



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2013

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 5 December 2013 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

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

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.23PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

7.23PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

399 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Mayor announced that Councillor Farrar was doing a sponsored walk in aid of Hayle foodbank.

There was a request for volunteer marshals for the Hayle Illuminated Carnival as currently only 12 people had volunteered and the Carnival could not take place without more marshals.

Councillors were reminded that Planning Training was scheduled for Wednesday 11 December at 6.30pm for a prompt 7.00pm start.

There was also a reminder for Members that there would be a tour of South Quay, hosted by Bowmer & Kirkland, starting at the Salt Bar at 9.00am on Friday 13 December.

400 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Fox and Pollard.

401 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

402 POLICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the monthly report

PC Graham Trevorrow, accompanied by PCSO Kevin Youngman, presented the monthly police report. In the question and answer session the following issues arose:

The police were able to object to new and renewal licensing applications, although only under strict conditions and with evidence of reasons for objection.

Responding to questions regarding problem parking and driving outside Bodriggy Academy during drop off and collection times, PC Trevorrow stated that he was aware of the situation and that it was similarly bad at all the schools in Hayle. He said that the police strictly enforced no parking on the yellow zigzag areas if offenders were observed. He said that there was no easy solution, but he had had support from the school and the school crossing patrol lady. People had been prosecuted for not observing her directions. He told the meeting that the police would be re-visiting the schools/police partnership and he hoped this issue would be looked at as a priority.

Members raised the issue of Cornwall Council's concessionary scheme for parents to park for free in council car parks to deliver and collect children from school, but added that there were only 20 passes available, which was not nearly enough to prevent the parking problems outside the school. It was generally felt that Cornwall Council should make parking free to all parents at specific times, for the delivery/collection of children, where car parks were available.

Councillor Coombe reported that Cornwall Council had been asked for speed bumps to be installed near Bodriggy Academy, both for the safety of the crossing patrol lady and that of the children. He asked PC Trevorrow if anything could be done about the people parking obstructively near the Beeches and Pathway Fields, but was told that the police can only act if they witness the obstruction at the time. Members agreed that Cornwall Council needed to take parking problems into account when considering planning applications to prevent a worsening of the situation. They also agreed that the issue of parking for schools could be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan and that there was an area of land near Bodriggy Academy which might be utilised for this purpose. PCSO Youngman informed the meeting that Connor Downs School had staggered entry/finish times for pupils, which helped with parking there.

PC Trevorrow confirmed that an alcohol licence to 3.00am had been granted to a nightclub in Hayle, with no objection from the police. He reassured Councillors that the police would be patrolling the area to prevent noise and disorder that might arise. He also suggested that people concerned about noise and other problems regarding the late licence should report them to the police and environmental health should they occur.

Regarding the issue of criminal damage and violent crime PC Trevorrow replied that much of the criminal damage was to cars and that they had been successful in making arrests and getting apologies and financial compensation for the victims and that this crime had reduced significantly, if not disappeared. He said that the violent crime was sometimes domestic and that prosecutions had happened where possible.

The Clerk asked if the police were aware of the problems experienced by a resident of King George V Memorial Walk when she accessed the Walk in her car on a Sunday. Her car bonnet had been hit by a member of the public. Although Hayle Town Council had issued her with a permit for her car she was too anxious to use it. PCSO Youngman replied that he had visited her and had encouraged her to report any problems to the police. He also had no knowledge of who had been placing cones at each end of the walk on Sundays. The Mayor suggested that the fact that King George V Memorial Walk was open for access for residents of properties along the Walk at all times be advertised in the Hayle Pump newsletter.

PC Trevorrow informed the meeting that the police had a Facebook page and asked if Hayle Town Council would publicise this fact. The Council was happy to do this and the Mayor asked him if he would agree to publicise the need for more marshals at the Carnival.

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

403 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 21 NOVEMBER

There was a request to make the following amendment (in italics) to the final sentence of the third to last paragraph of Minute 395 ‘...Members were assured that nothing would happen unless *the Highways Agency and the highways department at Cornwall Council were happy.*’

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 21 November 2013, subject to the above amendment, be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

404 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 21 NOVEMBER 2013

All matters were dealt with on the night of 21 November 2013.

405 CONSULTATIONS

- a) Department for Culture Media & Sport – Consultation on a proposal to use a Legislative Reform Order to make changes to entertainment licensing

It was resolved to note the consultation document and that Councillors would respond personally as individuals.

- b) Cornwall Council – Licensing Act Policy Consultation

It was noted that there was no mention of Hayle in the document and that there was not a major problem with disturbance or crime due to alcohol licensing for Hayle. Members felt that there was nothing fundamentally different in the proposed policy document.

Referring to Agenda Item 12a, which was closely related to this issue, it was reported that town and parish councils were not consulted on licensing applications and that such applications were only advertised in The Packet, which does not cover Hayle. There was a discussion regarding notification and advertising of licensing applications. The Clerk notified the meeting that Hayle Town Council used to be notified, but that this had not been the case since the changes to the licensing laws.

It was resolved that Hayle Town Council respond to the consultation document, saying that it is in general agreement with the principles of the consultation document, but that it feels that town and parish councils should be notified of licensing applications and that relevant local media should be used to advertise forthcoming applications.

406 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

- a) Resource Committee, 10 October 2013

Unfortunately the minutes of the Resource Committee, 10 October 2013 had not been previously circulated so approval was not possible. This agenda item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

407 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor Bennett reported regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. When the Cornwall local plan was reviewed by the group it was discovered that some issues had not been responded to and now certain protections, such as that for areas of great landscape value, were now gone. He said he would notify everyone of the next meeting at a later date. There was a discussion regarding involvement of the public and relevant Cornwall Council officers. Although the public were already welcome to attend meetings, it was felt that before involving greater numbers in a more formal way, it was important to consolidate ideas into possible options for the public to consider.

It was resolved to invite Andy England to a Neighbourhood Plan meeting at an appropriate stage in the process.

Councillor Bennett also reported that he had attended a Cornwall Council planning training session regarding wind and solar landscape development.

The Clerk gave a report regarding CCTV. She said that St Ives Town Council had decided to pull out of the local CCTV scheme and that it was not yet clear whether Cornwall Council would continue to support it financially.

The Clerk also reported that the Beach Access Scheme would be marked out the following day. Bourne Leisure had offered a caravan to the workers and the work was on track. It looked likely that an upstand on the seaward edge of the route and a handrail would almost certainly be necessary. There was a short discussion regarding the material for the handrail, but the Clerk reassured the meeting that the contractor was very experienced with marine projects and would recommend the best material available within budget.

408 ACCOUNTS

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

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2013/2014 as listed on Appendix B.

409 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was reported that Hayle Town Council had been copied in on a letter to Hayle Harbour Trust from Cornwall Council regarding its decision not to be involved with taking on Hayle Harbour.

Councillor Bennett gave a presentation on behalf of Hayle Harbour Trust of its proposal for the takeover and management of Hayle Harbour (see Appendix C).

It was explained that this was one of a group of options which must go before the public in the ING consultation.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Bennett for his presentation on behalf of Hayle Harbour Trust.

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard reported that the contractors who were repairing Footpath 56 at Clifton Terrace had ceased work due to health and safety issues, but that they had been given a deadline to re-start work or alternative contractors would be found.

The email recently received from Cornwall Council regarding the cessation of spraying for weeds was discussed. Councillors agreed that it was important that the Highways Department at Cornwall Council be notified of any problems or issues with the roads due to the growth of weeds, so that they would be liable for any accidents due to their neglect of duty.

Councillors were concerned about the increasing number of responsibilities that had 'come back' to the Town Council from Cornwall Council and it was suggested that a list of these responsibilities be maintained and CALC be approached to encourage other town and parish councils to do the same.

It was resolved to write to Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, copying in George Eustice MP, to inform him how unhappy Hayle Town Council is with the cuts to local councils.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

It was reported that information had been received from Cornwall Council regarding the dilapidations but that costs had not yet been forthcoming. The Clerk said she was very aware that the assets and services should be coming to Hayle Town Council in April and there was a need to look into what was required for going out to tender. She reported that the Town Council was no longer getting the same level of service for the works originally valued at £100,000. Hayle Town Council had so far accepted the figure without knowing the current cost because Cormac/Cornwall Council would not provide the current actual costs. It would, therefore, be necessary to give several options when going out to tender and then consider which to accept based on the money available.

It was agreed that there was a need to get the working party back together to decide on services required, especially as time was pressing. Anyone who wanted to be involved would be welcome, although they would have to be able to meet during daytime working hours. Councillors Farrar and Rance asked to be added to the circulation list.

410 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To consider contacting Cornwall Council to request that Town and Parish Councils are included in the notification list in respect of licensing applications and to query the publicity outlets for such applications – Councillor Polkinghorne to speak on this matter.

This item was covered in Minute 405b.

b) Meetings

05/12/13	7.15p.m.	Full Council	Hayle
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			Community Centre
09/12/13	7.00p.m.	Emergency Planning Group	Hayle Community Centre
11/12/13	6.30p.m. for 7.00p.m.	Councillor's Planning Training FOR ALL HTC CLLRS!	Hayle Community Centre
12/12/13	7.30 p.m.	Resource Committee POSTPONED	Hayle Community Centre
13/12/13	9.00a.m.	South Quay Tour and Ceremony	Salt Bar, Hayle
19/12/13	7.15 p.m.	Full Council Mince pies and sherry! ;-)	Hayle Community Centre
09/01/14	7.15p.m.	Full Council	Hayle Community Centre
16/01/14	7.30 p.m.	Resource Committee	Hayle Community Centre

c) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 19 December 2013

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