



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2014

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Resource Committee Meeting held at the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, on Thursday 27 November 2014 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors J Bennett, B Capper (Chair), G Coad, J Coombe, N Farrar, J Ninnes and J Pollard

Town Clerk E R Giggall and Finance Officer D Gallie

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

R18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Rance.

R19 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Capper, Coombe and Farrar advised that they would wish to declare an interest if there was any discussion or debate regarding the ongoing grant to The Day Care Centre.

R20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9 OCTOBER 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting 9 October 2014 be taken as a true and accurate record, subject to approval by Full Council, with the Chairman to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

R21 PRECEPT 1

- a) Swimming Pool – Draft Budget Recommended for Approval by the Amenities Committee at its Meeting on the 13th November 2014

It was resolved that whilst acknowledging the comprehensive and informative report provided by the Pool Manager, Councillors felt that at this time and without any substantial improvement to the Pool it was not appropriate to increase admission charges.

However, the other initiatives outlined in the report to increase the revenue at the Pool were welcomed and supported by Councillors.

It was resolved to approve the Swimming Pool Budget and the consequent impact on the Precept and to note the revisions to the 2014-15 budget.

- b) Community Centre – Draft Budget Recommended for Approval by the Amenities Committee at its Meeting on the 13th November 2014.

The Finance Officer referred to the report which accompanied the draft budget and advised that it had been amended in respect of projected Lease income as the Community Nurses were taking the full first floor area and income from Casual Hire had also been updated to provide for a balanced budget with no demand on the Precept.

It was resolved to approve the Community Centre Budget for 2015-16 and to note the revisions to the 2014-15 budget.

- c) First Draft Council Budget

The Finance Officer presented Councillors with the draft budget and provided explanations on a number of income and expenditure headings as outlined in the Summary Briefing Note which now appears as Appendix 'A', amended as per discussion and resolution at the meeting.

Specifically with regard to Income, the loss of the grant in the sum of £20,251 from Cornwall Council was noted together with the anticipated reduction in Council Tax Support Grant.

With regard to Expenditure, the proposals outlined in the report relating to Codes 101 - Payroll, 126 – Information Technology, 132 – Health and Safety, 141 – Neighbourhood Plan, 142 – Community Sports Centre, 153 – Small Grants and Donations, 158 – TIC, 166 – Website Design, 168 – Open Spaces, 176 – Toilets and 200 – Reserves were discussed in greater detail.

It was resolved that the proposals be approved.

In relation to the grant for the Day Care Centre – Code 157, the Finance Officer reminded members that this had been approved at the last budget round as an annual grant and no discussion or vote was required but given that Councillors Capper, Coombe and Farrar had declared an interest rendering the meeting inquorate this item would ultimately be ratified via the adoption of the Precept by full Council.

In relation to Code 172 – The Frank Johns Centre, the Finance Officer advised that Cornwall Council had now responded to the Council's bid to purchase the property and had declined the offer. In noting the jointly commissioned valuation of £200,000 and the Hayle Council valuation at £180,000, Cornwall council advised that it would not sell for less than £190,000 and to this sum would need to be added anything up to £100,000 to provide a new roof, central heating system and internal refurbishment.

An application for a loan to acquire the building would have to be sanctioned by the Cornwall Association of Local Councils and in turn approved by the Public Works Loan Board with repayments over a 20 year period.

It was recommended that the Council would not pursue the acquisition of the Frank Johns Centre but would negotiate with Cornwall Council to purchase the car park and access road and that the £12,500 remain in the budget in support of this proposal.

It was further recommended that the budget and Precept as outlined in the Summary sheet at Appendix 'B' in the sum of £295,991 (£274,556 current year) be approved, giving rise to an

increase of £21,435 – 7.81% and that the following items, outlined in Summary Briefing Note appearing as Appendix ‘A’, also be considered.

Hayle in Bloom

Request for an increase in the annual grant from £500 to £1,000 – this figure is already included in the figures above.

It was resolved to approve the increase.

Youth Worker

£5,000 provided in the current year and consideration to be given to an annual grant in that sum although the general uncertainty with regard to Youth Service funding on the part of Cornwall Council was noted.

The Finance Officer felt that it was opportune to advise members of the outcome of negotiations with Good Energy in respect of the way leave over the Recreation Ground which has resulted in an offer of a one off payment of £5,000 and it was suggested that to save further upward pressure on the Precept in the forthcoming year, this sum be earmarked for Youth Worker support if required.

It was resolved to proceed as outlined above with no impact on the Precept.

Towan’s Ranger

Further support had been requested for a second phase of this project as outlined in the paper presented by the Finance Officer.

It was resolved to approve a grant in the sum of £2,500 subject to matching support from Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council.

Precept increases to £298,491, a rise of £23,935 – 8.72%.

Councillors discussed the proposals in relation to the **Former Hawkins Site, War Memorial and IT Improvements**, including methods of funding, and as outlined in the Summary Briefing Note.

It was resolved to approve the proposals with no impact on the Precept.

Weed Treatment

Cormac Solutions Ltd had written to advise that weed treatment which had been discontinued in the current year would not be re-instated in the 2015-16 financial year.

The company had provided a quote in the sum of £4,065 to provide the service in Hayle as per the maps provided by Cormac and it was felt that Riverside and Back Lane should be included at an approximate additional cost £300.

It was resolved to accept the quotation and to include this sum in the Precept.

Precept increases to £302,556, a rise of £28,000 – 10.91%.

Given that the Finance Officer was required to make changes to the Summary Briefing Note, Councillors requested that the additional items listed above be committed to paper with revised calculations to the Precept to clarify the resultant increase in actual and percentage terms.

R22 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 11 DECEMBER 2014

The date of the next Resource meeting was set for Thursday 11 December 2014.

The meeting closed 9.30pm.