



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2013

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

PRESENT

Councillor J Ninnes (Mayor)
 Councillors B Capper, G Coad, D Cocks, J Coombe, 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 members of the public were present.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

327 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Mayor asked for volunteers (to arrive at 11.30am to 12 noon) to help with the set up for the Mayor's Sponsored Walk on Sunday 8 September. Volunteer marshals were also requested.

[7.17pm Cllr Lello enters the room.]

Members were also reminded about the informal meeting with Cranford Developments at 7.30pm on 12 September 2013.

Members were asked to make any required changes to their Register of Interest forms and to forward them to the Assistant Clerk as soon as possible.

328 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bennet and Farrar.

329 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

330 POLICE LIAISON

- a) To receive and note the monthly report

The Clerk reported that she had received neither apologies nor report, but that this was probably due to the major changes in police staffing. The Mayor reported that she had had a

meeting with Inspector Jean Phillips who had informed her that Sgt Friday would be replacing Sgt Dobson in covering Hayle.

It was resolved to write a letter from the Mayor to say farewell to Sgt Dobson and to thank him for everything he had done for Hayle.

331 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 11 JULY, 18 JULY, 1 AUGUST AND 15 AUGUST 2013

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meetings 11 July, 18 July, 1 August and 15 August 2013 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

332 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 18 JULY 2013

- a) Parking issues in Cross Street and vicinity

The Mayor passed on a message to Councillor Pollard from a constituent who had asked her to thank him for what he had done regarding adding yellow no parking lines in the area he had been concerned about.

It was agreed that there was a problem with double parking and parking on build outs in the Cross Street, Higher Church Street and St John's Street areas. It was reported that the police had said that there was nothing they could do unless the vehicles were causing an obstruction for traffic. It was felt, however, that although obstruction was not a major issue for traffic, pedestrians were being obliged to walk off the pavement and onto the road and that this was not only dangerous, but also very awkward for people with disabilities.

It was resolved to bring this matter to Sgt Friday's attention and to ask him to watch out for obstructions to pavements which negatively affect pedestrians.

A discussion regarding available parking in Hayle ensued, resulting in a suggestion that it might be possible to provide local residents with parking permits for Hayle car parks. Councillor Pollard agreed to investigate this matter at unitary level.

333 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

- a) Resource Committee, 11 July 2013

Councillor Capper wanted to highlight two issues: (i) the Day Care Centre lunch would be coming up in due course and (ii) they were expecting a presentation from the head of the Tourist Information Centre service regarding possible funding.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Resource Committee meeting 11 July 2013.

334 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

It was announced that a PAROW meeting had been called with a view to establishing its future role given the financial pressures.

335 ACCOUNTS

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

Councillor Coombe remarked that it was very refreshing to see the high level of income from the swimming pool, especially considering that entry was free to local residents on Tuesdays. The Mayor agreed and said that the issuing of free passes had caused a lot of work for the office staff and that they were to be commended for their efforts. It was also reported that many, many happy people had been seen at the pool, some of whom had never been there before because they could not afford it. Councillor Lello proposed thanks to the Mayor as finding a way to reduce the cost for those on low incomes had been her idea.

It was resolved to thank the Mayor.

It was announced that the programme would be reviewed by the Amenities Committee and the outcomes considered to see if other initiatives could be introduced.

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

336 CONSULTATIONS

- a) Cornwall Council Standards Committee's request for comments regarding their review of the Code of Conduct

Although the letter regarding this issue had been addressed to the Clerk, she thought that this matter should be discussed by Councillors.

It was resolved that the Clerk should reply to the letter with the view that Councillors would have liked to have seen a simpler version of the Code of Conduct.

The Clerk said that if anyone wanted to go to the CALC General Meeting for the purpose of a Code of Conduct Consultation they should let her know.

337 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was reported that Peveril Securities now owns South Quay and Foundry Yard, but that the new ownership would have no bearing on the development of the supermarket and that all restrictions on development and the Section 106 conditions had been passed on as obligations, although alternative planning applications can be submitted.

It was resolved to write to ING to ask them to liaise formally and fully with Hayle Town Council, following their failure to notify it regarding the sale of South Quay and Foundry Yard.

It was reported that the Liaison Group had met; Councillor Rance had attended the meeting and said she would forward a report by email to all Councillors. The original seven options for consultation had been whittled down to three or four. Councillors said that the people of Hayle need several options to consider in a full consultation process.

The requirement for ING to complete a full, credible consultation, including due diligence to Cornwall Council's satisfaction, was discussed.

It was resolved to contact Jeremy Content and/or Nicola Stinson at Cornwall Council to ask for clarification regarding due diligence.

There was then a discussion regarding the future viability of the harbour and the consultation process.

Councillor Philp declared an interest before the Council moved to a vote.

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest [and left the room, 8.28pm].

It was resolved to write to Cornwall Council (Harbours Board) to ask it to clarify and confirm whether or not it is prepared to become one of the consultation options regarding the future management of Hayle Harbour.

Councillors Lello, Lyons and Polkinghorne requested that their abstentions in the vote for the resolution be recorded.

[8.40pm Councillors Coombe and Pollard rejoined the meeting.]

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard reported that the repair of the slope on Footpath 56 had started.

Councillor Pollard reported that the issues regarding the build out on Beatrice Terrace were now being dealt with by CORMAC.

He also reported, in response to a letter in that day's Cornishman, that the funding package regarding the Marine Renewables Park was still being arranged.

Councillor Pollard urged Members to attend the consultation meeting regarding Cornwall Council's budget which is to be held in the Frank Johns Centre on 7 October 2013.

Regarding the proposed fire station in Commercial Road Car Park it was reported that Kate Fletcher had raised the issue of flooding. Councillor Pollard reported that he had helped to arrange a meeting between the committee of the Residents' Association and Des Tidbury. Councillor Pollard shared the new plan he had received from Keith Beaumont, which indicated that the recycling bins had been moved closer to the road and the entrance/exit had been slightly enlarged. This plan would be considered by the Planning Department on 20 September 2013.

It was resolved to write to Des Tidbury, copied to Keith Beaumont, to express Hayle Town Council's strong support for the new proposed plan of the fire station and car park.

It was reported that there had been a positive meeting with Simon Jeffries, a representative of the Environment Agency, regarding the Millpond. Councillor Capper's knowledgeable input at the meeting was praised by the Mayor.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to John Mitchell from Cornwall Council, who had informed her that Cornwall Council's original offer to take ownership of the Plantation and Millpond in exchange for Hayle Town Council taking on the other sites in their present condition, was the best offer it could make and wanted to know if HTC was minded to reconsider its position.

There was a general consensus that HTC's position on this issue had not changed and that it continued to reject Cornwall Council's offer.

In response to a query the Clerk stated that Councillors should not initiate conversations with Cornwall Council employees/subcontractors and that this was the job of the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that the kiosk at the Recreation Ground was being subjected to regular bouts of vandalism by local youths and that this vandalism was being reported to the police.

It was resolved that the Clerk instruct a local contractor to resolve the lighting situation at the skate bowl.

338 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To consider Devon County Council's advice note on 'Accommodating wind and solar pv developments in Devon's landscape: guidance on minimising harm to the distinctive character and special qualities of Devon's landscape through sensitive siting and design' and to discuss encouraging Cornwall Council to adopt a similar policy

The advice note was discussed, but Councillors felt that a blanket policy would not be appropriate, preferring that each application be considered on its own merits.

It was resolved to reject the suggestion of recommending the advice note to Cornwall Council.

- b) To note the information supplied by CALC clarifying Code of Conduct issues and to confirm the arrangements for contacting the CALC office

The Clerk clarified that Councillors should not contact CALC as individuals and if they do they would be liable to incur a charge, unless it is agreed with the Clerk prior to the contact and that it regards Council business.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the only people sanctioned to speak with the press and public on Council matters were the Clerk and the Chairman of the Council.

It was resolved to note the information from Sarah Mason.

- c) Meetings

Members were advised that a meetings schedule would be circulated in due course.

- d) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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

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