



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2014

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 9 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, L Fox, R Lello, H Lyons, B Mims, O Philp, J Pollard, A Rance

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Donna Anton spoke to her planning application PA13/10746 (Agenda item 11a, Minute 435a refers). She explained that the reconstruction was necessary due to subsidence at the current house. The new building would have a slightly smaller footprint, but would be slightly taller. She said that the application was supported by her neighbours and asked that the Town Council support it too.

Paul Pellegrinetti told the meeting that, despite the agreement in April or May 2013 that dogs would be banned from the Recreation Ground - except on the path through it, he had not seen any signs to this effect. The Clerk told him that the Recreation Ground is still not in Hayle Town Council's management and that signs could not be changed or erected until it was handed over by Cornwall Council, which was expected to happen on 1 April 2014, although the date was not yet confirmed.

The Mayor invited other members of the public, of which there was a large number who had come regarding agenda item 7a (Minute 431 refers), to speak, but no one wished to do so.

[7.18pm Councillor Coad joined the meeting.]

7.18PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

425 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were none.

426 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Polkinghorne.

427 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 11a (Minute 435a 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.’

Councillor Bennett declared an interest in PA13/10746 on agenda item 11a (Minute 435a refers).

428 POLICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the monthly report

PCSO Fiona Gamble presented the police report for December 2013.

She added that new members Simon Humphries and Ian Tolchard had joined the Hayle Neighbourhood Police Team.

She also reported that there had been a successful PubWatch over the holiday period. A few incidents from New Year’s Eve would be reported in the January 2014 report. There had been a fight outside a public house and the CCTV had been invaluable in identifying the people involved.

In the question and answer session the following issues arose:

PCSO Gamble said that there were no plans to introduce security staff to all public houses as the need was determined by the levels of incidents. She then advised that some five-year bans had been given to the people caught fighting and that if there were similar incidents at any other public house the same penalties would be imposed.

Councillor Fox informed PCSO Gamble and the meeting that she would report back on a meeting she had had with skate park users the night before and the Clerk reported that Jo Howard at Cornwall Council was also now on board and hoped to identify some funding sources for repairing/upgrading the lights and controls at the skate park.

The Mayor thanked PCSO Gamble for her report.

It was resolved to note the report (see Appendix C).

429 FIRE SERVICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the monthly report

Fire Officer John Navin presented the report for October to December 2013.

In the question and answer session that followed it was clarified that SSC stood for Special Service Calls, which were mainly incidents of flooding – none of which were in Hayle – and car accidents. Although the recent ‘perfect storm’ weather was not included in the report, the Fire Service was not aware of any flooding issues in Hayle as a result of it.

It was resolved to note the report (see Appendix D) and that there were no incidents of flooding in Hayle.

430 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 19 December 2013 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

431 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 19 DECEMBER 2013

- a) To consider the issues raised by Mr Peter Pool relating to the proposed Linden Homes development on the land south of St George's Road and the consultation process

The Mayor reminded all Councillors of the rules regarding 'predetermination' and Members decided that as a planning application had not yet come before the Council they were unable to discuss this issue in any depth.

Several Councillors commented that feedback had been given to Linden Homes regarding concerns about some of the information they had been circulating at the pre-application stage, which had seemed to contain several errors.

It was resolved to note the level of public interest in this issue and to feed this information back to Linden Homes.

It was also resolved not to discuss the issue any further that evening because a planning application had not yet been received and the Council did not wish to predetermine its opinion until such an application was before it.

432 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were none.

433 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor Farrar informed the meeting of a potential new event – 'Foundry Day' – to be held in early summer. He said Council support regarding road closures would be sought in future. The Clerk informed him that the Council would need to be informed imminently if financial assistance from the Council was to be requested.

The Clerk reported on recent developments regarding CCTV. She said that the current arrangement was due to end on 31 March 2014 and thereafter it looked likely that there would be no financial support from Cornwall Council and the use of the police building in Hayle for housing the monitoring system would no longer be possible. It was reported that David George, Cornwall Council officer, had supplied some figures and that the future of CCTV would be a major contentious issue for all Town Councils in the scheme to consider. St Ives Town Council had already decided to drop out, Penzance and Helston Town Councils were undecided and Camborne and Redruth Town Councils were committed to staying in the scheme. The Clerk informed the Council that currently it was projected that costs for Hayle

Town Council would rise from £4,000 to £12,000 per annum. She added that Inspector Jean Phillips supported the use of CCTV, because it had been shown to be invaluable in helping to solve crime in the area. If all the other Town Councils decided to stay in the scheme there was a possibility of persuading St Ives Town Council to rejoin. In answer to a question regarding obtaining the views of the public, possibly by asking for opinions in The Pump's Council Corner, the Clerk said that the issue of publicity had been discussed but that it was decided that it would be better to delay publicising the issue more fully until more information from Cornwall Council, expected during the following week, had been received. Councillor Coad, who had also attended the recent CCTV meeting, informed the Council that towns in the west of Cornwall had always been in receipt of financial assistance, unlike towns in the east, and that shouldering the full costs of the CCTV scheme would therefore come as a shock. However, he added that as it had been shown that CCTV had been very useful for fighting crime in the town, it was worth bearing the shock. He congratulated the Clerk, who was the CCTV coordinator for west Cornwall, for all her work. The Clerk added that there might also be a need to go out to tender for the scheme as Remploy, which had had the contract, had been bought out by Enigma, although the new company had taken on all of Remploy's staff.

434 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2013/2014 as listed on Appendix B

It was noted that 'Remploy' should read 'Enigma' for one item on the payments list (see information regarding both companies in Minute 433 above).

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2013/2014 as listed on Appendix B.

[7.45pm Councillor Bennett leaves the room.]

435 PLANNING MATTERS – requests for urgent attention

- a) To consider Planning Application: PA13/10746

Councillor Fox declared an interest in the planning application.

[7.50pm Councillor Fox leaves the room.]

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

[Councillors Bennett and Fox re-enter the room.]

436 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

Councillor Bennett reported that he had attended a meeting with the Harbourmaster and others regarding a proposal for a 'harbour taxi' from North Quay, Hayle to St Ives and possibly to Lelant Quay too. It had been considered that the harbour taxi would be a fun activity for local people who might want a boat ride over and a walk/bus ride back to Hayle. He reported that all necessary licences had been obtained and it would operate for one season as a test run, with 16 seats available for passengers. If this trial season proved successful it was thought that it might be possible to add a route leaving from South Quay too. There

would be no timetable, but electronic booking methods were being considered. A Councillor was concerned that the harbour taxi might encourage Hayle to be used as a car park, with users spending their money in St Ives instead of Hayle, but others felt that there were plenty of businesses in Hayle that would also benefit from the added activity on and around the Quays. Some Councillors would like to see the service run from South Quay as well if possible to bring holiday makers through the town rather than just to North Quay.

The meeting was informed that at the latest Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee meeting it had been reported that there had been no coastal flooding in Hayle. This led to a discussion regarding the difficulty of obtaining house insurance for properties in Hayle that were within a 400-metre radius of a flood area, as designated by the Environment Agency. Despite the recent combination of extremely bad weather and high tides there had been no flooding of properties in Hayle and although water levels were high in Wilson's Pool there remained room for even more water.

It was resolved to invite an expert to a future Full Council meeting to talk to Hayle Town Council regarding flood plains, insurance and Environment Agency designation.

It was also reported that the Community Flood Forum were considering a nationwide project ("RE") which involved taking small portions of insurance from those people who would never face flooding and putting it into a fund for those that almost certainly would.

It was resolved to write to the Environment Agency to ask why it had allowed the Copperhouse sluiceway to remain closed at a time when Wilson's Pool was most likely to flood.

There was discussion regarding the fact that despite very high levels in the pool there had been no flooding and that this should be noted as evidence to support the Council's wish to have a greater number of impoundments.

There was also further discussion regarding the levels of water in the Millpond. It was reported that the concrete level was the correct level, but that Simon Jefferies of the Environment Agency had promised that the first 5" board would stay in the pond, but that no second board would be added.

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Coombe reported that the lollipop lady for Bodriggy Academy had almost been hit by drivers at her crossing. Cornwall Council had agreed to look into installing flashing lights at the location to increase safety.

It was also reported that Cormac would lift the cover and clean the drain on Station Approach, which had been the cause of flooding in the area, although this would require special equipment. The Clerk reported that Network Rail had also agreed to investigate the problem as the drain belonged to them. Councillor Rance reported raw sewage collecting at the Station Hill/Station Approach junction and was informed that raw sewage flooding constituted an emergency and needed to be reported to South West Water. The meeting was then informed that South West Water had been seen at the location in question earlier that afternoon.

Councillor Pollard reported that the new contractors who would be repairing Footpath 56 at Clifton Terrace were expected to start work in the third week in January. He assured

Councillor Rance, who reported that an earthing rod had been left sticking out of the ground there, that the new contractors would be informed.

Regarding the Beach Access Project it was reported that despite the very bad weather work had recommenced on site and was progressing well. Before Christmas there had been a small rock fall and it was expected that the cliff face would be made safe by a special team on the following Monday so that work in that particular area could continue. It was reported that full cliff stabilisation might be necessary in future, at a possible cost of £20,000, but that in the meantime the cliff face could be monitored and possible funding found for remedial work. The Clerk informed the meeting that Richard Hocking, a Cornwall Council geologist, was to visit the site the following week and write a report for Hayle Town Council with his recommendations. She also told Councillors that the beach access route would go down to the lowest level possible, which would be dictated by the fact that it had to be anchored into the bedrock.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The Clerk informed the meeting that a working party meeting with Cornwall Council officers had been set for Friday 17 January at 9.30am and that there was no new information to report regarding the return of assets.

It was reported that a schedule of works for the toilets had been agreed and that they would be decorated and/or upgraded in the next six months.

There was also a short discussion regarding the small toilet, opposite St Elwyn's Church, which was owned by Cornwall Council. It was suggested that Hayle Town Council could take it over, or use the building for storage as it was secure, centrally located and there was a small area nearby that could be used for parking while loading and unloading.

The Clerk informed Members that a new selection of road closure/diversion signs would be ordered in the next few days.

437 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) Meetings

09/01/14	7.15pm	Full Council	Hayle Community Centre
14/01/14	7.00pm	Penwith Rural Transport Forum Meeting	Penzance One Stop Shop
16/01/14	7.30pm	Resource Committee POST PONED (No new information on capping, awaiting further information on CCTV and FJC)	Hayle Community Centre
17/01/14	9.30am	Devolution and Asset Transfer Meeting – Working party and officers	Hayle Community Centre
22/01/14	10.00am	Towans Partnership Meeting	FJC
23/01/14	7.15pm	Full Council	Hayle Community Centre

30/01/14	7.30pm	Amenities Committee NB This may, however, in view of the postponed Resource Committee Meeting have to become a Special Full Council Meeting to finalise the precept and budget – subject to clarification on the outstanding issues	Hayle Community Centre
06/02/14	7.15pm	Full Council	Hayle Community Centre

b) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 8.49pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 9 January 2014

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