



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2013**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 6 June 2013 commencing at 7.15 pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### PRESENT

Councillor J Ninnes (Mayor)  
Councillors J Bennett, D Cocks, J Coombe, N Farrar, R Lello, H Lyons, B Mims, O Philp, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard, A Rance

Committee Clerk David Gallie

### 7.15 PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Margaret Tanner spoke to remind members that there was a Hayle in Bloom Community Celebration Day on Sunday 23 June 2013 and she would be grateful if members would be able to support the event by acting as marshals and anyone able to assist should give their names to Councillor John Bennett by the following Tuesday.

Georgina Schofield spoke with regard to the levels of water at the Millpond and expressed concern that the fish will suffer in hot weather if the situation is not addressed.

The problem seems to lie with the Environment Agency and although South West Water had been sympathetic to the situation, the Environment Agency was not prepared to take action and Miss Schofield requested that members support her pleas for the problem to be remedied.

Georgina Schofield also requested that consideration be given to the construction of a simple walk-way from the Pond Walk to Duck Island on the basis of health and safety and felt that Duchy College would be able to assist with this work if Councillors were minded to support it.

Mr. Paul Pellegrinetti had sent an email to the Town Clerk on the day prior to the meeting regarding issues relating to seagulls which were increasing in numbers, a situation which was exacerbated by visitors dropping food or even deliberately feeding them.

Mr. Pellegrinetti asked whether increased signage could be provided to alert visitors to the problem and whether a cull could be carried out.

Mr. Pellegrinetti also referred to the issue of dogs which were not on leads and expressed concern in relation to the Recreation Ground in particular where he felt there was the potential for a dog running loose to cause harm to children or other users of what is a public play and amenity area.

## **7.32 PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

### **273 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Mayor informed the meeting that the swimming pool would be opening on Saturday 22 June 2013 at 11.00 am and any member who could assist with the on-going preparatory work would be welcome to join the Working Party on Saturday 8 June.

### **274 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors B Capper and G Coad.

### **275 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PREAPPROVED DISPENSATIONS**

No declarations of interest were required to be made.

### **276 POLICE LIAISON**

- a) To receive and note the monthly reports for April and May 2013

The reports for the above months had been copied and presented to members at the meeting (See Appendix A) and Sergeant Dobson was in attendance to speak to the reports to advise that crime was down in a number of areas including domestic burglary, criminal damage and serious violence. However, there had been an increase in vehicle crime and shoplifting.

In relation to issues causing concern to the Council, Sergeant Dobson advised that attention was being given to the Recreation Ground in relation to needles which had been found in the toilets and patrols were on-going to ensure that vandalism was kept in check as far as possible.

Sergeant Dobson also advised that the police were making greater use of Facebook and Twitter as part of the Community Engagement Strategy.

Issues raised by Councillors were as follows:-

- i) Councillor Cocks referred to a number of vehicles causing an obstruction adjacent to the footpath in the dip between High Lanes and the nursery and commented that some of these vehicles were actually being dismantled in that area;

- ii) Councillor Farrar referred to problems being caused by parents parking at St. Piran's School at the drop-off and collection times;

- iii) Councillor Polkinghorne requested that the police provide details of burglaries to commercial premises, including shops, and Sergeant Dobson advised that he would look at how this information might be extrapolated from the general reports on burglaries. Sergeant Dobson also referred to speed-checks which would be carried out in the Mellanear Road area on the 18 June and Councillor Coombe advised that he would be in attendance to help emphasise the importance of adhering to speed limits.

**277 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A REALIGNMENT OF THE NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 3 IN THE VICINITY OF THE PLANTATION**

The Mayor welcomed Cornwall Council Officers Dave Slatter and Dave Hunt to the meeting to provide details in relation to the above.

Mr Slatter provided drawings (See Appendix C) in support of the proposal to extend the cycleway on the Plantation and to change the crossing point by taking the route across the entrance to Foundry Lane and to continue it on that side of the road to link with a new signalled road layout which would facilitate a safer crossing point. The way in which the land required to extend the cycleway was to be assigned to Cornwall Council could be by various measures which would be determined by negotiation in due course.

The location of a BT pole presented some difficulty in terms of the realignment of the junction but the visibility splay could nevertheless be improved and it was also felt that some demarcation should be provided between the proposed new section of cycle-way on the Plantation and the grass verge.

**It was resolved** to agree in principle subject to final drawings being submitted to Hayle Town Council and the land assignment issue being resolved.

**278 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE HAYLE HARBOUR MASTER PLAN - SECTION 106**

Mr Slatter advised that he had been working with ING and through the provision of slides details of the currently agreed Section 106 Sustainable Transport Contributions were provided together with proposed changes and a further paper highlighting the changes between the two (See Appendix D)

**It was resolved** to broadly support the changes as outlined but with a request that the monies attached to the Bus Provision be released on a phased basis and the improvements to Beach Access be brought forward.

**279 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING - 23 MAY 2013**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the full Council Meeting held on 23 May 2013 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Chairman signing each page before placing them in the Record Book.

**280 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 23 MAY 2013**

There were no matters outstanding.

**281 TO APPROVE REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

- a) Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting - 28 March 2013

Members referred to minute A34 in relation to the bench provided by the Rose and Cabbage Society which had now ceased to operate. From the residual monies of the society the bench had been purchased and placed on the King George V Memorial Walk with some confusion

as to who had given consent.

The Amenities Committee had felt that the bench should be located at a new location but given that the mistake had occurred in good faith

**It was resolved** that the bench should remain in its present position and

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes.

- b) Minutes of the Resource Committee Meeting - 11 April 2013

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes.

- c) Reports from Other Bodies/Working Parties/Events

Councillor Bennett advised of discussions which were taking place through the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee with an Environment Adviser from Exeter University looking at funding for a feasibility study in relation to the clean-up of Copper House Pool and

**It was resolved** to note the position.

Councillor Polkinghorne advised that he would shortly be convening a meeting of the Emergency Planning Group and

**It was resolved** to note the position.

Councillor Ninnes advised that in the company of two residents and Mr. Ralph Necke, who is responsible for the tidiness of public areas which are the responsibility of Cornwall Council, they had toured areas of the town. Councillor Ninnes advised that she had been impressed by the attitude of the officer and the way in which the problem areas identified would be dealt with when reported to Cornwall Council.

**It was resolved** to note the position and

**It was further resolved** that the Clerk should write to Mr. Andy James to commend the attitude of the officer concerned.

## **282 ACCOUNTS**

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2012/2013 as listed on Appendix B

**It was resolved** to approve the income and expenditure of the Council as listed in Appendix B.

- b) To Approve the Annual Accounts 2012-2013

**It was resolved** to approve the annual accounts for the above financial year.

- c) To Approve the Annual Return to District Audit

**It was resolved** to approve the Annual Return for the financial year 2012-2013 including the Annual Governance Statement.

- d) To Note the Content of the Internal Auditor's Report (B E White) and to decide upon any necessary actions, if any

The Finance Officer, in attendance as the Committee Clerk, referred to the issue raised by the Internal Auditor concerning an overpayment to HM Revenue and Customs and advised that this matter was in hand and that the money would be returned to Hayle Town Council in due course and issues around VAT had also been corrected.

**It was resolved** to note the position and further to note the Internal Auditor's Report.

- e) To Confirm New and Existing Cheque Signatories

The Clerk advised that the current signatories were Councillors Coombe, Capper and Lello who had agreed to continue and two further signatories were required and

**It was resolved** that Councillor Cocks and Councillor Rance should be added to the list of cheque signatories for the Council.

## **283 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

Members referred to the poor state of the road surface from the point beyond where the highway had been improved and out towards the wave-hub. It was noted that there had been damage caused to one vehicle and the car owner had been advised to write to ING to establish whether they were liable and

**It was resolved** that a letter should be written to ING seeking improvements to this section of road.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard referred to problems of parking at North Quay as raised by residents of Clifton Terrace and he advised that the Highway Department was considering providing double-yellow lines in the area concerned to alleviate this problem.

Councillor Pollard advised that although the presentation/consultation event had been on something of a small scale, it had nevertheless provided residents with the opportunity to receive further detail of the proposal and to object or support as they saw fit.

Referring to the Sunday closure of the Walk it was felt that improved signage should be provided at the eastern end and Councillor Pollard was in discussion with the Highway Authority in this respect.

Councillor Ninnes raised the issue of safety at this location where there was no pavement and it was felt that the installation of bollards could be a solution and Councillor Pollard would

look into this matter.

Councillor Coombe advised that a problem of drainage at the entrance to the McColls Forecourt was being addressed with the Highway Authority.

Concern was expressed about the new on street parking arrangements in the vicinity of Beatrice Terrace. The private contractor had been instructed to make further improvements at this location as part of the Madison Close Adoption of Highway Agreement.

The Clerk advised that the toilets had formally been taken over by Hayle Town Council at the beginning of June but the practicalities of the key handover and meter readings, etc. were now being concluded.

Members were concerned at the length of time that the toilets at the Recreation Ground had been out of action and

**It was resolved** that if the toilets were shut for more than two days then a port-a-loo should be installed.

## **284 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS**

- a) To consider the correspondence received from Cornwall Council in reply to Hayle Town Council's letter regarding dog fouling and to consider further reports of unruly dogs in the Recreation Ground

The letter dated 23 April 2013 from Cornwall Council had been circulated to members for information and Councillor Farrar advised that he had witnessed a number of cars which were arriving at the Recreation Ground and owners were letting their dogs out of the vehicle to run loose on the Recreation Ground amongst children who were at play. It was felt that this presented a considerable safety issue and

**It was resolved** that in conjunction with Cornwall Council, whatever necessary measures should be taken to ban dogs from the Recreation Ground.

As a further part of supporting measures to address dog fouling,

**It was resolved** that 'scooper bags' should be purchased by the Town Council and placed with businesses around the town.

- b) To consider the letter from Cornwall Council regarding the future of public space CCTV

The letter from Cornwall Council dated the 13 May 2013 had been circulated to members for consideration and the Town Clerk was seeking a steer from the Council ahead of a meeting to discuss the future of CCTV following the relocation of the monitoring centre to Tolvaddon.

**It was resolved** to agree, in principle, to the Council's financial support in the sum of £4000 per annum continuing subject to there being no diminution in the service and camera coverage provided and also subject to the Council being provided with full details of the new monitoring arrangements.

- c) To consider the Formation of a Tourism Working Group

Councillor Lyons had requested that the Council consider this matter and had suggested four areas based around liaison with relevant providers and partners, facilitation of better communication between the Council and other stakeholders and the provision of a discussion forum with outcomes for 2013 including, for example, the commissioning of new photographs to be sold as postcards and for website use.

Councillor Lyons also suggested that an amateur photographic competition might be staged to encourage local and visitor involvement.

After considerable debate around such issues as the use of public funds to support commercial activity and the fact that numerous websites already exist

**It was resolved** that a Working Group be formed but that consideration of a photographic competition be held over until 2014 to allow time for full detail to be worked up including any cost implications.

- d) To consider the email regarding the Water Levels at the Millpond

Members were aware of previous correspondence and attempts to have the wooden boards raised and felt that this could not be achieved and

**It was resolved** that updated information on the cost of dredging be sought together with estimated costs to effect a repair to the pond wall.

- e) To consider the request to construct a walkway from the Pond Walk to Duck Island.

Members were aware that youngsters had always found ways to access the Island in the pond by way of impromptu structures and this was virtually impossible to prevent. However without commitment

**It was resolved** to liaise with Duchy College to establish whether this might be a project for students and the estimated costs.

- f) To consider Planning Application PA13/03227 relating to 19, Caroline Row (deferred from 23 May to allow site visit)

**It was resolved** not to object but parking and access arrangements should be verified to ensure they comply with regulations.

- g) Meetings

Future meetings - 13 June - Amenities Committee;  
20 June - Full Council  
20 June - CCTV West Cornwall Group Meeting  
23 June - Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

h) Incidental

The clerk advised that incidentals will follow in due course.

Meeting closed 10.10pm

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 18 July 2013

**Town Mayor**.....**Date**.....