



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held in the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, Hayle on Thursday 25 September 2014 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors N Farrar (Chair) G Coad, D Cocks, H Lyons, J Ninnes and B Mims (joined the meeting at 8.05pm)

Also present Councillor B Capper

Finance Officer D Gallie

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

A36 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mims and Councillor Polkinghorne.

A37 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

A38 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 24 JULY 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Amenities Committee 24 July 2014 be taken as a true and correct record, the Chairman signing each page before placing them in the record book.

A39 COMMUNITY CENTRE

- a) Tenants and Users Update

The Finance Officer advised that the casual user budget estimate was running approximately £1000 below target to the end of August but with seven months of the financial year remaining it was possible that it may recover.

With regard to lease hire it was noted that the estimated income should be achieved save for the continuing delay in finalising the extension to the Community Nurses lease to incorporate part of the upstairs suite. The delay in this matter would also lead to an over spend on the Unified Business Rates expenditure head with that liability falling to the Town Council.

It was resolved to note the Finance Officer's verbal report.

- b) To Consider and Recommend Items for the 2015-16 Budget

It was felt that the projector in the Assembly Room required replacing and members were advised that sufficient funds were held in the Information Technology budget to facilitate this item. Thought also needed to be given to the provision of audio and visual recording equipment to facilitate official recordings of Council meetings to protect against selective or edited records being displayed on line.

Other items requiring attention were the creation of a path from the rear car park to the Assembly Room with improved lighting and to continue with Community Centre replacement of timber windows with UPVC, possibly two per annum, from the annual maintenance budget

It was resolved that the above items be brought forward for further consideration during the forthcoming budgetary process.

A40 FRANK JOHNS CENTRE

a) Tenants and Users Update

The Finance Officer advised that the position was virtually unchanged from the last report with Asda being the only user at present on a six month lease and the income from this lease would help offset the operational cost of the building with the possibility of a small surplus.

It was resolved that the position be noted.

b) To Consider the Latest Response from Cornwall Council Relating to the Offer to Purchase the Building

The Finance Officer advised that at this time the offer had merely been acknowledged and had yet to be formally considered.

It was resolved to note the position.

A41 SWIMMING POOL

a) To Receive the End of Season Report and Review of the Summer Season

The report prepared by the Pool Manager was tabled for discussion and members were pleased to note the success of the season with income from admissions achieving well beyond the budget estimate and offsetting considerably the cost of the new staffing structure.

Members were also pleased to note the positive suggestions in relation to additional activities proposed for the 2015 season which would have the benefit of raising the profile of the pool whilst generating increased income.

With regard to proposals relating to increases in admission charges it was felt that the pool required substantial improvement before the prices proposed could be considered and the suggestion that the 'Free Tuesday' be subject to some form of reduced entry cost or a one off administrative payment did not find favour.

It was resolved to note, with thanks, the report from the Pool Manager but that any revisions in admission prices would be considered at the Precept meeting.

b) To Consider and Recommend Items for the 2015-16 Budget

It was felt that the showers should be improved by way of tiling throughout, paving slabs to be lifted and re-laid both in respect of safety and aesthetics (possible college/partnership skills scheme), improved signage and the provision of equipment such as water polo goals.

It was resolved that the above items be considered in the forthcoming budgetary process.

A42 TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER HAWKIN'S MOTOR SITE (REFERRED BACK TO THIS COMMITTEE FOR A MORE DETAILED/WORKED UP PLAN)

In the absence of any firm proposals relating to this site it was felt that the issue should be opened up to the people of Hayle by way of competition. This could be advertised through the Hayle Pump, the Council website and by direct approach to the local schools.

No parameters would be set at this time but there would be an indication that car parking would not be seen as providing general amenity value.

It was resolved to proceed as outlined above.

A43 OTHER FACILITIES

a) Allotment Site Update

The Finance Officer advised that together with the Town Clerk he had carried out an inspection of the allotment site in early September and as a result one notice to quit and two 'request to improve' letters had been issued.

The waiting list was now down to 15 and the standard of care of the remaining allotments was good or very good and in an effort to encourage continuing high standards it was agreed that an annual allotment judging should take place in late June each year with the best plot rewarded with a Mayoral trophy.

It was resolved to note the verbal report.

b) Amenity Lease Transfer of Sites Update

Cornwall Council had now issued a summary breakdown of the schedule of works for each location and the associated costs which had revealed a number of inaccuracies and councillors were advised that meetings had been arranged with senior CC staff, Cornwall Councillors and staff and members of Hayle Council to resolve outstanding issues.

Turning specifically to the Recreation Ground it was felt that, when it was finally back in Hayle Council control, attention should be given to the location of the goal posts, provision of a volley ball area and an outdoor table tennis table and further play area equipment.

It was resolved to note the proposals to be addressed when the lease position was finally

resolved.

c) Cornwall Council – To Note Cessation of Grant Aid for Toilets

Written confirmation had been received that Cornwall Council will no longer provide financial support in respect of the provision of toilets and this would clearly have ramifications for the forthcoming budgetary process.

It was resolved to note the position.

A46 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting would take place on 13 November 2014 in the Assembly Room at Hayle Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.