair Consultation GP Lead, which accompanied it, that Hayle Town Council supports the West Cornwall HealthWatch response.

It was also resolved to thank West Cornwall HealthWatch and inform them of the above resolution.

There followed a discussion on Clause 118 of the Care Bill, which could be used by the Health Secretary and his administrators to close hospitals for financial reasons only, regardless of their performance and without full and proper consultation with patients and the public and without even any agreement from the new GP commissioning groups.

It was resolved to write to George Eustice MP, urging him to oppose to Clause 118 of the Care Bill, which would allow closure of hospitals regardless of their performance.

There was also a short discussion regarding bed-blocking at St Michael's Hospital and the Clerk agreed to chase the letter she had written to Lezli Boswell of the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust following an earlier resolution.

448 CONSULTATION – TO CONSIDER AND COMPLETE A TOWN & PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE LOCALISM AND DEVOLUTION PORTFOLIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillors queried what the advisory committee would do with the information they would receive from the questionnaires.

It was resolved to complete the questionnaire (see Appendix B for completed questionnaire).

449 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA13/10019; PA13/11006; PA13/11144; PA13/10912; PA13/11632; PA13/09152; PA14/00032 and PA14/00161

Concern was expressed by some Members at this point regarding the lack of time given to a full discussion prior to the vote being taken.

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

- b) To note the results of previous applications

It was resolved to note the results of previous applications.

- c) Hayle Neighbourhood Plan Update

There was no new information available on the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan, but it was reported that other local councils had been asked to share relevant local information where

paid independent consultants were engaged and that the estimated costs for producing a Neighbourhood Plan ranged between £8,000 and £12,000.

450 FOOTPATHS

a) Maintenance Update

There was no new information to report, but in answer to questions it was clarified that Jubilee Path was a gold priority footpath and therefore received two cuts plus a discretionary one per year. It was reported that feedback from the public regarding last year's work on the path was very good and there was a suggestion that a name sign be erected.

The Clerk reported that she was still receiving reports of abuse to drivers using the King George V Memorial Walk for access when it was closed to other traffic on Sundays, but that she had publicised the issue in Council Corner in the February/March issue of Hayle Pump Newsletter, in the Hayle and St Ives Times and Echo and on the Council's website and Facebook pages.

It was resolved to add 'Except for Access' to the large 'No Traffic on Sundays' signs.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 6 February 2014

Town Mayor.....

Date.....