



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2019

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 4 April 2019 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor C Polkinghorne (Mayor)
Councillors S Benney, H Blakeley, B Capper, N Farrar, S Johnson, B Mims, J Pollard,
A Rance and B Wills

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The mayor read out a letter from Peter Channon querying the content of the draft minutes of 21 March 2019 and how the North Quay planning application section of the public participation session had been carried out. The clerk informed members that in law there was no requirement to record any part of public participation and only resolutions had to be recorded from the meeting itself; the clerk's team was in the process of reducing the length of minutes to follow recommendations from CALC and SLCC. Members offered their full support for the mayor's chairmanship of the meeting and the clerk's team. Concern was also expressed about the unprecedented method of raising issues via sealed letters during public participation and in this instance the appropriateness of the content being vicariously shared in a public forum.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

235 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

A request had been received from the BBC's Countryfile to do a television piece on the 'fairy doors' that had been appearing in the town and filming had taken place. A fairy door had been received by the mayor for display at the Community Centre and somewhere would be found for it.

The mayor welcomed Councillor Sophie Johnson, who had been co-opted onto Hayle Town Council at the special co-option meeting on 28 March 2019.

It was reported that the laptops were still not ready for use by councillors and IT support was awaited. A compensatory deal had been offered by the IT support suppliers for the continuing issues. Due to visual problems experienced by some councillors the clerk undertook to display any relevant documents on the screen at future meetings when laptops were in use.

236 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Coad, Cocks, Nidds and Roden.

237 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

238 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 21 MARCH 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 21 March 2019 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

239 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 21 MARCH 2019

It was clarified that any matters raised during public participation that needed to be addressed at a following full council meeting were always clearly specified as a subheading to this standing agenda item.

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

240 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

- a) To receive the report from the Amenities Committee meeting 14 March 2019

Councillors Benney and Cocks had also tendered apologies for the meeting.

Councillors Pollard and Wills voiced their dissent regarding the resolution to remove flowers from the War Memorial and to place a bench and two planters outside the memorial's fencing, which they felt would detract from the War Memorial itself. The clerk clarified that anything placed outside the fencing would have to be approved by Cornwall Council's Highways Department and Historic England as the War Memorial was a listed structure. In those councillors' opinion the planters should be tasteful and placed directly at the War Memorial.

Councillor Pollard voiced his discontent that the Amenities Committee had decided to do minor works to a dilapidated toilet only used by outdoor council staff instead of installing a new toilet on King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW) for use by the general public, which had been considered too expensive.

It was clarified that the proposed formation of a new Health & Safety Committee would be discussed at the next full council meeting.

It was resolved to receive the report from the Amenities Committee meeting 14 March 2019, with the amendments that Councillors Benney and Cocks had tendered apologies for the meeting and that it had been resolved to place two planters not one at the War Memorial, so that actions could be carried out.

241 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor Polkinghorne reported that he had attended the Green Infrastructure For Growth (GI4G) tour at the Millpond: it was looking fantastic and great work had been carried out by the project. Anne Preston-Jones was keen to work with Hayle Town Council (HTC) to enhance

the part of the site in its ownership and had offered to tap into alternative funding sources and provide alternative contractors. It was clarified that GI4G would be carrying out another tour when the project was finished, probably by June 2019. Councillor Rance reported that certain trees would need to come down to provide the historic uninterrupted view down the Ropewalk, but that that action was being challenged by an interested party. It was also reported that members of the public had complained about access because of the trees and that they were impinging on the historic structures. The GI4G team and Historic England were looking into the situation. Reference was also made to the Chatham Ropewalks which were very similar to the Hayle Ropewalk.

242 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2018/2019 for February 2019 as listed on Appendix B

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2018/2019 for February 2019 as listed on Appendix B.

243 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was reported that consideration of the North Quay planning application had been deferred until the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on 2 May or 30 May. The SPC was waiting for a final report from ICOMOS's 12 April meeting, which was due to be available on 19 April.

It was also reported that the Coastal Communities Fund finance, which had been applied for by the harbour master, for sluicing had been approved. A query regarding the whereabouts of the £100,000 already received from CC and the LEP for emergency work was raised.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard reported the following:

- Bus passes for senior citizens were now valid for use at any time of day
- The planning officer responsible for the Loggans Mill planning application had reported that the agent had submitted amended drawings, but they were still awaiting the conservation officer's response and responses to concerns raised regarding possible flooding
- The last piece of play equipment, the zip wire, had been removed from the Loggans Playing Field as it was defunct and not safe to retain. It would not be replaced as CC considered the Recreation Ground a near enough play space. The area would not be earmarked for housing, but GI4G would fund a new play area there in 2020.

The clerk agreed to write to the open spaces officer at CC, to ask for play equipment to replace all the removed items.

Councillor Wills reported that she was still holding the £700 for new goalposts and that she would chase the community link officer again to ask Cormac to order them so they could be erected.

It was suggested that the open spaces officer be reminded that his department were obliged to maintain what GI4G had instated for at least 10 years.

It was also reported that roadworks through Hayle, which were expected to be completed that evening, had caused confusion due to inadequate and sometimes dangerous diversion signs and the omission of coning the diversion route. Although disappointed with the organisation of the work, councillors were pleased with the re-surfacing itself.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The agreement in principle regarding the takeover of the Library had been submitted by the town council's solicitor and the handover was still on track for 31 May 2019. The clerk was preparing measures for staff and would be attending meetings regarding TUPE in the near future. The next working party meeting was scheduled for 10 May 2019. An offer of approximately £3,500 from Elly Hammersley on behalf of CC had been received and accepted in lieu of a repair or replacement back window.

It was clarified that the Library staff's pension scheme was the same as HTC's and all accrued rights would be retained.

The clerk reported that she would be attending a meeting in June with a resident of Clifton Terrace, George Eustice MP and relevant CC officers regarding the hazard brought about by the land slides. Councillor Pollard agreed to attend the meeting and Councillor Polkinghorne agreed to attend if he could not.

d) Cornwall Community Governance Reviews

It was reported that most town councillors had attended the first working party meeting and a future meeting would be arranged soon. Councillor Pollard undertook to forward an email from Malcolm Brown setting out reasons for the review, the second one of which referred to warding arrangements. It was also noted that the number of councillors on the town council would also be considered and town councillors needed advice regarding this aspect of the review, especially in view of the recent and expected future growth of the town.

244 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) Clerk's Report

- i) To consider options and arrangements for Hayle Town Council events such as the Civic Service and Parade and the Mayor's Sponsored Walk

The clerk outlined public and councillors' queries she had received regarding the financial and time costs of the events and reported that other town councils were downgrading their civic parades and events. It was also noted that only a handful of town councillors had attended and paraded at HTC's events in the last few years and it had become increasingly difficult to get the band to commit to leading the parade, representatives of the town's organisations to attend events and people to take part in the sponsored walk. Alternative options, such as downgrading events or holding them only on alternate years, were listed. It was also suggested that the charities benefitting from fundraising events could also be reviewed.

Councillors raised the point that the Civic Service and Parade celebrated people who gave service to the town and that all councillors should attend unless they really were unable to. Many felt that

if elected by the community those elected should be there to celebrate the community. It was also confirmed that the percentage of the town council's budget that was spent on civic events was infinitesimally small and that any savings would be meagre and irrelevant. It was agreed that existing councillors should explain to new councillors the purpose and importance of the town council's events and that they should be annual celebrations, with the mayor of the day choosing the type of fundraising event and which charity should benefit.

It was resolved to a) maintain the status quo regarding the Civic Service and Parade, the Mayor Choosing ceremony and an annual fundraising event, except the benefitting charity and fundraising event to be chosen by the mayor, b) to re-affirm the purpose of the events, explaining them and the role of the council to new councillors and c) to make the events appropriate, inclusive and to encourage members of the public to attend.

- ii) To note the councillor vacancy on South Ward, following the resignation of Peter Channon

It was resolved to note the vacancy and that the procedure for electing/co-opting another town councillor for Hayle South had begun.

- b) Correspondence
 - i) To consider writing to Home Bargains HQ regarding the delayed bridge works that are causing a hazard and traffic delays in the town

Councillors expressed significant concern about the traffic congestion, chaos and danger caused by the traffic lights on the bridge to Home Bargains (HB) and some gave first hand reports of danger they themselves had experienced. It was reported that CC would take no action as it was private land and the police appeared not to be interested. HB's senior health and safety officer, had advised that the delays would remain for another seven months until completion of works in November, which councillors agreed was totally unacceptable. It was suggested that a one way system could be implemented via an exit in the back fence and the creation of a temporary road, which HB would need to finance.

It was noted that Sustrans would have to be consulted for any changes to the road behind HB.

It was also suggested that if a serious accident happened HB could be held responsible and even liable for a charge of corporate manslaughter as the situation had been brought to their attention by the town council and councillors on several occasions. It was agreed that CC's health and safety officer should also be advised of the town council's concerns and reminded of the seriousness of the issue and how CC should take some responsibility for addressing it as it was impacting the highway. The town council expected CC to support its endeavours to address the dangerous situation.

It was resolved to write strong letters to both Home Bargains and Cornwall Council's Highways as per the above, copying the letter to Home Bargains to CC's Highways. The letter to CC to request that it write a similar letter to Home Bargains.

- ii) To consider the correspondence relating to the Community Network Areas SOS Community Scheme and to determine a suitable local project to nominate

Various possible projects were discussed, but it was not possible to identify any small projects that would be suitable. It was suggested that Hayle in Bloom might have a project it needed help with. **It was resolved** that the clerk contact Richard Barber, the new chair of Hayle in Bloom, to see if he had/could think of any projects that would be suitable for the scheme.

- iii) To consider the letter from Active Plus asking for suggestions of community projects and/or activities that their clients can get involved in

Various suggestions were discussed, including clearing the town council's side of the Millpond wall which would complement the recent work carried out by CC. It was noted that the town council's gardener had some ideas, including cleaning the scoria wall, and that the town council's outside staff could assist where possible and any project could take advantage of the council's waste disposal contracts.

It was resolved to suggest clearance of the Millpond wall and other similar projects on HTC land, with the town council's facilities and contracts manager carrying out the necessary risk assessments, and to refer the group to Hayle in Bloom.

It was resolved to investigate carrying out extra maintenance on the scoria steps leading up to Clifton Terrace, bearing in mind they are not in HTC's ownership.

It was noted that Ladysmith Gardens was designed to be low maintenance and was planted mainly with shrubs.

- iv) To consider nominating a councillor and/or the clerk to apply to sit on the Cornwall Planning Partnership

There was a short discussion regarding the most appropriate person to represent the town councillor and it was decided that the council's single point of contact for planning would best fulfil the role.

It was resolved to nominate Councillor Anne-Marie Rance to apply to sit on the Cornwall Planning Partnership, the town council to pay any transport costs, and that the clerk write the required letter of recommendation.

c) Meetings

04/04/19	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
10/04/19	2.30pm	Library Devolution Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC
15/04/19	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning Association	Asda Community Rooms
18/04/19	7.00pm	Annual Electors' Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC
18/04/19	To follow Annual Electors' Meeting	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC

13/04/19	6.00pm	Private Opening of Harvey's Foundry Trust Hayle Unearthed Exhibition	Hayle Heritage Centre
24/04/19	10.00am	CALC Larger Council's Meeting	Bodmin Town Council
24/04/19	6.00pm	Harvey's Foundry Trust Meeting	John Harvey House
25/04/19	10.00am	Hayle Library TUPE Meeting	Hayle Library
25/04/19	7.30pm	Resource Committee Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC
25/04/19	6.30-8.00pm	RNLI Meeting re Hayle Harbour Area	RNLI Depot, Marsh Lane
30/04/19	2.30pm	WCCCTV Meeting	Fire HQ, Tolvaddon
01/05/19	2.30pm	Library Devolution Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC
02/05/19	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
08/05/19	2.30pm	Library Devolution Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC
09/05/19	7.30pm	Annual Council and Mayor Choosing	Hayle Day Care Centre
	To be arranged :	Hipparchus Energy Grant Committee Meeting	

It was resolved that Councillor Wills represent the town council at the RNLI meeting on 25 April. The meeting would discuss risks in the Hayle Harbour area and possible solutions.

d) Incidentals

The list of incidentals was tabled. Incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 18 April 2019

Town Mayor

Date