



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 19 February 2015 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### PRESENT

Councillor G Coad (Mayor)

Councillors J Bennett, B Capper, D Cocks, N Farrar, L Fox, R Lello, B Mims, J Ninnes, O Philp and C Polkinghorne

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

### 7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Mike Witheridge wanted information and clarification of the resolution in the draft minutes of the last meeting regarding the request for Marsh Lane and the Rugby Club land to be allocated for potential industrial and retail development. He wanted to know if this was also in the Neighbourhood Plan and if its inclusion would lead to automatic development due to compliance with the Neighbourhood/Cornwall Local Plans. Mr Witheridge was informed that the Neighbourhood Plan for Hayle had two more stages to go before completion and that even if included on the Cornwall Local Plan map, any permission for development would not be automatic.

[7.19pm Councillor Capper joined the meeting.]

Simon Clarke spoke on behalf of Peveril Securities Ltd regarding planning application PA14/12215. He said that the permitted scheme of three units had been amended to one larger unit, although there would be a 30% reduction in floor space. There was also a new layout of additional car parking which now totalled 70 spaces for the store, but which would also be free parking for Hayle. There was also new provision for relocating the Goonvean engine to an alternative site. He said that the same architects had been retained and the architecture would not be changed.

He said that it was estimated that 50 new jobs, both full- and part-time, would be created and he hoped that, if approved, the rumours of a petrol station being located on the site would be brought to an end.

He said that he was not able to name a potential tenant, but that they would offer branded products, available in bulk at a discount. The amendment to the original scheme allowed for up to 30% of the gross internal area of the unit for the sale of convenience goods.

It was noted that the Goonvean engine would be brought to Hayle Harbour and stored until it was time to display it. The new position of the engine had been debated with Harvey's Foundry Trust and the other potential locations were acceptable to the trustees and would be within the

World Heritage Site. Simon Clarke also informed everyone that new footpaths had been designed to access Foundry more easily.

Gary Cartmell spoke on behalf of ING and said that the matter of the harbour consultation was in hand. The delay was due to ongoing discussions with Cornwall Council regarding the possibility of making the harbour a municipal port.

### **7.33PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

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

The Mayor thanked Councillors Polkinghorne and Bennett on behalf of the Town Council for their involvement in the arrangements for and contributions to the memorial held for Councillor Lyons.

Members were informed that there would be a Special Council Meeting to discuss the Linden Homes planning application at Penpol School on the evening of Thursday 26 February 2015. Members of the public were welcome to come and give their views.

#### **215 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Coombe, Pollard and Rance.

#### **216 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors Bennett, Capper and Lello declared an interest in Planning Application PA14/12215 as they were Company Secretary, Chair and Trustee respectively of Harvey's Foundry Trust.

Councillors Farrar and Mims declared interest in Planning Applications PA15/00956 and PA15/00957.

#### **217 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 5 FEBRUARY 2015**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 5 February 2015 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

#### **218 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 5 FEBRUARY 2015**

There were none.

#### **219 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM PETER STOKES, PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, AND COLLEAGUES, OF NHS KERNOW CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP REGARDING THE FUTURE PLANS FOR ST MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL, HAYLE**

The Mayor invited the representatives of NHS Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group (KCCG) to give their presentations.

Dr Neil Walden, GP and KCCG Locality Lead for Penwith introduced himself and gave apologies for Peter Stokes, who had been unable to attend due to the current difficulties at Treリスケ. He said that he was a GP at Marazion Surgery and that he lived in Relubbus. His colleagues, Ethna McCarthy, Director of Strategy and Business Development, Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT), and Sue Preston, a Senior Matron with RCHT and since January 2015 Clinical Hospital Manager at St Michael's Hospital (SMH), introduced themselves.

Dr Walden said that they were all aware of the history of and local concerns regarding St Michael's Hospital and gave a brief description of the hospital's place within the RCHT and Cornwall. He said that the KCCG viewed SMH and West Cornwall Hospital (WCH) differently, with the latter providing more acute care and SMH being broadly concerned with cold surgery, with outpatient clinics at both hospitals. He added that although there was a duty to look after the people of Penwith, this had to be balanced with the care offered in other parts of Cornwall, for example Bodmin and St Austell, and that SMH was a resource for the whole of Cornwall as well as for Penwith.

He explained that SMH was very well-thought of in the community, with an excellent reputation for orthopaedic and breast surgery. However, it could only operate on and care for patients who were reasonably fit and who tested negative for MRSA as there were not the facilities at SMH to care for emergencies. Dr Walden added that when Poltair Hospital was closed all hospitals in the area were considered for community beds, but that SMH was dismissed for this type of patient as it was considered more beneficial to keep it a cold surgical unit.

In response to a question regarding the capping of surgeries inside and outside the NHS, Ethna McCarthy said that ideally RCHT would like only NHS hospitals to be used, but that according to the national policy of offering choice to patients, they were obliged to offer the Duchy Hospital as an option. Dr Walden said that he would check if there was a possibility of capping the amount of work that went outside the NHS and would report back to the Town Council. He did add that it was not possible for GPs to send patients to SMH as all appointments were made by a central Referral Management Service (RMS).

Councillors reported their concerns and offered anecdotal evidence that the RMS was not always offering SMH as an option for patients, as it offered only the soonest available appointment, and there appeared to be no facility for informing patients that they could request a particular hospital if they were prepared to wait. Dr Walden said that this issue was looked at periodically. He reported that the RMS should log and take note of what patients would have preferred and that he would seek a meeting with the RMS to see if this was still being done. He reassured those present that it was not policy to steer patients to choose private hospitals over NHS ones.

In answer to questions, Sue Preston informed the meeting that there were two active wards at SMH: St Joseph's which has 28 beds and St Michael's which has 20 beds. She added that her priority was to fill beds, including transferring suitable patients from Treリスケ to SMH post operatively. She said that empty beds were offered to Treリスケ every day and that the SMH team and Treリスケ select patients and that her objective was to maximise this. She explained that St George's wing, including St Agnes' ward, had been closed for health and safety reasons (the corridors were not wide enough for modern trolleys, and it was unsuitable for outpatients as it was only accessible via a staircase). Ethna McCarthy added that fewer beds were required now as patients experience better, quicker recovery than in the past and that referrals for surgery are more important now.

In answer to how the Town Council can best help and support SMH, the reply was that promotion of the hospital as a first choice for surgery would be very welcome, especially promotion that targetted the population east of Hayle, especially in Camborne and Redruth, which tended to choose the Duchy Hospital as it was nearby.

In answer to a question regarding referrals to Derriford Hospital, Councillors were informed that they would be made in the case of speciality surgery, such as thoracic, spinal and neuro surgery, due to the NHS move to create centres of excellence, which for Cornwall was Derriford Hospital. Consultations and tests for local patients would be carried out at Treliske, with any required surgery carried out at Derriford. The cost to RCHT for surgery done at Derriford was the same as it would be if the same surgery could be carried out at Treliske.

Regarding SMH and its facilities, Ethna McCarthy said that she and the Friends of St Michael's were exploring ways to give the very old buildings a facelift.

In answer to a question regarding staffing at SMH, Sue Preston informed the Town Council that she had initiated a Saturday theatre list to increase capacity at the hospital, but that it was difficult for the Trust as a whole to recruit enough permanent trained and experienced theatre staff to Cornwall due to the expense of moving to and living here, and so bank staff were employed to make up numbers in the meantime. She confirmed that there was money for staff for established surgery lists and beds and that requests for money for extra beds/lists went to the board for consideration. RCHT staff salaries were essentially the same as those for Duchy staff, but Duchy Hospital was able to offer some extra incentives to attract staff. She confirmed that SMH's four operating theatres were fully operative and that no wards were closed. The temporary, short term closure of wards was due to the need to cover staff at Treliske and only happened if there were sufficiently few patients at SMH.

Walk-in medical centres were praised as being especially useful for people who worked standard hours.

The Mayor thanked Neil Walden, Ethna McCarthy and Sue Preston for attending the meeting and providing useful information and answers to Councillors' questions. Everyone agreed that they would keep in touch for the benefit of St Michael's Hospital.

## **220 TO SIGN AND SEAL THE S106 PLANNING AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE LAND AT FORMER HAWKINS MOTOR SITE, HAYLE TERRACE**

Councillors felt that there was not enough clarity regarding the S106 planning agreement to sign it that evening.

**It was resolved** to approve the Mayor to sign and seal the S106 planning agreement relating to the land at former Hawkins Motor site, Hayle Terrace, after the Mayor had clarified its details.

## **221 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was currently considering whether to include both aims and objectives or just aims at the next stage of public consultation.

**222 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA14/12226; PA14/12215; PA15/00079; PA15/00264; PA15/00351; PA15/00619; PA15/00582; PA15/00956; PA15/00957; PA15/00806 and PA15/00918

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

[9.07pm Cllrs Bennett, Capper and Lello left the room while PA14/12215 was being discussed and voted on. They re-joined the meeting at 9.16pm.]

[9.23pm Cllrs Farrar and Mims left the room while PA15/00956 and PA15/00957 were being discussed and voted on. They re-joined the meeting at 9.24pm.]

- b) To note the results of previous applications

**It was resolved** to note the results of previous applications.

**223 FOOTPATHS**

- a) Maintenance Update

It was reported that changes to the Footpath 16 circular walk around Carnsew Pool had been confirmed.

[9.29pm Cllr Capper left the meeting.]

**224 TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1c, DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS THAT FOLLOWS**

**It was resolved** to exclude the press and public for the following item.

**225 TO CONSIDER THE CORRESPONDENCES RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE KIOSK/CAFÉ ON HAYLE RECREATION GROUND**

It was reported that the current tenant had handed in her notice on the lease for the kiosk/café at the Recreation Ground.

**It was resolved** to go out to tender for a new tenant.

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

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 5 March 2015.

**Town Mayor**.....

**Date**.....