



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2013

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 23 May 2013 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor J Ninnes (Mayor)
 Councillors J Bennett, D Cocks, J Coombe, N Farrar, R Lello, H Lyons, B Mims, O Philp, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard, A Rance

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Brian Trevorrow spoke, objecting to planning application PA13/02185 - 52 Trelassick Road - on behalf of a majority of residents living on perimeter of the site.

[7.18 Councillor Farrar enters room.]

They objected on the grounds that it would be an overdevelopment of the site, road safety would be an issue, further felling of trees would radically change the location and there would be a loss of light and amenity for the neighbouring property, Treview.

Wendy Thomas also spoke in objection to the application. She said she lived directly opposite the new build and wanted to inform Members that new planting that had been promised following the felling of trees for the first new property built on the site had never materialised. She said that if the new application was approved there must be clear indication that the developers would abide by the promise to re-plant.

[7.22 Councillor Lello enters room.]

David Raymer, on behalf of the Day Care Centre, spoke regarding the new layout of Commercial Road car park. He had spoken to Keith Beaumont, the engineer involved in the project, who had agreed to recommend the removal of one disabled parking bay, and the relocation of another to near the new toilet block. He would also retain two disabled bays near the Day Care Centre.

Mr Raymer had also asked Mr Beaumont to reconsider the single entrance/exit. The possibility of improving drivers' line of sight by removing several trees and/or bushes had also been discussed. Mr Raymer recommended that the entrance be widened by a couple of metres for negotiation by large lorries. He expected the hand drawn layout, with a few minor changes, would most likely be the final layout. He reported that the RSPB were happy with the felling of large trees, which would be replaced by new planting.

It is expected that free car parking for the staff and volunteers at Day Care Centre would remain.

Councillor Pollard reminded everyone that they had discussed trying to move re-cycling bins to Foundry car park where they used to be.

7.29PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

261 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Mayor informed the meeting that Councillor Kemp had offered his resignation, because he had been told that his position as a councillor was in conflict with his employment and he had felt that he had no choice but to resign. He thanked everyone for the help they had given him. She also announced that the advertisement regarding his replacement would appear in the newspaper next week.

Regarding the swimming pool, the Mayor asked for volunteers to paint, do gardening and spruce things up. She said that the Friends of the Pool had started, but that they needed more support both that coming and the following Saturday. She asked councillors who would be coming to inform her or the Clerk by email. She added that it was hoped that the swimming pool would open on 22 June 2013.

It was announced that the Neighbourhood Plan meeting was scheduled for 27 June 2013.

The Mayor passed on Councillor Coad's thanks for everyone's good wishes following the death of his father. There was not information regarding when the funeral would take place.

Sincere congratulations were offered to Councillor Pollard for his election as leader of Cornwall Council. Councillor Pollard said that he hoped to continue attending the meetings of Hayle Town Council and working for Hayle.

262 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors B Capper and G Coad.

263 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PREAPPROVED DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared interests in agenda item 11a (Minute 268a 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 interests in planning applications PA13/03213 and PA13/02293. Councillor Farrar also declared an interest in PA13/02293.

264 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 18 APRIL 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 18 April 2013 be taken as a true and accurate record, the chairman signing each page before placing them in the record book.

265 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 18 APRIL 2013

There were no matters outstanding.

266 TO DISCUSS THE REVISED COMMERCIAL ROAD CAR PARK LAYOUT INCLUDING NEW TOILET LOCATION

Councillors' attention was drawn to the hand drawn update.

It was generally agreed that the updated layout was an improvement on the previous layout. There was a discussion regarding further possible improvements, including removing one of the parking spaces to the right of the entrance to allow more space for entering and exiting the car park and the possible relocation of the recycling facilities, to allow more space for a separate exit. There was also some discussion regarding overnight coach parking.

It was resolved to ask Cornwall Council to re-site the recycling facilities to Co-op/Foundry ? car park and add a dedicated exit to the new Commercial Road car park layout.

It was resolved to move agenda item 7 to the end of the meeting and into closed session.

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267 TO DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GRASS VERGE ALONG THE POOL SIDE OF KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL WALK

It was resolved to cut the grass verge along the pool side of King George V Memorial Walk.

It was resolved to bring agenda item 11 forward.

[7.55pm – Councillors Coombe and Pollard leave the room.]

[8.00pm – Councillors Coombe and Pollard re-enter the room.]

268 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA13/02293; PA13/02185; PA13/02669; PA13/02668; PA13/02776; PA13/03212; PA13/03213; PA13/00718; PA13/03464; PA13/12184; PA13/03193; PA13/03227; PA13/03745 and PA13/03897

[9.00pm Councillors Farrah and Mims leave the room.]

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

- b) To note the results of previous applications

There were none to note

- c) Hayle Town Framework Update

It was announced that a Neighbourhood Plan meeting was scheduled for 27 June 2013. There was no new information regarding the Hayle Town Framework.

271 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was announced that the new traffic regulation regarding the Sunday closure to traffic of King George V Memorial Walk was now in force. Councillor Bennett told the meeting that in general when the closure signs were present vehicles did not use the Walk and pedestrians were out enjoying it. However, later in the day there had been a problem with the closure sign at the swimming pool end of KGVMW, which had been thrown into Copperhouse Pool. He reported that the signs were obeyed if they were seen, but that the signage was not good enough and recommended permanent/semi-permanent 'Road closed for motor traffic on Sundays' signs on or chained to the pole. Councillor Ninnes also reported that traffic cones had been thrown into the swimming pool.

It was resolved to ask the Highways Department to look at the sizing and placing of official road closure signs on the poles and to ask them if there is any additional signage that is used in this sort of situation.

It was resolved to explore other types of permanent signage and their costs and to talk to Jeremy Content regarding planning permission requirements.

Following questions regarding the status of Hayle Harbour Members were informed that several weeks ago a meeting had been held, with Dave Slatter of Cornwall Council and Simon Clarke of ING both in attendance. At the meeting Mr Clarke had been encouraged to get the public consultation underway.

The Clerk informed Councillors that Mr Slatter would be at the next Full Council meeting to brief them on two matters related to the development of South Quay. It was also reported that the delay regarding the development there was due to a request by Wal Mart, Asda's parent company, for an investigation regarding contamination at the site.

b) Cornwall Council Update

It was reported that the bus shelter outside Copperhouse Jewellers was to be re-configured to address complaints received.

////////EG Issues with the management of the Recreation Ground. Scary situation and anything JP and other councillors can do to help with his influence at CC. Toilets closed, issues with lighting again, vandalism, dog bins. Issues should be addressed by CC and CC should contact EG with information. All events are still coordinated by CC. Lights will not be replaced. Rebecca Kirk has said she will step up a presence in the Rec Ground. Clerk spends all her time fielding complaints. CC opening and closing toilets later/earlier due to budget cuts. HTC have planned to ask for longer hours when it takes them over.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

HL: Costs 50-60K to maintain the Rec Ground. There is a right of way on the Rec Gr and so dogs can't be prohibited, but must be kept under control on the footpath.

(1987 minutes - vote on dogs issue - look up might find info.)

* to put up signs on Rec Ground re keeping dogs under control on the footpath.

- i) To consider Cornwall Council's proposal regarding the transfer of The Plantation and The Millponds

There was a letter from HTC asking they make the Plantation and Millpond a special case and look at transferring land to CC to reduce the burden of maintenance/insurance/repair on the Town Council.

To rectify Rec Gr to put back to condition required would cost £50-60k. CC offered to take over Plantation and Millpond in exchange for Rec Gr, with no repairs.

JB - no liability, but then also no utility. Rather town kept them and negotiated a long lease with CC. JP - don't think this is an offer from CC. RL against giving away the Plantation or the Millpond. Insurance not as high as we thought it would be - JB/EG. What do we gain? OP - what do we lose? Nothing. JP - concern is that we need to be clear about liability if we keep control of those locations.

Would like to investigate the possibility of CC taking the lease, with a proper monitoring lease, which would put it on their insurance policy, which would save the local taxpayer money. This money can then be put towards repairing the wall. CC - if under their insurance it's pennies.

EG - Engineer agreed that it's not at imminent risk, but if not maintained could become a serious risk.

JB - if things passed to CC there is no guarantee what will happen to it. Loggans Mill is a case in point, which was allowed to go to ruin when taken over by CC.

Proposition from CC to take Plantation and Millponds and no repair

JP proposed to *Enter into negotiations into what kind of lease arrangements are CC willing to make - see EG's notes. Write to Peter Marsh.

£12.5k to sort out one of the ponds already estimated.

272 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

See Ellie

56 - Time to write again?

- b) Bridleway 22 Update

* remove from standing agenda.

- c) To consider the email correspondence received from Vaughan Robbins of Natural England and Giles Beauchamp of the RSPB regarding damage to and disturbance of

Hayle Estuary and Carrack Gladden SSSI following the restoration of
Footpath 51
(Jubilee Path)

VR wants to meet. Failed to accept that he colleague in his absence Andy McDouall gave consent. Apologies received from RSPB's Giles Beauchamp.

* EG and another Councillor meet with VR with a view to placating him, otherwise no further action by HTC.

* to go into closed session.

267 TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE BEACH ACCESS SCHEME

JB found the behaviour of Cormac towards a certain councillor to be unacceptable and if there were a preferred suppliers list he would be moving to remove them from it.

Is it true that Cormac employees cannot speak to the press or town councillors? Not known. Terms of employment state he can be located anywhere. OK, but they have used this as a reason to threaten the councillor with relocation if he doesn't resign.

JN If he wants to speak out he can. Doesn't think we should be discussing this now.

JB smarting at what he feels is arbitrary behaviour.

JN - is there no way we can appoint a local firm?

JC - this (Cormac) is the recommendation of the group who considered the tenders. If the town council wishes to overthrow it they should discuss this. EG Not obliged to accept the lowest cost tender.

Doubted that Level Construction might not be able to cope with vagaries of a complex scheme - winter and sand shifting. They were considered, but Cormac have the infrastructure and can be more easily held to account.

* not to confirm the appointment of Cormac. Chairman used her casting vote. (Was 5/5).

* to confirm the appointment of Level Construction. (Voting as above, reversed.)

2?? TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CLEANING OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS IN HAYLE

* to confirm the appointment of Cormac.

The meeting closed at 10.26pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 6 June 2013

Town Mayor.....**Date**.....