



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2016

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 4 February 2016 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor G Coad (Mayor)
Councillors J Bennett, B Capper, D Cocks, J Coombe, N Farrar, I Lawrence, R Lello, B Mims, J Ninnes, O Philp, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard and B Wills

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.17PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Councillor Farrar assumed the chair in the Mayor's absence.

Paul Pellegrinetti addressed his comments to Councillor Pollard and proceeded to criticize the street cleaners in Penzance, who had been picking out moss from between paving slabs by hand, when in Mr Pellegrinetti's opinion they should have been concentrating on more important jobs. Councillor Pollard (as Leader of Cornwall Council) informed him that it was part of the cleaners' contract to clear weeds and they were not allowed to use sprays in certain areas for health and safety reasons and therefore had to do it by hand.

[7.19pm Cllr Coad joined the meeting and assumed the chair.]

7.19PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

194 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

It was announced that Marlene Rew, a long-term resident of Hayle, had passed away. She had been involved in Hayle Cinema for many years and had written two books about Hayle. The town council was happy to recognise her contribution to the town and the Clerk undertook to send a card to her family.

It was reported that Dionne Jones, Senior Manager: Research and Funding from Community Energy Plus (CEP) had received funding to undertake a feasibility study into tidal power potential at Carnsew Pool and that DEFRA and DECC had approved it. Mojo Maritime would investigate technical and financial feasibility, whilst CEP would lead community engagement and pre-planning checks. Neil Farrington would be in touch when the project had started.

It was announced that a Neighbourhood Plan meeting would take place on Tuesday 9 February in the Assembly Room at 10am at which Cornwall Council (CC) officers Rebecca Jackson and Marcus Healan would give presentations on the Bay to Bay Cycle Scheme (RJ) and Site

Allocations work covering the Trevassack area urban extension, employment site options, highways and education infrastructure (MH). Everyone was welcome to attend.

195 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Rance and Councillor Ninnes had given her apologies that she would be late to the meeting.

196 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 12a (Minute 205a refers) and made the following statement: - 'In commenting on these applications I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position if the matter is discussed at the Cornwall Council Planning Committee and full information is available.'

197 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 21 JANUARY 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 21 January 2016 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

198 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 21 JANUARY 2016

No members of the public had been present.

199 POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the monthly police report for January 2016

PC Aaron Heath (PC at Penzance, but working in Hayle on a neighbourhood attachment) presented the report prepared by PC Kevin Silver.

[7.24pm Cllr Ninnes joined the meeting.]

In the question and answer session that followed, PC Heath said that he was not sure if the Plantation had been included in the graffiti removal and the Clerk clarified that she was aware that there were potential health and safety issues due to the positioning of the graffiti.

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

- b) To receive and note the quarterly fire service report for November 2015 to January 2016

Tri-Service Safety Officer Andy Hichens presented the report.

In the question and answer session that followed, it was reported that the yacht 'Nora' was still in Hayle – its owners had reported to the Harbourmaster that they wanted to stay in Hayle until after the coming summer.

[7.33pm Cllr Lello joined the meeting.]

The fire and police services were keen to liaise with the public, who should use the 101 call point for non urgent contact to the police and the direct line to fire control, which was situated on a metal plate on the door to the station (overlooking Atlantic Motors). Officers at the Tri-Service Station were aware that contact points needed to be promoted better and Andy Hichens undertook to take this issue back to the station.

Station Manager Des O'Connell had been through an internal process to investigate difficulties experienced by response vehicles exiting the station. Parked cars in the vicinity had made things difficult with valuable time lost. The outcome of the investigation was not yet known.

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

The Mayor thanked both officers for their reports.

200 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

- a) To receive the report from the Resource Committee meeting 14 January 2016

It was resolved to receive the report so that actions could be carried out.

201 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

It was reported that Councillors Polkinghorne, Cocks and Capper had met Community Link Officer Vanessa Luckwell and representatives from the police, the Environment Agency and the Cornwall Flood Forum. It had been agreed that Hayle needed an emergency plan, focused primarily on flooding. Vanessa Luckwell had kindly taken on coordination of the plan.

The Mayor reported back from the Mayors of Cornwall meeting at Camborne. It had been an interesting meeting and it had been decided that deputy mayors would be invited to the following meeting to aid continuity. Police Crime Commissioner Tony Hogg and Chief Superintendent Jim Pearce had attended. The problem regarding closed police stations and 101 being the only approach for the public had been re-iterated. PCC Hogg had reported that more money had been made available for some improvements and it was hoped that waiting times on the 101 number could be cut from 20 minutes to 10. This was still considered to be ludicrous. The imposition of business rates on toilets was also raised and the mayors jointly would be approaching CC to address this issue. There was a full and frank discussion about the various situations regarding libraries, although no solutions were proposed.

It was noted that the application of business rates on toilets was imposed by national government and not by CC. It was also noted that CC was in conversation with all but two (one of which was Hayle) town and parish councils regarding the future of their libraries.

202 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2015/2016 as listed on Appendix B

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2015/16 as listed on Appendix B.

203 TO CONSIDER THE PRINCIPLE OF ISSUING TABLETS TO COUNCILLORS FOR DIGITAL RECEIPT OF MINUTES, AGENDAS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO SAVE ON PRINTING AND POSTAGE COSTS AND TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

There was a discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of issuing tablets to councillors and the following points were raised:

Advantages:

- More environmentally friendly
- Seen to be moving with the times
- Would save (public) money on printing and postage costs
- Decent tablets are not necessarily expensive
- Saves staff time
- Diaries could be synchronised more easily

Disadvantages:

- Savings might not be significant
- Good, reliable tablets would be expensive
- Reasonably priced hardware still needs software which may be relatively expensive
- Some may find learning new systems difficult and/or would prefer a system already known/used
- Small screens are not good for looking at plans or reading documents
- Public might think councillors are being rude if they are looking at tablets during meetings
- Councillors would not be able to write/make notes on their paperwork
- Digital transmission of documents would need to be secure (although it was noted that documents are already regularly emailed)
- Electronic devices are not always reliable
- Extra power points and better Wi-Fi broadband reception would be needed in the Assembly Room

It was acknowledged that working efficiently and effectively, and the financial implications of any decision were the most important considerations and that whichever system was adopted needed to be followed by all councillors.

Some money was available in the IT budget, but currently this was earmarked for a new website. It was noted that CC was trialling the use of working with digital documents and it was agreed that the Clerk would research if any other town and parish councils were doing so.

It was resolved that the Clerk research a) if/how other councils have adopted the digital route for receiving and working with documents, b) the suitability of the Assembly Room and c) possible hardware and software.

204 CONSULTATION

- a) To consider and respond to the Department for Communities and Local Government's 'Consultation on proposed changes to national planning policy'

It was resolved to move straight to b) as CALC's response document was reasoned, lucid and included information regarding neighbourhood plans.

- b) To consider supporting and adding to (if required) the response from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils to the above consultation

It was resolved to support CALC's response to the Department for Communities and Local Government's 'Consultation on proposed changes to national planning policy'.

205 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Application: PA16/00482

For the resolutions on individual planning applications see Appendix A attached.

206 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was reported that there had been a meeting between CC representatives and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Details of the meeting would be discussed at a future Harbour Committee meeting, although some would be confidential due to the nature of the business.

Councillor Pollard offered to write a report (and consult with the Mayor about it) if he could not attend the meeting.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

Regarding Isis Gardens it was reported that there was to be a meeting at Radnor Road with CORMAC Open Spaces, Highways and the Leader of CC on 10 February with a view to resolving all outstanding issues. £78,000 was still expected from Network Rail and Bowmer & Kirkland.

Signs were to be erected at Wheal Alfred to slow traffic coming through the area.

CC had rejected the government's suggestion that the Police Crime Commissioner should take on the fire service too (and become Devon and Cornwall Police and Fire Service); CC had added the suggestion that the powers of the Police Crime Commissioner should come to CC so that it could take over the police service.

It was reported that the application for the footbridge across Penpol Creek was still with the Department for Transport, which had only received it in June 2015 and no timeframe for determination could yet be given. It was the general feeling of the meeting that pressure should be applied for a speedy determination so that the bridge could be built as soon as possible, as expected by both the town council and members of the public.

The landslip above King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW) was reported. Councillor Pollard had visited Clifton Terrace residents, who were concerned about the land near their houses slipping away. CC officer Richard Hocking, geologist and engineer, had visited the site and was of the opinion that it was stable for the time being and recommended that the walls at the top, which had been removed by residents, be rebuilt. Olivia, the CORMAC gardener,

and volunteers including Chris Stumbles thought that the landslip had been caused by recent heavy rain and had decided to clear it by hand from the KGVMW and pond so that some plants could be salvaged and the pond made good. It was noted that Hayle Town Council (HTC) needed to establish who owned the slope itself and who was liable for any damage caused/repairs needed. It was acknowledged that the actual footpath was in the town council's ownership and that the KGVMW was to be transferred to the town council imminently.

A member of public had reported concern about a play area of grassland behind Treveglos which appeared to be subsiding. The landowners, Cornwall Council, would be sending an engineer to assess the land, which was suspected to be in an area with mine shafts and adits. As an aside, it was mentioned that there might be future opportunities to apply for grants to install goalposts there, although an application to the Tesco fund had not been successful.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

It was reported that the tender for groundwork maintenance had gone live that week and notices were in the press and on the town council's website and the government's tender website. The deadline for tender applications was 1 March and an information day would be held on 11 February for any interested parties. Excellent work had been done by both Christopher Anderson of Savills and Mike Shillaber.

A meeting and site tour of CC's finished or nearly finished sites had taken place. Three sites had been visited and for the most part, representatives of the town council had been happy to sign off. A few small issues at each site remained and CC had agreed to address them. At the Plantation there was some work still to be done to a dry stone wall, but as quickly as it had been repaired it had been pulled down by children. Regarding Plantation Wall only two of the three representative councillors had been happy to sign off. Weeds were already re-growing and needed re-treatment, which CC had agreed to do. However, Councillor Capper had not been happy with standard of the wall repair – in some places there appeared to be an excess of mortar and not enough stone. CC officers gave a reasoned response and gave reassurances that it was structurally sound. Councillors Farrar and Coad had been satisfied and the Clerk had agreed with the majority and the site was signed off. Councillor Capper asked for his disagreement to be minuted.

It was also reported that the team had visited KGVMW regarding the retaining wall that separates the Walk and the drive of number 4. The owner of number 4 had claimed that the wall was likely to collapse and was the responsibility of the town council (or CC until the Walk was officially handed over). The Clerk had taken legal advice and had engaged an engineer to examine it. The legal advice received was that the ownership could not be ascertained from the town council's title deeds and records, nor the owner of number 4's title documents. The engineer's advice was that the wall was not about to collapse. The owner had already replied that he would obtain his own legal advice.

The Mayor thanked the Clerk for all her work on these issues.

d) Healthcare Issues

There was nothing to report.

207 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To consider the email request from Chris Chapman (on behalf of Constantine Parish Council, Germoe Parish Council, Manaccan Parish Council, Mawgan-in-Meneage Parish Council, St Antony Parish Meeting, St Keverne Parish Council, St Martin Parish Council and Wendron Parish Council) for town and parish councils to support the smaller rural parish councils' campaign to press Cornwall Council for a modification of its decision to implement 'paperless planning' for all town and parish councils

Members discussed the issue raised in the email and agreed that as larger parishes/towns had had to take on burdens such as library services and provision of toilets, smaller ones should take on some burdens in the light of severe cuts to CC's budget.

It was resolved not to support the campaign, as it would be a retrograde step and the requirements were not large, and to inform Chris Chapman of this response and why.

- b) To determine who owns and is responsible for the ageing planters containing the olive trees in Foundry Square and to consider Hayle In Bloom's request to transplant the trees to an alternative location

There was a discussion regarding the olive tree planters and it was reported that the gardener had been concerned about them for a couple of years and had been strapping the planters up due to her reported fear that Highways might come and remove them due to health and safety concerns. It was further reported that a discussion with some members of Hayle In Bloom (HIB) clarified that they did not necessarily plan to relocate them to Isis Gardens, rather they would like to retain them in Foundry Square.

It was clarified that the planters had been installed as part of the streetscape scheme and funded by the Hayle Area Plan Partnership in one-off funding. It had never been decided who would maintain them and it had been assumed that the local authority would take care of them. It was agreed that they should not be removed as they contributed to the ambience of the area, but that as had happened with the streetscape banners in Foundry Square, they should be adopted by the town council and replaced with new planters as and when possible.

It was noted that the Chair of HIB was researching the cost of replacement planters.

It was resolved that in principle the planters with the olive trees be adopted by Hayle Town Council and that the town council proceed to investigate ways of resolving the issue.

- c) Meetings

04/02/16	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
06/02/16	9.30am	Neighbourhood Plan	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

08/02/16	4.00pm	Personnel Committee (TUPE)	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
08/02/16	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning Association AGM	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
09/02/16	10.00am	Neighbourhood Plan	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
09/02/16	3.30pm	Meeting with the tenants of the Recreation Ground Kiosk	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
11/02/16	10.00am	Provider information Event for prospective tenderers for the Ground Maintenance contract	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
11/02/16	7.30pm	Hayle Harbour Committee	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
15/02/16	7.30pm	Hayle Chamber of Commerce	PEI
18/02/16	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
23/02/16	2.30pm	WCCCTV Meeting	Tolvaddon Fire HQ

In response to questions from members it was reported that the West Cornwall CCTV cameras were now recording and Hayle was covered, but four towns were not connected due to problems with Openreach. Monitoring would commence in Hayle on 29 February 2016.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had met with residents concerned about dog fouling and they were pleased that there would be CCTV monitoring in Hayle and hoped that it would catch offenders.

d) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

In response to his query, councillors also agreed that Councillor Bennett could relinquish the domain name A30.org.uk to an organisation that wished to use it.

The Mayor reminded everyone that it was time to consider nominees for next year's Deputy Mayor and that although the custom at Hayle Town Council was that the current Deputy Mayor choose his/her successor, custom did not need to prevail.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 18 February 2016

Town Mayor

Date