



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2016

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held in the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, Hayle on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors Farrar (Chairman), Coad, Cocks, Ninnes, Philp and Polkinghorne.

Also present Councillors Capper and Rance.

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

A33 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mims and Wills.

A34 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

A35 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 22 FEBRUARY 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of 22 February 2016 be taken as a true and correct record, the Chairman signing each page before placing them in the record book.

A36 COMMUNITY CENTRE

- a) Tenants and users update

The Clerk confirmed that the District Nurse lease was in the process of being renewed. This new lease would include Units 2 and 3, on the ground floor, and also include Units 9 and 10, on the first floor, previously under a licence. The new lease will be with the successor organisation, NHS Foundation Trust.

The Clerk was also pleased to confirm that there had a further upturn in casual hire bookings.

- b) Maintenance update
 - i) Soffits and fascias contract update

The Clerk confirmed that the appointed contractors, Technique Property Services, will be

starting on site mid-May and that the work was expected to take 2-3 weeks.

- ii) To consider options for the chimney and weather vane

It was suggested by the Clerk that, as the contractors will be requiring scaffolding, it might be expedient and cost efficient to obtain a price from the contractor to carry out essential works to the weather vane and chimney stack, which had been highlighted in previous meetings. Members also suggested that it may be appropriate to establish a price for external masonry decoration, again taking advantage of scaffolding already being in place.

It was resolved that the Clerk obtain quotations for all of these works to take advantage of the potential savings.

A37 HAYLE SWIMMING POOL

- a) Project and grant update

The Clerk presented a brief summary, explaining that the contract for the installation of the solar/thermal covers and benches was currently out to tender. A criteria for winning the contract would be the ability to deliver and install the work prior to the commencement of the season. M & S had been advised and were fully supportive of the actions taken to date.

- b) To discuss and confirm operational arrangements for the 2016 season
 - i) Season dates and opening hours

It was resolved that the pool would open daily from 11am to 6pm and Saturday 25 June 2016 to Sunday 11 September 2016 inclusive.

- ii) Ticket prices

It was resolved that tickets prices should not be increased this year.

- iii) Staffing structure

The Clerk confirmed that she had begun the recruitment process but that to date no suitable candidate for the position of Pool Manager had been found. The Clerk suggested that for this year only the pool be managed by the Clerk with her office colleagues taking on additional responsibilities. The Clerk explained that in the longer term the management of the pool could become the responsibility of a wider post such as a Facilities Manager, subject to review. Members considered that the work involved in managing the pool was too onerous and that the Clerk should continue the recruitment process to secure a pool manager.

It was resolved that the Clerk continues to advertise the Pool Manager position.

- c) To discuss and confirm arrangements for pre-season maintenance

The Clerk also confirmed that orders had been placed with local contractors to drain, clean and paint the pool, to tile the male changing facilities and all the more routine preparatory work. The Friends of Hayle Pool also were planning to host the volunteer Saturdays as had become customary.

A38 HAYLE RECREATION GROUND

- a) To note and accept the resignation from the tenant of the café/kiosk and to consider options for the future operation management of the facility

It was resolved to note and accept the resignation and to waive the notice period for the existing lessees.

It was resolved that the operation of the kiosk should be advertised and put out to tender once more. Members recognised that the facility had been out to tender several times in recent years and overseeing the management of the kiosk and the repeated tender process were becoming too onerous for the already overstretched staff.

- b) To receive an update on the improvement works on site

It was noted that the improvement works were nearing completion and that the facility would be returned after one final inspection of the finished site.

A39 OTHER FACILITIES

It was resolved to exclude the press and public for the following item, in accordance with Standing Order 1c, due to the confidential nature of the business.

- a) To receive an update regarding the transfer of the former Hawkins Motors land to HTC by way of an S106 agreement

Members of the working party explained the current situation regarding the transfer and that a meeting with the developers, their agent and the planning officer was scheduled for 29 April 2016.

It was resolved to delegate the negotiations to the working party, to ensure that the best and most appropriate deal is secured for the town.

It was resolved to re-admit the press and public.

- b) Millponds update

Members considered the document provided by Georgina Schofield, Volunteer Warden, containing recommendations for the future management of the Millponds, including both the section owned and maintained by Hayle Town Council and the section retained by Cornwall Council.

The information was considered and noted. Members recognised and agreed that many of the issues that were raised could and should be addressed by the Town Council, subject to resources. They also recognised that they were not necessarily qualified to make a judgement on some of the other points and that an independent expert should be engaged, as previously resolved prior to the transfer, to look at the long term management.

It was resolved that, as a short-term measure, the Clerk commissions CORMAC to clear the syphon/cistern, to periodically inspect and maintain as required.

It was further resolved that a detailed management plan is required; the Clerk to engage an independent expert to carry out this work.

c) Cemetery and allotment site update

There was no new update to report.

d) Public conveniences update

The Clerk reported that the toilets had been regularly targeted for vandalism. There had been some issues with regard to communication with the cleaning contractors, the reporting of faults and other ongoing issues; the Clerk advised that she would write to the contractors to see if matters could be rectified.

A40 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 23 June 2016, if required.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.