



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 3 JULY 2014

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 3 July 2014 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor G Coad (Mayor)
 Councillors J Bennett, B Capper, N Farrar, L Fox, B Mims, J Ninnes, O Philp,
 C Polkinghorne, J Pollard, A Rance

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.17PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

John Farrar thanked Councillor Bennett for requesting agenda item 13b regarding the proposal for an amateur radio call sign for Cornwall. He said that since the announcement that Cornwall had been recognized by the Council of Europe as having 'minority status', the Cornwall Amateur Radio community had requested a secondary letter allocation for Cornwall – K, so that Kernow would be recognised worldwide. He said that five of the six MPs for Cornwall were supporting the campaign along with Councillor Pollard and other Cornwall Councillors. Mr Farrar said that they had received a reply from OFCOM saying that the precedent of allowing K to be used in Cornwall could lead to a proliferation of other areas of the country wanting their own identification letter. Mr Farrar reported that the MP for North Cornwall, Dan Rogerson, had responded to the letter saying that he was disappointed with OFCOM's reply which showed a lack of recognition for the minority status of the Cornish, whose home is Cornwall. He said that the Welsh, Scottish and Irish were also recognized and other English counties are not so recognized.

Chris Lewis added that a separate call sign letter for Kernow would add to the national and international recognition of Cornwall and would enhance its status. He asked Councillors to support the proposal.

It was requested that this issue be placed on a Cornwall Council agenda to ask for its support.

7.25PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

36 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were none.

37 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Cocks, Coombe, Lello and Lyons.

38 FIRE SERVICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the quarterly report for April, May and June

Fire Officer Chris Wolstencroft delivered a report for 31 March to 30 June 2014.

He said that local businesses were getting on top of risk assessments and fire safety issues. The Fire Service gives free safety advice to small businesses and he was pleased that many Hayle businesses have approached the Fire Service asking for advice.

He reported that only a low number of home fire safety checks had been requested and he asked the Town Council to encourage people to contact the Fire Service to request free home safety checks, during which free fire alarm detectors were given out free of charge and safety advice was given.

He reported that the new fire station was on schedule for completion in November. He said he had worked with eight new recruits who had passed their initial training and breathing apparatus tests and could now ride the fire engine and help out. They would soon be fully qualified firefighters and there would be local on call firefighters in Hayle.

It was agreed that the information regarding home safety checks would be put on the Town Council's Facebook page.

Regarding a question about the danger of fire from dishwashers, Fire Officer Wolstencroft said that it was advisable not to run them when you are not in the room and if anyone had any specific fears they should contact the manufacturer.

He also said that advice was given regarding carbon monoxide detectors, but that the presence of carbon monoxide was not checked as it required special equipment which they did not routinely carry.

It was resolved to note the report (see Appendix B).

39 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

40 POLICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the monthly report for June

PCSO Jenny Hosking delivered the monthly report for June.

During a question and answer session it was reported that the Harbourmaster had reported several police-related issues, for example children jumping into the water from the pier and from boats and throwing stones into boats. PCSO Hosking said that there had been no reports of the stone throwing to the police, but that officers had spoken to young people regarding pier jumping and jumping from boats.

As a follow up to an issue that had been raised at the last Town Council meeting regarding persistent pavement parking, she said that, due to language issues with the man himself, she had spoken to the owners of the Cinnamon Tree who had spoken to him and he was no longer parking there.

It was resolved to note the report (see Appendix A).

It was resolved to bring forward agenda item 13b (see minute 41 below).

41 TO CONSIDER THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHN BENNETT REGARDING HIS PROPOSAL FOR AN AMATEUR RADIO CALL SIGN FOR CORNWALL

In view of the reply received from OFCOM (see Public Participation above) Councillor Bennett amended his proposed resolution as per agenda item 13b.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to OFCOM stating:

“Hayle Town Council strongly supports the proposal for a letter K to be added to the Callsigns of Cornish Radio Amateurs.

We are proud of the new Status for The Cornish People as a regional minority under the EU Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities as on an equal standing with the Welsh and this request by Cornish Radio Amateurs is another step in establishing Cornish identity.

Your rejection of the petition of the Cornish Radio Amateurs shows a gross lack of understanding of the European Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities.

We strongly urge you to reconsider and support the request.”

42 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 19 JUNE 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 19 June 2014 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

43 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 19 JUNE 2014

All matters were dealt with on the night.

44 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were none.

45 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

It was reported that over 100 online survey responses and 100 paper responses at the Hayle in Bloom event had been received regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. Issues that raised most negative comments were regarding the environment, dog poo and supermarkets. The things most requested were swimming and leisure facilities, removing traffic from the centre of town and having more trains stopping at Hayle. It was reported that there was no deadline for return of surveys, but that the online survey on Survey Monkey and the ballot boxes for paper surveys would be removed in due course. A mailing was to go out to all houses in the TR27 postcode area during the week 14 – 18 July 2014.

The Town Council recognised that the Blooming Hayle committee had made a profit this year; it congratulated the committee and thanked it for a great event.

It was reported that Hayle Carnival would not take place this year due to various reasons including the illnesses of several committee members and the lack of space since the Commercial Road car park had been reduced in size due to the new Fire Station. It was also reported that the winter Carnival would probably not take place either as it is usually funded by collections from the summer one. Several suggestions for alternative venues were given, but the shortlist of appropriate venues was whittled down to the King George V Memorial Walk and possibly the Recreation Ground when it becomes the Town Council's responsibility again. There were also suggestions regarding other measures to re-invigorate the Carnival and it was agreed to put the issue of how the Town Council could support the Carnival committee on a future agenda.

46 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2014/2015

There were none.

It was resolved to exclude the press and public due to the commercially sensitive nature of agenda item 10.

47 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION AND CONFIRM THE SUCCESSFUL TENDER FOR THE RECREATION GROUND KIOSK

This agenda item was held in confidential session (see confidential minute 47) for discussion and resolution).

It was resolved to go back into full session.

48 TO DISCUSS HOW BEST TO PROTECT ST MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL THROUGH LIAISON WITH OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS

A discussion was held and various ideas were raised. It was agreed that the Town Council wanted to be kept informed of any developments, proposals and decisions by the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust which would affect St Michael's Hospital directly and indirectly, so that it would be in a better position to give its support to the hospital.

Councillors were concerned about reports that the Kernow Commissioning Group would be tendering for non-emergency operations as this would affect the income to St Michael's.

The Clerk was asked to give consideration to the people/groups that Hayle Town Council should contact and/or invite to future meetings in order to be kept aware of what is happening at St Michael's Hospital.

It was resolved to add 'Healthcare Provision Issues' as a standing item to the agenda.

It was resolved to establish a working group comprising Councillors Mims, Ninnis and Rance, which would feed back to the Town Council under the new standing agenda item as required.

49 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was reported that planning and listed building consent had been given to the planning application for the renovation of the Hawkins Building on East Quay and that the Coastal Communities Fund was giving consideration to the funding application.

The Clerk reported that she had received an acknowledgement from Gary Cartmell for the letter she had written to Simon Clarke at ING. Gary Cartmell had offered to organise a group of executives to brief the Town Council regarding the current situation regarding the Harbour and to answer questions from Councillors. Councillors agreed that they wanted to have a meeting at Gary Cartmell's earliest possible convenience.

It was announced that the next Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee public meeting would take place the following Wednesday at 2pm at the Passmore Edwards Institute.

It was also reported that Simon Humphrey from Bowmer & Kirkland had warned that when the cladding was removed from the ASDA store the exterior finish of the building would be very bright and would take six weeks to dull down.

b) Cornwall Council Update

It was reported that complaints regarding noise from the bottle banks had been received from two residents on Commercial Road and that they had started a campaign to get the bottle banks removed. Rolf Necke and his waste crew were looking into the situation. It was, however, important not to lose the bottle banks for Hayle altogether. It was agreed that Rolf Necke should be thanked again for his service to the town.

It was reported that the work at the railway station had been well-received. Philip Boorman was to retire the following day and he was to be congratulated on his great work as was Nigel Blackler. Councillors were pleased to hear of the train depot at Long Rock which would bring 66 jobs to West Cornwall, the upgrade of the Night Riviera sleeper service and the improvements to the mainline signalling which would allow more trains to run providing a half-hourly service from Penzance to Plymouth and more trains to stop at Hayle.

It was reported that there were issues of material being dumped on the sand drag at the station, and that although the contractors had agreed to move it, vehicles could not access the dump site and so removal would have to be done by hand.

It was agreed that thanks should be sent to ING and Sustrans for financing and Cornwall Council (Philip Boorman) and Network Rail for organising the railway station works.

It was reported that the Town Framework map available on Cornwall Council's website was considerably different to the last one seen and agreed by Hayle Town Council. It was agreed to invite Marcus Healan to a meeting with the Town Council.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

It was reported that there had been no progress since the last update.

The Clerk reported that she had met the newly appointed Community Network Manager, James Hardy, and that he had agreed to pursue the matter with Cornwall Council on the Town Council's behalf.

50 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To consider the correspondence from The Royal British Legion (Hayle Branch) regarding the ownership, maintenance and future management of the town's War Memorial

It was reported that research had shown that although Hayle Town Council was responsible for maintenance of the War Memorial, there was no evidence at the Land Registry regarding ownership, although the Town Council could apply to have the War Memorial registered in its ownership.

It was agreed that the area around the Memorial was in need of sprucing up and a streetscape proposal for the whole area from 2006 was considered. It was agreed that work to the Memorial and the surrounding area would be a suitable project for completion by November 2018 in commemoration of the end of the First World War and that this would allow time for fundraising and an application for finance to national funds.

It was resolved that Hayle Town Council seek actively to take ownership of the War Memorial, including the surrounding triangular area.

It was resolved to ask the Amenities Committee to progress this matter.

It was resolved to create a complete scheme by November 2018.

- b) To consider the correspondence from John Bennett regarding his proposal for an amateur radio call sign for Cornwall

See minute 41.

- c) To consider the correspondence from Councillor Polkinghorne regarding Heavy Goods Vehicles driving through the town

It was reported that there is no legal mechanism to prevent a vehicle using a road unless there is a weight limit on the road and that weight limit is exceeded. It was not known if there was a weight limit on the culvert by the viaduct. There was also some concern that diverting Heavy Goods Vehicles from the centre of the town might just result in traffic problems elsewhere in the town.

It was resolved to contact a Highways officer to investigate the possibility of making Heavy Goods Vehicles avoid the town centre.

- d) To consider the report supplied by Bola Oshinusi, the Town Council's solicitor, regarding the various outstanding leases and to sign and seal leases, if appropriate

It was reported that the requisite documents were not yet available.

- e) Clerk's report

The report was tabled. It was reported that the Pool Manager was proving to be a great asset.

It was resolved to note the Clerk's Report.

f) Meetings

The meetings list was tabled. It was reported that an extra Amenities Committee meeting had been convened and confirmed.

03/07/14	7.15pm	Full Council	Hayle Community Centre
10/07/14	7.30pm	Resource Committee	Hayle Community Centre
14/07/14		Hayle in Bloom Judging Day	
17/07/14	7.15pm	Full Council	Hayle Community Centre
21/07/14	7.30pm	Hayle Chamber of Commerce	PEI
22/07/14	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Hale Firefighters Passing Out Celebration	Penzance Fire Station
23/07/14	10.00am	CALC Larger Councils Meeting	Bodmin TC
24/07/14	7.30pm	Amenities Committee	Hayle Community Centre
		TBC Harbour Development Briefing re Consultation on the Future Management with ING Executives	

g) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 9.49pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 17 July 2014

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