



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2014

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held in the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, Hayle on Thursday 27 March 2014 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors G Coad (Chairman), J Bennett, D Cocks, N Farrar, H Lyons, B Mims and O Philp

Also present Councillors B Capper and A Rance (non-voting)

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

The meeting commenced at 7.32pm.

A18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Lello and Ninnes.

A19 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

A20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 14 NOVEMBER 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Amenities Committee 14 November 2013 be taken as a true and correct record, the Chairman signing each page before placing them in the record book.

A21 COMMUNITY CENTRE AND FRANK JOHNS CENTRE

a) Tenants and Users Update

The Clerk reported that on the whole bookings for the Community Centre had increased and the income for the year 2013/14 was higher than previously anticipated.

- i) To consider the proposed lease for the District Nurses, and if appropriate to approve, sign and seal

The draft lease appeared to be satisfactory but there were a few queries relating to the number of allocated parking spaces, the term of the lease and the addresses were incorrect.

The Clerk agreed to raise these points with the solicitor and bring a revised lease to a future meeting.

b) General Maintenance Update

The Clerk advised that there had been some damage to the roof of the Frank Johns Centre as a result of the storms in February.

It was resolved that the Clerk seeks quotes for the repair and, if appropriate, submits an insurance claim.

She assured Members that the appointed contractor had advised that the work to the soffits would be carried out within the next four weeks. She also advised that she had making sure that all relevant health and safety certificates were renewed and up to date in both buildings.

- c) To consider the Valuation Report for the Frank Johns Centre and determine a course of action

The Valuation Report had previously been circulated to allow Members sufficient time to really consider the content and possible options.

It was resolved that Hayle Town Council is serious about buying the Frank Johns Centre and that the Council enters into formal negotiations with Cornwall Council.

A22 SWIMMING POOL

- a) To discuss and confirm operational arrangements for the 2014 season
i) Season dates and opening hours

It was resolved that the pool opens on Saturday 21 June 2014 and opens from 11am to 6pm daily until Sunday 7 September 2014.

- ii) Ticket prices

It was resolved that the ticket prices would remain the same as last year (no rise since 2011) i.e.-

Adult	£5.00
Junior/OAP	£3.00
Spectators	£1.00
Family	£12.00
Adult Season Tickets	£40.00
Junior/OAP Season Ticket	£30.00

In addition to the above, **it was also resolved** that a) loyalty cards will be available again, b) free swimming to TR27 postal code residents on Tuesdays would be available and c) up to 20 free season tickets would be made available to children from certain families if referred by either Social Services or the Hayle Foodbank.

- b) To discuss and confirm arrangements for pre-season maintenance

Once again the Friends of Hayle Pool have kindly agreed to co-ordinate some 'Volunteer Saturdays' and the Clerk had advised that the Council would provide materials and equipment to support this. She added that she would ask contractors to carry out repairs to the fence, which had also been damaged in the recent storms, adapt the office door to a stable door to provide a bit more security as discussed last year and once again she would make sure

that the showers and other items were serviced before the season commenced.
[8.40pm Councillor Bennett left the meeting].

Atlantic Pools has also committed to continuing its service to assist with the preparation of the water and then to carry out general support throughout the season. The process of treating the water would commence shortly.

A query was raised regarding the appropriateness of the office also being used as a lifeguards' rest room and first aid treatment area. Councillor Capper expressed concern that the room was small in size, trying to accommodate too many uses and then potentially lacking in privacy for certain first aid treatments.

It was resolved that the Clerk liaises with Keith Uren, the Council's Health and Safety advisor, to carry out a review and to explore any other options, such as relocating the office to another unit, bearing in mind the budget available.

- c) To determine exact location for the cabin which provides covered seating for the users of the pool, obtained by Friends of Hayle Pool

It was resolved to site the cabin in the corner of the grass area nearest the emergency gate access as this was considered preferable to placing it on the patio, seating area. Councillor Farrar kindly volunteered to lay the concrete base and pathway for the cabin.

- d) To note the requests for the use of the Swimming Pool Car Park for events from Hayle Gig Club

It was resolved to note and support both of the events, the launch of the new boat 'Averth' on 30 March 2014 and the Annual Under 14s Gig Rowing Regatta on 10th August 2014.

A23 CEMETRY AND ALLOTMENTS

- a) General Maintenance Issues
- b) Allotment Site Extension Update

It was agreed to consider a) and b) together.

The Clerk advised that there were some general maintenance issues. It had been reported that a large amount of topsoil had been dumped for communal use on the parking area without there being a tarpaulin underneath, an oil drum had been left and there was quite a lot of rubbish floating around the area. A polite letter to all plot holders would be sent and the Clerk would arrange for a general tidy up of the area by contractors if necessary.

It was reported that as it was rent renewal time quite a number of tenants had decided to hand back their plots which had consequently meant the waiting list had reduced.

There was no news regarding the extension update.

A24 AMENITY SITES & OTHER FACILITIES

- a) Amenity Lease Assets Transfer Update

The Clerk advised that there had been no recent progress with regard to the lease. It is understood that the Cornwall Council officers were still calculating the costs involved to

rectify the agreed issues on the amenity sites and writing/presenting reports for consideration by the relevant committees.

Concerns were raised about the further deterioration of the sites, in particular The Millponds and The Plantation Wall. The Clerk said that she had met with the CORMAC Engineer Darren Proctor and Councillors Capper and Coombe at the Plantation a couple of weeks ago following a recent motor vehicle accident in the area. The Police had raised concern about the poor state of the wall and asked that it was looked at immediately for fear of causing further incidents. A report had been sent from the engineer as well as a letter from Councillor Capper regarding his concerns but neither of these had been acknowledged.

b) Update regarding Public Conveniences

The Clerk confirmed that Cornwall Council has redecorated and upgraded the public conveniences in the town as per the original agreement. Unfortunately there had been a delay in the hanging of the new signs and consequently users were unsure of which facility they should be using.

The Clerk also advised that work would soon be commencing on the Fire Station in the Commercial Road Car Park and as a consequence the public conveniences in the vicinity would soon be demolished. It had been agreed with Cornwall Council that the current lease would be terminated and that when the new facilities were complete and operational a new lease would be drawn up. The Clerk was in the process of terminating utility agreements.

A25 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting would take place, if necessary, on 12 June 2014 in the Assembly Room at Hayle Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.