



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 22 January 2015 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor N Farrar (Deputy Mayor)

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

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.18PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Paul Pellegrinetti expressed his sorrow at the death of Councillor Howard Lyons. He said he had had a lot to offer the town. Mr Pellegrinetti reported that the slide swing at the Recreation Ground was missing and although he recognized that Cornwall Council was still responsible for this asset, he was concerned that repairs/replacements did not seem to be happening. He also expressed concern about what he considered to be the general poor state of the town and focused especially on graffiti in the lane leading to the Railway Station and on the bridge at Station Hill. He asked that these issues be placed on a future agenda of the Town Council.

The Clerk confirmed that the Recreation Ground was still the responsibility of Cornwall Council and also reported that a programme of works to upgrade the area was in the pipeline, but that money was still in the process of being released by Cornwall Council. She added that money had been included in the following year's budget for weed control, but that unfortunately there was not enough money in the coffers to pay for everything desirable.

[7.22pm Councillor Capper joined the meeting.]

Councillors Cocks and Polkinghorne agreed to visit the Recreation Ground to assess the condition of the play equipment and general area, to take photographs and to report back to Council on the matter. The Clerk undertook to contact Tom Marks at Cornwall Council regarding the disappearance of the slide swing. Councillor Fox reported that in the recent past it had proven to be very difficult to arrange the cleaning off of graffiti by volunteers due to health and safety issues, but that she would raise the subject with the police, who had been working together with local young people at the skate park on this issue, amongst others.

It was agreed that the condition of the Recreation Ground and the town in general would be placed on a future agenda.

7.29PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

190 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

It was announced that the public toilets in the Commercial Road car park had been handed back to Hayle Town Council under licence (contract to follow). Cleaning had been arranged and the toilets would be open from around 9.30am on Monday 26 January 2015.

It was reported that Councillor Lyons' family and friends had praised Councillor Bennett for his part in the funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium in London. It was announced that a celebration of Councillor Lyons' life was provisionally booked for 2pm on 13 February 2015 at Rosewarne Manor, one of his favourite places.

191 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Coad, Lello and Rance.

It was resolved to approve and accept the apologies.

192 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 10a (Minute 199a 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.'

193 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 8 JANUARY 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 8 January 2015 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

194 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 8 JANUARY 2015

There were none.

195 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM BEN EARDLEY, SENIOR CONSULTANT, ENERGY ANALYSIS, REGARDING THE RURAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND AND HOW IT CAN BE USED FOR COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

The Deputy Mayor invited Ben Eardley to give his presentation (see Appendix B).

Mr Eardley explained that businesses and organizations could save money through the use of renewable energy, low carbon technology and energy efficiency, which was particularly important in rural/low population areas where costs of energy were generally high and fuel poverty was an issue. Money paid out on energy usually leaves the local economy but feed-in tariffs and renewable heat incentives lead to the recycling of money within the local economy. Projects can bring communities together, at the same time improving the condition of community buildings, such as insulating parish halls to allow for group use in a more pleasurable environment.

Projects cover a variety of energy sources, including solar panels, wind turbines, hydro power, wood pellet fuel and anaerobic digestion and the best projects are those where the local community are asked what they would like to do/be involved in. Other benefits are that local installers can be used and the equipment is made in the UK.

In answer to questions it was confirmed that capital costs are raised by share issue, with shares being available to local people first, then nationally if necessary. There is an advantage for higher tax earners due to tax allowances available for community schemes.

Town Councils can apply for the scheme, with the project then being taken on by a community energy funded group; this is what happened with the schemes initiated in Braunton and Crediton. Any building, whether owned by the town council, other public bodies or privately is eligible and there is £20,000 available for each project.

In response to a question regarding possible financial loss, Councillors were reassured that this was dealt with by ensuring risks were calculated and reduced. PV is low risk, as the technology has been proven to work, but wind and hydro projects are more risky and, therefore, it is usually recommended that a town/community spreads the risk by having, for example, five PV, one wind and one hydro projects.

It was suggested that if Hayle Town Council is interested in making use of the Community Renewable Energy Fund it should start with some very general ideas of possible schemes followed by a public meeting to assess ideas. A feasibility study, financed by the Fund, could then be carried out. It was stressed that the grant for a feasibility study is not repayable so there would be no risk or commitment for the Town Council.

It was confirmed that heat pump technology (for example to heat the swimming pool) would be covered by the Fund and Ben Eardley said that he would forward an application form to the Clerk and would be willing to help with wording and completion of the form. The Town Council was advised to get an application in as soon as possible.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Ben Eardley for his presentation.

196 CONSULTATION

- a) To consider Cornwall Council's consultation on proposals for new and revised parking charges across Cornwall – The Cornwall Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Amendment 6) Order 2012 and to complete the consultation response form

Members discussed the various permutations of parking charges at the town's two Cornwall Council owned car parks at Foundry and Commercial Road. Members were pleased to see the new 2 – 3 hour parking slot, although they preferred to increase the cost of longer stay parking and keep the cost of the first hour of parking to 50p. It was recognised that Cornwall Council wished to maintain its income from the car parks, so any reduction of cost in one element would have to be made up for in another.

It was resolved to complete the questionnaire as follows:

Hayle Town Council objects to the consultation as presented and wishes to make the following comments, in order of priority:

- i) Limit the first hour of parking to 50p for all car parks, any loss to be mitigated by increase in price for longer stays;
- ii) Consider two pilot schemes at the Foundry Square car park:
 - a) Local businesses to reimburse parking costs to customers who spend over a certain amount – two part tickets would be required;
 - b) To reduce the cost of the first hour's parking to 20p, which might increase revenue, as currently very few people are parking there due to the free parking now available at ASDA, and would benefit local businesses. Now would be a good time to test price sensitivity.

197 TO CONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PERMANENT RESTRICTION OF NON-ESSENTIAL HGV TRAFFIC THROUGH HAYLE (B3301)

It was reported that hauliers instruct their drivers to come through the town because they save money on fuel. It was also reported that many orange Conway Bailey lorries had been seen coming through the town on their way to and from the vegetable packing station at Leedstown and it was noted that they would not be able to use Water Lane due to height restrictions.

It was noted that the only way to restrict heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) from using the B3301 through the centre of the town would be by issuing a weight limit for through traffic. However, it was also noted that there would have to be a valid reason for the weight limit before one could be imposed, and that past attempts to find one had failed.

Concern was expressed that if HGVs could no longer use the town centre route they might be displaced to other areas of the town, equally unsuitable for heavy vehicles and attention was drawn to the already existing danger and inconvenience of articulated and large lorries using the mini roundabout at Foundry. It was also suggested that traffic calming measures would help discourage HGVs from using the town centre route.

It was resolved to advise Mike Peters at Cornwall Council Highways Department that Hayle Town Council would like to see weight restrictions implemented on the B3301 between Lidl and Foundry Square for HGVs, except for access, and that the Town Council would like his advice on how best to achieve this, bearing in mind the traffic that needs to go to Helston.

It was resolved to write to Southern England Farms Ltd and Conway Bailey to ask them

- i) to review the transport routes of the vehicles serving the packing plant so that they avoid Hayle town centre and come via the St Erth roundabout and Foundry Square;
- ii) to inform the Town Council of any long terms plans they may have that might impact traffic in the town.

198 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

It was announced that everyone was welcome to attend the next meeting, scheduled for 24 January 2015 at 10am in the Assembly Room.

199 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA14/11220; PA14/11615; PA14/11844; PA14/12199 and PA14/09408

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

- b) To note the results of previous applications

It was resolved to note the results of previous applications.

200 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

It was reported that the new Local Maintenance Partnership paperwork had been received.

There was a short discussion about the footpath in the Recreation Ground at the toilets where the handrail to the disabled access sticks out beyond the footpath and encourages people to walk on the grass, turning it into a muddy area.

It was resolved to ask Good Energy, when it carries out the solar farm cable work, to improve the path so that it is fully within the handrail’s scope.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 19 February 2015.

Town Mayor.....

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