



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 5 March 2015 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, R Lello, B Mims and C Polkinghorne

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public wished to speak.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

231 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were none.

232 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Fox, Nannes, Rance and Pollard.

233 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

234 POLICE LIAISON

No member of the local Neighbourhood Beat Team was available to attend however the monthly statistical report had been sent and was circulated.

It was resolved to note the report, see Appendix A.

235 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 19 FEBRUARY 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 19 February 2015 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

236 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 19 FEBRUARY 2015

There was nothing to discuss.

237 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There had been no recent committee meetings.

238 REPORTS OF OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

There were none.

239 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2014/2015 as listed on Appendix B

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2014/15 as listed on Appendix B.

[7.21pm Councillor Lello joined the meeting.]

240 CONSULTATIONS

- a) Cornwall Council: Draft Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document

It was resolved a) to note the documents, b) that pages 22 - 25 inclusive of Annexe 1, Appendix 1 should be circulated to all Councillors and c) that Councillors should respond to the consultation individually.

- b) Cornwall for Change: Local Council Issues Survey

It was resolved to make no comment.

241 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

[7.30pm Councillor Capper joined the meeting.]

It was reported that Footpath 16, on South Quay and around Carnsew Pool, was finally open and already being enjoyed by many walkers. Unfortunately it was also noted that there was already a quantity of dog's mess on the path and there is a lack of bins in the area.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

Concern was expressed that there had been no recent news regarding the installation of the bridge that will link South Quay to Penpol Terrace, particularly since Dave Slatter had finished.

It was resolved to write to the Chief Executive, the Head of Planning of Cornwall Council and the Portfolio Holder, to ask that the Town Council be consulted with and advised on any expenditure of the S106 monies from the development of South Quay, Hayle Harbour, explaining that Councillors are concerned about the management of the money, particularly in view of the fact that Dave Slatter has finished and it was a complicated process which he had been overseeing and leading on.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The Clerk explained that she had met with Andy James, of CORMAC, to further discuss the TUPE conditions, salary etc to assist with the general preparations prior to completing a report for Council to consider. He also undertook to supply quotations for the lease hire of various vehicles and to provide details of costings for the maintenance of the first part of the financial year, given that it was not likely that the transfer of the amenity sites would occur until September 2015. It was hoped that this information would be available for the next scheduled meeting with Cornwall Council officers regarding the transfer.

Concern was expressed about the further deterioration of the Recreation Ground and, in particular, the playground equipment. The Clerk apologised for not placing this matter on to this agenda as requested but she was waiting for feedback from Cornwall Council and CORMAC, explaining that she was aware that the entire site was due for an upgrade in readiness for the transfer. Councillors accepted this but were anxious that the equipment was now not just poor in appearance but there were now also real health and safety issues.

It was resolved to write to CORMAC to ask a) if regular inspections and checks of the play equipment had been carried out, in accordance with the schedules provided and the recommended guidelines, b) that copies of the full risk assessments be provided and reviewed as a matter of urgency and c) that all deficiencies be repaired immediately.

d) Healthcare Issues

There was nothing new to report.

242 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) To discuss the recent finding of the Standards Board in relation to complaints raised by serving Councillors – Councillor Bennett

Councillor Bennett expressed his disappointment and frustration that the Mayor had seen fit to report him and two other Councillors to the Standards Board for participating in a previous debate linked to Hayle Harbour, although they were Members of Hayle Harbour Trust. He felt that the Mayor had been responding to pressure from others and that his complaint had been spurious, unnecessary and a waste of everyone's time, particularly as the complaint had not been upheld. He did not want this action to be repeated, nor that reporting unnecessarily become a 'tit for tat' pattern.

This view point was supported by Councillor Lello, who added that he felt the Mayor had demonstrated poor judgement. He seconded Councillor Bennett's proposal to censure the Mayor from making further unnecessary and inappropriate complaints to the Standards Board.

The Mayor responded to these comments, making it clear that he accepted the decision and had already apologised to all Councillors and officers involved in the process. He explained that he had genuinely felt that the three concerned had been in breach of the Code of Conduct and therefore felt obligated to report the matter, adding that his decision had not been motivated by malice or peer pressure.

Councillor Capper and others supported the Mayor’s right to follow his conscience.

The proposal was lost and the meeting was moved to next business.

- b) To consider the email from Manda Brookman regarding Bee, Green and Well Being related initiatives

Members considered the email and welcomed Manda Brookman’s enthusiasm. It was agreed that the Mayor should promote her forthcoming event on the Town Council’s Facebook pages.

It was resolved to respond to Manda Brookman asking her to come back to the Council with more detailed proposals in order that Members could be better informed to make a judgement.

- c) To consider whether or not to participate in the Rural Community Energy Fund Scheme and, if appropriate to identify potential energy producing projects made (Minute No.195, 22 January 2015 refers)

Members recognised that this was an excellent initiative and the results could really be of benefit to the community. However, they also appreciated that to take forward such a scheme would require a lot of time, commitment and knowledge. Many Councillors felt that they were already stretched in terms of their voluntary involvement with other groups or schemes and hoped that other people in the town would step forward to progress this project. Councillor Mims outlined his ideas for producing hydro powered electricity and stated that he would be keen to be part of a larger group to look into this.

It was resolved that a) the Council supported the scheme whole heartedly, b) the scheme should be promoted on the Town Council’s website and Facebook pages to gauge support from the community and, depending on the feedback, c) facilitate a public meeting, with a member of the Rural Community Energy Fund present, to enlist the support of individuals/community groups that are interested in renewable energy with a view to progress the initiative.

- d) Clerk’s report

The Clerk’s report was tabled and noted.

- e) Meetings

09/03/15	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning Association	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
11 & 12/03/15		Recreation Ground Kiosk Viewings by appointment only	Hayle Recreation Ground

16/03/15	7.00pm	Hayle Chamber of Commerce	PEI
17/03/15	2.00pm	West Cornwall CCTV Management Group	Camborne TC
19/03/15	9.00am	Transfer of Open Spaces Meeting, with CC Officers and HTC Working Party	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
19/03/15	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
26/03/15	7.30pm	Amenity Committee Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
02/04/15	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
09/04/15	7.30pm	Resource Committee Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
16/04/15	7.00pm	Annual Town Electors Meeting Followed by Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

f) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 19 March 2015

Town Mayor.....

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