



# HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2014**

Minutes of the Special Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 30 January 2014 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor J Ninnes (Mayor)

Councillors J Bennett, B Capper, G Coad, N Farrar, L Fox, R Lello, H Lyons, B Mims, C Polkinghorne, A Rance

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

## **7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Reverend Samuel Marsden wanted to know a) the effect the cuts made and reduction in services provided by Government and Cornwall Council are having on the Town Council and consequently b) the impact this has on the services to the Community?

[7.18p.m. Councillor Lello joined the meeting]

[7.20p.m. Councillor Coad joined the meeting]

Councillors responded by advising that Town Councils are only obligated to provide limited services, which may be found on the Council's websites, and members and officers provided a summary of the ramifications to date in both financial and practical terms. This included assuming responsibility for functions such as public convenience provision, cost of maintaining amenity sites in Hayle Town Council ownership hitherto leased to the principle authority and maintained at its own expense and a footpath agency agreement. In addition this Council has been asked, and will determine during this meeting, to financially support Hayle Day Care Centre on the continuing reduction of the Cornwall Council grants and also Hayle Tourist Information Centre which would not operate in the forthcoming season without a contribution.

The Reverend thanked the Mayor and Councillors for the information and advised that he would contact the Mayor in due course to discuss a number of issues which he felt may be of benefit to the local community.

## **7.30 P.M. THE MEETING COMMENCED**

### **SC1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Cocks, Coombe, Philp and Pollard. It was noted that Councillors Cocks and Coombe were actually representing the Town Council at another meeting.

## **SC2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors Capper and Farrah both declared an interest in the consideration of financial support for Hayle Day Care Centre. Both advised that they would leave the room whilst this matter was discussed.

## **SC3 TO FINALISE THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENT FOR 2014 – 2015**

Copies of the Summary Briefing Note – Council Budgets and Precept 2014-15, see Appendix A, had been previously circulated to Councillors for consideration.

Members had clearly read the documents supplied and quickly agreed to disregard Budget A until such time that it was confirmed that capping would be introduced, when any decisions made would have to be reconsidered. It was agreed that there was no point discussing further, at this stage, as Members could not anticipate whether capping, if introduced, would be based on a percentage or a fixed sum.

**It was resolved** that, in the event of confirmation this tier of local government being capped for the forthcoming financial year, an Emergency Meeting be called to review and finalise the Precept 2014-15.

Members then considered Budget B, which included a number of items that needed consideration such as potential projects, continued financial support for existing initiatives and requests from external bodies. They carefully considered each topic.

**It was resolved** to include the following in the 2014-15 Precept:-

### **CCTV**

An increase of **£8000** to £12,000, on the proviso that the new contracts, arrangements, including costs, and crime statistics be reviewed after one year before further financial commitment,

### **Hayle Day Care Centre**

**£10,000**, on the basis that this is the figure that will ultimately be required to replace the Cornwall Council support,

[Councillors Capper and Farrar left the room for this item]

### **Tourist information Centre**

**£5000**, the Clerk to request that the facility be kept open on Fridays and Saturdays,

### **Streetscape and Signage**

**£1,000,**

### **Millpond**

£1000, already in revenue account therefore no impact on precept,

### **Beatrice Terrace Bus Stop**

£500, utilization of Code 168, no precept impact,

### **Memorial for the late Councillor Dick Horwell**

£1000, utilization of Code 168, no precept impact,

### **Town Guide**

**£500,**

### **Council Website**

**£2,395,**

**Town Events**

An increase of **£200** to £1000, changing the name of the previously named Hayle Heritage budget to **Town Events**,

**Former Hawkins Site**

No sum allocated, potential ideas to be brought to a future idea,

**Neighbourhood Plan**

**£9,000** and

**Community Sports Hub, £3,000**, the Clerk to ask that regular updates are presented to Council.

**It was resolved** to approve Budget 'B' and that the precept for 2014-15 be £274,556, representing an increase of 19.79%.

**It was resolved** not to consider budget 'C'.

**The meeting closed at 8.55p.m.**