



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2013

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 3 October 2013 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

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

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No issues were raised.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

348 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The group photograph of the previous Council was passed around the table. The Clerk informed Members that she had emailed them all with details of how they could order copies. She agreed to check with Tempest regarding the copyright of the photograph for those who would like a digital copy and informed the meeting that the group photograph of the Council before the previous one was being mounted and framed to match the others on display.

[7.18pm Councillors Capper and Fox join the meeting.]

The Mayor announced that the Civic Parade and Service would be on the forthcoming Sunday. She said that attendance was not compulsory but encouraged as many as could make it to attend. The Clerk thanked the volunteers for their help and reminded everyone to muster at 2.30pm at the Day Care Centre for the Parade to St Elwyn's Church for the Service. The Parade would then return to the Day Care Centre for refreshments.

349 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Coombe.

350 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

351 POLICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the monthly report

PC Trevorrow delivered a report on crime in the town for July, August and September 2013. He added that Sgt Friday was now in charge of the Hayle Neighbourhood Team. He apologised for not attending at the 5 September meeting and informed the meeting that Sgt Friday had been doing overtime regarding a drugs warrant in Hayle, which had resulted in two suspects being taken into custody.

In the question and answer session which followed the following issues arose:

PC Trevorrow confirmed that the police were giving the King George V Memorial Walk more attention. He was not aware of any of the reported young drinkers being prosecuted.

The Mayor thanked PC Trevorrow.

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

352 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the quarterly report

There was no quarterly report presented, possibly because of flooding issues in the area that night.

353 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 19 SEPTEMBER 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 19 September 2013 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

354 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 19 SEPTEMBER 2013

All matters were either dealt with on the night of 19 September or would be raised later in the meeting.

355 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were no reports to approve.

356 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

- a) Report on the Town & Parish Council Summit, 16 September 2013 – Councillor Bennett

Councillor Bennett presented his report on the summit (see Appendix B). He added that he had attended the Neighbourhood Planning meeting the day before and that he would circulate notes from that meeting the following week. He reported that 25% of the infrastructure levy, £40 per square metre, would be given to any town with a neighbourhood plan. A town with no plan would receive a maximum of 15% with a cap of £100 per property, so this was a good incentive to finalise a plan for Hayle.

He reported that a Neighbourhood Plan did not have to be tied to parish boundaries and suggested that Hayle combine with Gwinear-Gwithian and St Erth to produce a joint plan. He recommended a 'summit' with the other two parishes to consider this idea.

In answer to questions it was reported that Hayle Town Council had not yet formally started a Neighbourhood Plan, but that a town framework had been worked on and, therefore, there was a lot of groundwork already in place for one. The target for completion should be when Cornwall Council adopts the infrastructure levy and this was expected to happen in 12 to 18 months' time. Land allocation would be a vital part of the Neighbourhood Plan for Hayle and consultations must be wide and include many different groups in the town.

It was resolved to liaise with the parishes of Gwinear-Gwithian and St Erth regarding the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Hayle.

Councillor Cocks reported on his attendance at a Transport for Penwith meeting. David Edwards, Transport Liaison Manager for Cornwall Council, had reassured the meeting that all bus services terminated by Western Greyhound would be covered by other companies. First National bus services were not affected by the cuts.

It was noted that £6.6m per year is spent by Cornwall Council on free bus passes.

357 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2013/2014 as listed on Appendix B

It was reported that the accounts had not been prepared due to the Finance Assistant's holiday, but that full information would be provided for next month's meeting.

358 CONSULTATIONS

- a) RSPB draft report – Wilson's Pool, Hayle Estuary & Carrack Gladden SSSI: Options for restoring the saltmarsh to 'Favourable' condition

Various issues in the draft report were discussed, mainly the comments regarding the widening of Jubilee Path and the issue of inundations to Wilson's Pool. It was agreed that there was no evidence that work done on Jubilee Path earlier in the year had led to more pedestrian and dog traffic to Wilson's Pool, it was just now more visible.

It was resolved to welcome and support David Flumm's draft report with the following caveats:

Hayle Town Council requests the removal of the last sentence - 'In addition the removal of the bankside vegetation along the recently (spring 2013) widened footpath along the north side has opened up the access from here directly to the area and has brought an increase in pedestrian and dog traffic from an area that was previously largely inaccessible.' - of the third paragraph as it believes it to be incorrect. There is no evidence that work done on Jubilee Path earlier in the year has led to more pedestrian and dog traffic to Wilson's Pool, it is just now more visible.

Hayle Town Council urges the RSPB to recommend to the Environment Agency that it replace the bearings in the Copperhouse Pool sluiceway in order to provide greater flexibility and safety for the control of water in the pool.

b) Cornwall Council – Local Transport Schemes Priorities Consultation

It was resolved to note the consultation.

It was resolved that Members complete the online survey as individuals.

It was resolved to bring forward item 13d of the agenda.

It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders 1e and 1f to allow Chris Stumbles to join the meeting.

359 TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR RANCE'S CONCERNS ABOUT ISSUES ON KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL WALK

Chris Stumbles informed the meeting that since he had last attended a Public Participation session and informed the Council about the theft of fish from the three pools on the King George V Memorial Walk, he had investigated the cost of purchasing a monitoring system and had obtained three quotes. He said that it would be possible to obtain a fixed camera with a memory card, iPad access and a wireless touch screen monitor for £199 (with additional cameras costing £80 each). The equipment is battery or mains powered and it was agreed that as there was mains power available on the Walk it would be sensible to investigate the possibility of tapping into it. It was established that the camera equipment was transportable so could be used elsewhere in the town if required.

Issues of privacy for the public were discussed, but the meeting was informed that there could be no expectation of privacy on a public footpath, although the installation of the camera needed Town Council approval and the party responsible for managing and storing the data collected needed to be established. It was suggested that Sgt Friday be contacted for information regarding the legality of public surveillance according to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

It was resolved to support Mr Stumbles' suggestion to install camera and monitoring equipment on King George V Memorial Walk to try address the problem of fish theft from the three ponds on the Walk and to authorise the Clerk to purchase the recommended equipment and investigate its installation.

Mr Stumbles agreed to email the relevant information to the Clerk.

Mr Stumbles also informed the Council that the ornamental pond on King George V Memorial Walk needed to be drained, to be given a new cement lining and new sealant and that it would be preferable to investigate the possibility of making the depth of the pond even by filling the in the deeper ends.

Councillor Lello commented that a fiberglass lining would last 30 to 40 years and would be more cost effective.

It was resolved that Councillor Lello investigate the cost of a fiberglass lining for the ornamental pond and give the information to the Resource Committee.

It was resolved that the Clerk pass the information to Cornwall Council to seek repairs by them, as the need for a new pond lining counts as a dilapidation.

Councillor Cocks informed the meeting that he had found two sources which would be happy to replenish the fish stock free of charge.

Councillor Rance then informed the meeting of the problem of rubbish and overgrown brambles beside and inside the greenhouse on the Walk, which originated in a neighbouring property. It was noted that Cornwall Council could enforce the property owner's responsibility to remove it.

It was resolved to write to Cornwall Council to ask them to require the property owner to clear the rubbish and overgrown brambles.

It was resolved to reinstate Standing Orders 1e and 1f.

360 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was confirmed that ASDA had signed the contract and work on the new supermarket development was due to begin on 15 October 2013.

b) Cornwall Council Update

The work on Beatrice Terrace has been completed and the traffic was flowing well.

There would be a Cornwall Council Budget Consultation meeting at the Frank John's Centre on Monday 7 October at 6.30pm.

Councillor Pollard thanked the Mayor for attending the Planning Meeting to speak on behalf of Hayle Town Council in favour of the plans for the new Firestation. He was delighted to report that the application had been approved, with 13 votes in favour and one abstention.

The Clerk reported that the beach access project was moving forward. She praised the superb work done by Mike Shillaber and Jo Howard at Cornwall Council. The documents regarding the tender had gone out and ten companies had shown interest, but Level Construction had withdrawn. There was discussion regarding the inclusion of penalties.

It was resolved that Hayle Town Council wants a clause regarding price and time penalties, with Cornwall Council to decide the level and type of clause.

It was reported that Ms Tacchi was concerned about access to the public toilets from the path and the Clerk said she would talk to Mike Shillaber and Jo Howard to clarify that it was not an issue.

Cornwall Council officers have asked that Hayle Town Council be involved in the opening of the tenders.

It was resolved that the Clerk and Councillors Capper and Coad represent the Town Council at the meeting to score tender packs on Tuesday 5 November at 10am.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The Clerk informed Members that there had been little progress since the last meeting and that she was still waiting for Cornwall Council to price the dilapidation repairs so that further

discussion could take place. She reported that the day to day maintenance and urgent repairs are being done, but not to the standard preferred.

It was suggested that a 10-year lease be negotiated to allow time for dilapidations to be repaired.

It was resolved to move next business.

361 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To consider and adopt the Council's Risk Assessment and the Policy for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

It was resolved to adopt the Council's Risk Assessment and the Policy for the Protection of Children and Adults in a Vulnerable Situation and to include the Clerk as safeguarding officer.

- b) To recommend a name for the new housing development at Trevassack Hill

It was resolved to recommend the name 'Trevassack Manor' for the new housing development at Trevassack Hill.

- c) To consider Councillor Rance's suggestion for a memorial to Richard 'Dick' Horwell

Members felt that Councillor Rance's suggestion for a memorial to Richard 'Dick' Horwell was a brilliant idea.

It was resolved to proceed with Councillor Rance's suggestion to light up the Giant Redwood on the King George V Memorial Walk and to install a family memorial bench.

This discussion led to the general maintenance of amenity sites being raised again. The Clerk undertook to place the matter of the health and safety and maintenance, including lighting of the skate bowl to be placed on a future agenda.

- d) To consider Councillor Rance's concerns about issues on King George V Memorial Walk

See Minute note 359 above.

- e) To consider the correspondence received from the Towans Partnership regarding the Millponds

It was resolved to note the correspondence received and to applaud the Clerk's response.

It was resolved to write to Simon Jeffries at the Environment Agency to see if there has been any progress regarding the suggestion to raise the water in the Millponds by adding a wooden board.

It was suggested that Hayle Town Council needs to provide Mr Jeffries with a plan of what should go where in the pond.

f) Meetings

Members were advised that a meetings schedule had been distributed to them.

g) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 17 October 2013

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