



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015

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

PRESENT

Councillor G Coad (Mayor)

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

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.16PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Paul Pellegrinetti asked if there was any progress on the repairs and maintenance at the Recreation Ground and also if the Christmas lights still up in the town could be brought down sooner rather than later.

The Clerk informed him that a positive meeting with the responsible Cornwall Council (CC) officers had taken place that morning and that a complete overhaul of the Recreation Ground would happen along with the other amenities in the town starting two weeks after Easter. The Recreation Ground would also be discussed at the following week's Amenities Committee. CC was not releasing money to do repairs and in its opinion there were no outstanding health and safety issues. Weekly checks were made by CC officers and although unpleasant-looking the equipment was not dangerous. The Clerk added that the equipment would be repaired and painted but not replaced by CC.

At this point Mr Pellegrinetti started to talk over and interrupt the Clerk and the Mayor asked him to stop speaking or to leave the room. At first Mr Pellegrinetti refused to leave or to stop speaking and the Mayor proposed (and was seconded) that Members all leave the room as he wanted discipline to return to the meeting. Mr Pellegrinetti left the room saying that he would not be bullied by the Mayor.

Members were reminded that according to Standing Orders, if the Mayor speaks everyone should stop speaking. It was suggested that it would be useful to have written guidance for the public regarding this procedure and acceptable behaviour at Council meetings. There was some sadness expressed that it had been necessary to ask a member of the public to leave the meeting, but it was noted that Members always needed to back the Mayor on matters such as this, even if they disagreed.

Health and safety issues at the Recreation Ground were discussed further. Some concern was expressed about the safety of some of the equipment and it was agreed that the risk assessments, which had not yet been received from CC, were required in order for the Town Council to be satisfied.

7.32PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

243 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

An advertisement for the vacancy for co-option onto the Town Council was in that day's edition of The Cornishman. The deadline for applications was 1 April 2015 and interviews would be held on the evening of 9 April, prior to the Resource Committee meeting.

It was announced that Councillor Farrar's operation had gone well and his thanks to Members of the Town Council for their support were reported.

244 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Farrar and Rance.

245 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 8a (Minute 250a 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 Mims declared a pecuniary interest in planning application PA15/01214 and Councillor Bennett declared an interest in planning application PA15/01864.

246 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 26 FEBRUARY 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 26 February 2015 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

247 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 5 MARCH 2015

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

248 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 5 MARCH 2015

There were none.

249 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

It was reported that the Vision, Aims and Objectives Questionnaire had been finalised and was now available online. Encouragingly, 36 had already been completed and some thoughtful comments were emerging. Various interest groups in the town would shortly be contacted. It was hoped that the questionnaires would be in by the end of April, but there was no particular deadline.

It was reported that some members of the public, via Facebook feedback, were under the impression that this was the same as the first questionnaire and it was important that it be made clear that this was a new questionnaire so that as many people as possible would complete it.

It was reported that the link to the questionnaire was now on the front page of the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan website so that it could be accessed more easily and using this link would also make it easier for users of smartphones to complete the questionnaire.

The results of the questionnaires received so far showed that 'land use' was the most contentious issue, although it was not highly contentious, with the highest percentage against the proposals being 30%. There was strong agreement for no development on the Towans and the town's green spaces.

Thanks were offered to Councillor Bennett for all his work.

The next meeting of the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan Group would be at 10am on Saturday 21 March 2015. Everyone was welcome to attend.

250 PLANNING MATTERS

A potential planning enforcement issue was discussed. The Council was informed that without planning permission the owners of the restaurant at 25 Penpol Terrace had installed a large vent which was proving to be a visual, noise and smell nuisance in close proximity to Mr and Mrs Sullivan who had lived in a neighbouring property for 48 years. The matter had been reported to Enforcement at Cornwall Council and the Town Council could expect to see a retrospective planning application in the near future. Councillors were asked to go and see for themselves the nuisance the vent was causing so that they would be aware of the situation if and when the planning application came before them for comment.

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA15/01159; PA15/00477; PA15/01154; PA15/01834; PA15/01829; PA15/02179; PA15/01214; PA15/01864; PA15/01874; PA15/01875 and PA15/01953

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

[8.44pm Cllr Mims left the room while PA15/01214 was being discussed and voted on. He re-joined the meeting at 8.45pm.]

[8.46pm Cllr Bennett left the room while PA15/01864 was being discussed and voted on. He re-joined the meeting within a minute of leaving.]

- b) To note the results of previous applications

It was resolved to note the results of previous applications.

251 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

It was reported that Chris Bray of Cherry Trees Garden and Landscaping Service would soon be signing the year's schedule and that the first cut was due in May.

There was a discussion regarding the proliferation of signs in the Foundry Square area, both at roadsides and on the railings. The Clerk said she would write to Highways at Cornwall Council

as they had previously agreed to take the Town Council's opposition to these signs into account. It was agreed that this issue would be placed on a future Town Council agenda.

The Clerk agreed to contact Cornwall Council to investigate the possibility of installing a name sign at the Jubilee Path, which had proven to be a great success. It was suggested that the Town Council pay Cornwall Council to add the Cornish translation below the English lettering.

252 TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, 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 items.

253 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION AND CONFIRM THE SUCCESSFUL TENDER FOR THE RECREATION GROUND KIOSK

Members considered and discussed the tender documents received.

It was resolved to award the contract to Sarah Vine and Craig Pellow based on their relevant experience, the anticipated community benefit of a bike repair/hire business and the hope that the income from the bike business would help to sustain the kiosk business.

254 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHANGES RELATING TO HAYLE HARBOUR AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING MATTERS

The Mayor briefed the Council on commercially sensitive information which would have implications for the future management of the harbour and wanted the Council to take more of an active role in ensuring the best outcome for the people of Hayle.

[9.45pm] **It was resolved** to re-admit the press and public to the meeting.

It was resolved to form a Hayle Harbour Committee to engage and liaise on all harbour-related matters, open to all Councillors, with the possibility of forming a working party, and according to the following principles:

1. The harbour and transfer land will not be split and will be run by a single entity;
2. Whatever harbour management model is adopted, it will have overall control by a community stakeholder body;
3. Management of the harbour will be by trustees chosen for relevant skills as per the guidance on Trust Ports from the Department for Transport – no ex-officio appointments; and
4. Priorities, in order:
 - i) Viability and sustainability of the harbour;
 - ii) Protection and support of harbour-related businesses especially protecting and enhancing the commercial fishing fleet;
 - iii) Enhancement of the harbour and land for the benefit of the local community; and
 - iv) Protection of the World Heritage status.

It was resolved to write advising that a Hayle Harbour Committee has been formed and stating the adopted principles to:

- Cornwall Council: CEO, Leader, Portfolio for Transport (Bert Biscoe), Marine Manager (Andy Brigden); and

- ING/Arke: Simon Clarke, Gary Cartmell.

It was reported that regarding the deed of undertaking, the original 12 months following Commencement deadline for an agreement relating to the future management of the harbour by a Community Body had been extended to 18 months and would expire in April 2015. Councillors' attention was drawn to paragraph 8.5 of the deed of undertaking which stated that if no agreement had been reached by that date there would no longer be an opportunity for a Community Body to manage the harbour.

It was resolved that this Council write to Cornwall Council to ask it to seek to extend the deadline of the deed of undertaking until the promised consultation has taken place.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 2 April 2015.

Town Mayor.....

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