

HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 16 MAY 2019

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 16 May 2019 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor

C Polkinghorne (Mayor)

Councillors

S Benney, G Coad, D Cocks, N Farrar, S Johnson, B Mims,

P Nidds, J Pollard, A Rance, A Roden and B Wills

Clerk

Eleanor Giggal

7.15PM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Sarah Corrigan, accompanied by Mrs Macdonald and Beth Corrigan, updated members on the response she had received from Cornwall Council with regard to the concerns about the traffic along Queensway. Ms Corrigan reported that Mike Peters, Highways and Environment Manager, had confirmed that there were some missing 20mph signs so these well as some additional signs would be installed. He will also look at painting some 20 mph roundels on the actual road surface. Additionally, there would be some covert speed monitoring along Queensway to record how drivers are actully behaving.

There was a general discussion about a) the positive outcome of raising the issues directly with Cornwall Council, b) the possibility of traffic calming – depending on the results of the monitoring and c) that there had been a previous round of consultation on traffic calming measures in 2006 when all proposals had been objected to by the residents.

Paul Pellegrinetti asked whether the council knew of or could do anything regarding the weight limit on the bridge at the entrance to the Home Bargains site and the hazard that the consequent back log of traffic was causing in the town. Councillor Pollard provided Mr Pellegrinetti with details of all of the actions he had taken to date, as the Cornwall Council Ward Member, and confirmed that the work would be completed by November 2019 which everyone agreed was too long. He also said that Cornwall Council had little power to intervene as the damaged bridge is on private land but highways officers had suggested a priority system for ingoing cars to reduce the traffic queues in the main street but this was not taken up by Home Bargains. He was also advised that the town council had also written to Home Bargains. Mr Pellegrinetti was encouraged to write to Home Bargains to lobby and to ask that they come up with an alternative, less dangerous solution quickly. Councillor Coad advised that Home Bargains had sought preapplication planning advice from Cornwall Council with regard to establishing an alternative entrance to the rear of the building but pointed out that even if it was permissible the process is lengthy and would not help the situation for the busy summer period.

Councilor Roden took the opportunity to voice concern over the newly published railway timetable and the fact that there were not as many trains stopping on a regular basis in Hayle as had previously been promised. It was agreed that this matter should be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

7.32PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The mayor explained that there was no minute taker available this evening and asked members to be patient to allow for decisions to be recorded accurately by the clerk.

2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Capper and Blakeley.

3 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coad and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 11a (minute 11a refers) and made the following statement: - 'In commenting on these issues/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.'

4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 2 MAY 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 2 May 2019 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

5 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 2 MAY 2019

a) To consider traffic calming measures for Queensway

It was considered that this matter had been dealt with in public participation. There was no further discussion.

6 TO APPROVE AND SEAL THE LIBRARY DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT

It was resolved to approve all of the legal documents relating to the transfer of the library and information service; the agreement for the provision of library services and an information service in Hayle, the option agreement relating to the property and the land registry transfer documents. The mayor and clerk sealed and signed the documents.

It was further resolved to record thanks to the working party members and the clerk's team for getting to this point after a lengthy process.

A brief discussion about marking the transfer took place. The clerk explained that she was in the process of finalising plans for the official transfer and that there would be a launch event at the library on Friday 31 May 2019 at 3pm with associated publicity. The event would be linked to the library's regular story time session which on this occasion also coincided with a children's book signing and promotion.

7 TO APPROVE AND SEAL THE SWIMMING POOL CAFÉ LEASE AGREEMENT

It was resolved to approve the lease. The mayor and clerk sealed and signed the documents.

8 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE MULTI-SKILLED CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

It was resolved to approve the service level agreement. The mayor signed the document.

Members were pleased that the officer would soon be operational in the town and agreed that some positive press coverage for this was needed. The clerk agreed to follow up.

9 TO CONFIRM STAFF ANNUAL LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

The clerk had been reviewing employee's terms and conditions in preparation for the transfer of the library and information service staff and the adoption of the staff handbook. She had recognised some anomalies in individual contracts and asked that council agrees to ensure all staff have the same number of days' annual leave, subject to length of service. She explained that the existing library team currently benefitted from one additional day's annual leave but that Hayle Town Council employees also benefitted from having a day off to mark St Piran's Day. She added that whilst the council had wanted to celebrate St Piran's Day it had not been practical to fully extend the day's leave to all members of staff as key members of staff needed to work still, as the day had not been widely recognised enough by other authorities, businesses, tenants of the Community Centre etc. She suggested that in order to rationalise the terms and conditions that the town council team's annual leave is increased to 23, rising to 28, days to match the members of staff being TUPE'd across from Cornwall Council, but that they no longer receive St Piran's day off.

It was resolved that all employees of Hayle Town Council will be granted 23 days annual leave per annum, rising to 28 days after 5 years' service, subject to TUPE regulations.

Members were dismayed that they had tried to support the move to recognise St Piran's Day as a local Bank Holiday and that it had not been supported more widely. It was agreed that the council should mark the day in some other way, perhaps by closing the office to the public, but this could be reviewed again and given more thought.

10 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a) Cornwall Community Governance Review

The clerk reported that she had not received any further information from Dan Webb and was in the process of making arrangement with the clerks of Gwinear Gwithian and St Erth to discuss the initial proposals.

b) Hayle Neighbourhood Plan

The mayor explained that John Bennett, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, had offered to provide training on the plan to either new councillors or those that needed a refresher. Members were pleased and it was agreed that this offer should be accepted.

c) Hayle Harbour Development

The mayor advised that at a recent meeting it had been confirmed that hydro-electricity would soon be generated from the harbour and/or St Ives Bay. The clerk followed up by saying that Neil Farrington, of Community Energy Plus, was booked to present details of the tidal range generation at the next meeting of the full council on 6 June 2019.

11 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider Planning Applications: PA19/03209; PA19/01221; PA19/03125; PA19/03098; PA19/03142 and PA19/02963

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

b) To note the results of previous applications

There were none.

12 FOOTPATHS

a) Maintenance update

The clerk confirmed that the first round of cuts had commenced in the previous week. No issues had been raised by members of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.