



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2014

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 20 November 2014 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor G Coad (Mayor)

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

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggal

7.16PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Paul Pellegrinetti attended the meeting and expressed his views regarding proposed developments in the town.

7.23PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

131 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no announcements.

132 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Rance and Councillor Pollard, who had advised that he would be late to the meeting as he was attending another meeting.

It was resolved to approve and accept the apologies.

133 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Coombe declared an interest in agenda item 11a (Minute 141a 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 Lyons declared an interest in agenda item 7.

134 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 6 NOVEMBER 2014

The Clerk noted the correct spelling of Mr Pool's name. She also advised that 'special public meeting' had been changed to 'Special Council Meeting' to emphasize that this meeting would be a formal Council meeting, to which members of the public were always welcome.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 6 November 2014 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

135 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 6 NOVEMBER 2014

- a) To consider Pip Pool's request that the Town Council host a public meeting for all views regarding the Linden Homes planning application (PA14/09315) to be aired, prior to the meeting at which Hayle Town Council will consider the application formally

It was resolved that a single topic Special Council meeting, at the beginning of which the public would be invited to speak and at which there would be an initial presentation regarding the general concept of the proposed development, be held at a large venue, as has become customary for significant planning applications.

It was anticipated that a Cornwall Council Planning Officer would be present to answer technical questions.

136 HAYLE HARBOUR - SOUTH QUAY UPDATE

- a) Simon Humphrey, Project Manager, Bowmer & Kirkland Ltd, to present his monthly status report to Council

It was reported that Simon Humphrey had sent his apologies for his absence and thanked Hayle Town Council for its support. Councillors said that they had found him very supportive too.

It was resolved to send Simon Humphrey a letter of thanks.

The Clerk added that Bowmer & Kirkland had offered to donate any extra granite from the South Quay development to replace that stolen from the Millponds.

137 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF WEST CORNWALL HEALTHWATCH REGARDING THE GROUP'S CONCERNS FOR ST MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL AND OTHER LOCAL SERVICES

The Mayor invited Marna Blundy from West Cornwall Healthwatch to give her presentation. She introduced her colleagues Jane Varker and Graham Webster, who would also be speaking. All three representatives gave their presentations (see Appendix B).

In the question and answer session the following issues arose.

With regard to the dangers faced by St Michael's Hospital Councillors were told that the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust (RCHT) did not know what was going to happen in the current tender process, but that there was a significant threat to core services in West Cornwall and St Michael's Hospital in particular. The Town Council was urged to make representations to the Kernow Commissioning Group (KCG) and RCHT to seek assurance that in the tender process

services would be maintained. It was suggested that the phrase ‘repurposing facilities’, in sentences such as ‘what other services/facilities will you repurpose at St Michael’s if current services move elsewhere’ be used in correspondence with the relevant authorities. It was expected that the decision on the tender would only be made after the national elections in 2015.

It was also suggested that RCHT should encourage patients to choose St Michael’s by offering it as the nearest location rather than offering them just the first (rather than nearest) appointment available. It was added that only good reports regarding the services at St Michael’s had ever been received.

The lack of critical care beds at St Michael’s and the pulling of staff from the hospital to RCHT, resulting in cancellations of operations, were also highlighted, as was the anecdotal evidence that consultants were choosing Duchy Hospital over St Michael’s despite the assertion of Jo Gibbs of RCHT that this was not allowed.

It was suggested that the Town Council write to local MPs asking them to request an increase in the per capita funding from government. The representatives from West Cornwall Healthwatch reported that Andrew George MP had expressed his concern that the per capita funding for Cornwall was much lower than the average for the country, but that George Eustice MP agreed with his Conservative colleagues that what had been offered to Cornwall was fair.

It was acknowledged that Lezli Boswell, the former Chief Executive of RCHT, was no longer in post and that the interim Chief Executive was Andrew MacCallum, her former deputy.

[Councillor Lyons abstained from voting on all the following resolutions regarding this agenda item (7).]

It was resolved to write to George Eustice MP regarding the per capita funding for Cornwall, which is £220 million below the target set by the NHS formula and the safe minimum figure, and for his views on the commissioning of services and its threat to St Michael’s Hospital.

It was resolved to write to the Practice Manager at Bodriggy GP Surgery, copied to David Raymer, its patient representative, asking them to consider recommending that St Michael’s Hospital takes precedence when they offer patients a choice of surgery location and asking for their intentions regarding bidding on the commissioning of all NHS outpatient elective services and minor injuries in Hayle.

It was resolved to write to the Acting Chief Executive, Andrew MacCallum, to seek clarification from the RCHT regarding the future of St Michael’s Hospital, including investment in the hospital, to ask for feedback from Jo Gibbs, RCHT Operations Manager, regarding the information provided at the summer Full Council meeting of Hayle Town Council which she had attended, and to reiterate the Town Council’s request that St Michael’s always be offered as an option to patients if appropriate, especially following anecdotal reports that it had not been offered when it could have been.

[8.24pm Councillor Pollard joined the meeting.]

138 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR BERT BISCOE REGARDING CORNWALL COUNCIL’S PARKING ORDER 2015 AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS

It was recognised that the new availability of 270 free car parking spaces at ASDA Hayle Harbour would make it hard to increase revenue from car parks in Hayle. It was agreed that the Clerk should email Cornwall Council to find out if more people are using Foundry Car Park since the charges were lowered to 50p for the first hour.

Councillors made various suggestions, such as charging £1 from 3 – 4pm, with free parking after 4pm, or having residents' permit parking after 6pm at a reasonable fee. It was also suggested that drivers could be encouraged to use Commercial Road car park simply by erecting a large sign to advertise that parking was only 50p per hour.

It was also mooted that Foundry car park might become loss making because of the free parking at ASDA and that if that were the case Cornwall Council might want to give it to Hayle Town Council.

It was resolved to write to Councillor Biscoe to inform him of the special circumstances in Hayle regarding the new availability of 270 free car parking spaces at ASDA Hayle Harbour, which would make it difficult to increase revenue, and to suggest a trial with reduced car parking fees to see if this will increase use and therefore possibly generate enough income to provide a profit/break even. The letter to Councillor Biscoe should also ask him to consider introducing affordable residents' permit parking overnight in Hayle car parks, especially Foundry and Commercial Road car parks.

It was recognised that enforcement officers were important in maintaining income, which in turn ensured the finance to pay them.

It was resolved to contact Cornwall Council to ask for the Profit & Loss Accounts for both Foundry and Commercial car parks.

139 TO CONFIRM THE PROTOCOL FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER RETAIL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

It was resolved to confirm the protocol with the following amendments:

1. to add 'which may be extended at the Chairman's discretion' to the first sentence of point 4 and
2. to remove the sentence 'The information we provide will assist the Strategic Planning Committee who will have to decide to approve one (or none) but possibly not more than one.' from point 6.

It was resolved that members of the public who wish to speak at the meeting register their name and their wish to speak before the meeting begins.

140 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Councillors were advised that the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan, Aims and Objectives report had been distributed to them. The next meeting would be on Tuesday 25 November at 9am at which the consultant, Paul Weston, would be present and the report would be examined to check that its aims could be achieved.

It was reported that the site allocations for Hayle in the draft Cornwall Local Plan had not been forgotten and that a meeting with the relevant Cornwall Council officers was being arranged and would take place as soon as possible.

141 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA14/08616; PA14/09555; PA14/09557; PA14/09661; PA14/09569; PA14/09097; PA14/04724; PA14/09750; PA14/10071; PA14/09695; PA14/09542 and PA14/10063

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

There was a request for a recorded vote regarding PA14/04724 and the vote was as follows:

- For: Councillors Capper, Coad, Cocks, Coombe, Farrar, Fox, Lello, Lyons, Mims, Ninnes, Philp and Pollard.
- Against: Councillor Polkinghorne
- Abstained: Councillor Bennett

- b) To note the results of previous applications

There were none.

[9.54pm Councillors Capper, Mims and Philp left the meeting.]

142 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

It was reported that the Beach Access route second phase had been completed; workmen had left site that day and their work would be signed off in the very near future.

The meeting closed at 9.56pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 4 December 2014

Town Mayor.....

Date.....