



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 7 JULY 2016**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 7 July 2016 commencing at 7.17pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor N Farrar (Mayor)

Councillors J Bennett, B Capper, G Coad, D Cocks, I Lawrence, R Lello, B Mims, O Philp, J Pollard, A Rance and B Wills

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

### **7.17PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Paul Pellegrinetti spoke again about graffiti; the poor state of the railway station and the lane leading to it; and seagulls. It was Cornwall Council (CC)'s duty to remove offensive/racist graffiti within 24 hours and other graffiti within 48 hours. Network Rail had accepted responsibility for the railway station and lane.

[7.23pm Cllr Lello joined the meeting.]

Councillor Pollard advised that Alan Hampshire at CC should be contacted regarding the graffiti. It was repeated that ownership of sites with graffiti needed to be taken into account.

### **7.24PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

#### **34 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

The mayor announced that the Hayle Celebration Day on Sunday 3 July had been a great success. It was agreed that letters of thanks and congratulation should be sent to Margaret Tanner and Jeff Turk.

#### **35 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Coombe, Ninnes and Polkinghorne.

#### **36 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

#### **37 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 16 JUNE 2016**

The draft minutes were not available and this agenda item would be added to the next relevant agenda.

**38 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 16 JUNE 2016**

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

**39 POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE LIAISON**

- a) To receive and note the report, if any

Tri-Service Officer Andy Hichens attended and reported on behalf of the police and fire services. (See Appendix A)

Councillor Farrar asked him to pass on thanks to the police for their action regarding Ventonleague Green and the fencing at the Recreation Ground.

The mayor thanked Andy Hichens for presenting his report.

**It was resolved** to discuss agenda item 14 a) iii) at this point in the meeting.

**40 TO CONSIDER THE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM PHILIP RUTTER AND DOUGLAS ELLIS REGARDING PHILLACK CLOSED CHURCHYARD, IN PARTICULAR CORNWALL COUNCIL'S ADOPTION OF THE LIVING CHURCHYARD SCHEME**

The mayor introduced Shirley Thompson who had attended to speak on behalf of the Living Churchyard scheme.

She explained that there were three graveyards, one open at the top of Phillack Church and maintained by the church, and two closed, one around the church and one at Lethlean Lane, both maintained by CC. The Living Churchyard scheme was a nationwide scheme to enhance the beauty of churchyards in a wildlife friendly way. The scheme, which had been introduced in 1992, had lapsed but had been re-instated 18 months previously. Last spring a number of complaints had been received because CC had strimmed off the wild flowers and the scheme organisers had wanted to work with CC to save the flowers. The previous six cuts had been reduced to three and they were trying to make the most of the three cuts. Volunteers had removed excess ivy and brambles and done non-strimming work and last summer had asked for the east end of the churchyard to be left unmown. It was recognised that this had upset people and the same request would not be made again. This year CC had been asked to carry out three complete cuts, but none had been done to date.

Councillors discussed the issue and the main concern regarded the Lethlean Lane cemetery which had only one central pathway. This meant that visitors to graves had to access them through the not inconsiderable undergrowth. It was acknowledged that different people saw the Living Churchyard scheme differently; some found the lack of maintenance disrespectful to the dead, although others loved the wildflowers and would like to be buried in such surroundings. It was of particular concern that no one had consulted the general community regarding participation in the scheme and it was suggested that the views of those with relatives and friends already buried in the graveyards should have greater weight. It was also noted that the town council had received

complaints from several people in the town who visited their relatives' graves on a regular basis and could not access the graves because of the overgrowth. A larger number of complaints was received at Christmas and other days of note such as Mothers' and Fathers' Days.

**It was resolved** that, depending on the cost, Hayle Town Council contribute to one, or possibly more, additional cut/s at the two closed graveyards, and in the meantime maintain pressure on CC to ensure that the three cuts that they had undertaken to carry out per year are indeed carried out.

The mayor thanked Shirley Thompson for attending and giving her presentation.

#### **41 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL**

- a) To receive the report from the Amenities Committee meeting 14 April 2016

**It was resolved** to receive and approve the report so that actions and recommendations could be carried out.

- b) To receive the report from the Hayle Harbour Committee meeting 9 June 2016

The report was not available and this agenda item would be added to the next relevant agenda.

#### **42 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS**

Apologies were offered to those who had turned up on Tuesday for the Man Engine marshal training which did not take place. The organiser from Golden Tree Productions had been ill and the training would be reprogrammed.

#### **43 ACCOUNTS**

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2016/2017 as listed on Appendix B

**It was resolved** to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2016/17 as listed on Appendix B.

#### **44 TO CONSIDER OPTIONS AND TO CONFIRM THIS COUNCIL'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO CORNWALL COUNCIL'S LIBRARY AND ONE STOP SHOP DEVOLUTION PROGRAMME**

It was reported that the town council had been formally asked by CC to declare an interest in running Hayle's library and the one stop shop if it wanted to do so. A declaration would not be binding and the town council would not be committed to anything if it decided to declare an interest.

It was suggested that opinions from the people of Hayle should be sought via a Survey Monkey online survey, which could be advertised in the next edition of Hayle Pump. The contents of such a survey was discussed and it became clear that the first stage should be to find out how much, if anything, Hayle residents would be prepared to pay to keep both services in the town. It was expected that this would cost approximately £30 per band D household per year.

**It was resolved** to express an interest in taking over Hayle's library and one stop shop and as a first stage in the process to carry out a Survey Monkey survey, to be advertised in Hayle Pump.

**45 TO CONFIRM THE EXPENDITURE RELATING TO THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY TECHNIQUE PROPERTY SERVICES LTD ADDITIONAL TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT TO REPLACE SOFFITS AND FASCIAS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Following the resolution under minute A36 of the amenities committee meeting 14 April 2016 to obtain quotations regarding the carrying out of work to the chimney and the resolution under minute 263 of the full council meeting 7 April 2016 to award the contract for soffit, gutter and fascia replacement to Technique Property Services, it became clear as work progressed that it would be both expedient and cost effective to make use of the erected scaffolding and the work force on site to carry out additional and essential maintenance works. Prices were sought from the company for the removal of the chimney stack and re-roofing (£2,952.72) and external redecoration of the exterior masonry (£2,831.00).

**It was resolved** to confirm the extension of the original contract with Technique Property Services to include the additional work to the Hayle Community Centre building using Financial Regulations on contracts, 11.1.a.iv refers, and under Financial Regulations 12.3 to approve contract extension and total additional expenditure of £5,783.72.

**46 TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT UPON THE DRAFT BEACH & DUNE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HARVEY'S TOWANS**

It was noted that several of Councillor Bennett's comments on the original draft plan had been included, although many annoying inaccuracies and errors were still present in the final draft. It was acknowledged that there was useful content in the plan, including guidance on dune planting.

**It was resolved** to write to CC a) to advise that the report they had commissioned CH2M to produce contained a significant number of inaccuracies that should have been corrected before they paid for it; b) to ask that they not put the report into the public domain until it had been corrected; and c) to ask that they meet with representatives of this council to go through and correct the errors.

**47 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was reported that gates were being installed by the Harbour Authority at the end of the road leading to Harvey's Towans to allow for a trial closure of the car park following complaints from residents of Harvey's Towans about night time activities that they found disturbing and threatening.

**It was resolved** to write to Harbourmaster Peter Haddock at Hayle Harbour Authority (Operations) Ltd to object most strongly to the closing off of an established road on the following grounds: it is now a public highway; fishermen drive up it at all times of day and night to assess the state of the bar; it is needed for emergency services access; and it has been freely accessible for at least the last 60 to 70 years and is therefore deemed a public highway.

It was reported that hydraulic actuators had been delivered from the manufacturers and would be installed by Green Envy.

b) Cornwall Council Update

It was reported that a two month consultation with the public regarding the governance review at CC had commenced. The current system of governance was one of an elected leader and cabinet; other systems such as a committee system, or one involving a directly elected mayor could be used. Councillor Pollard reported that he would be hosting seven meetings across Cornwall to explain how things worked. The governance review would feed into the boundary review, with any changes coming into force in 2021.

It was reported that a full report from CC officers regarding the new Lelant one way system had been received. It was noted that there had been exceptionally heavy traffic at half-term and that there was a problem at the Tempest roundabout. More data on traffic going to Hayle, for example to Asda, was needed and more data would be collected over the forthcoming two weeks. Any necessary changes would be made before the school summer holidays and other long term options were being considered.

Councillor Farrar asked Councillor Pollard if anyone had made any enquiries on his behalf regarding the damaged railings at Loggans Moor roundabout and pointed out that Penzance had had a similar issue which had been resolved within six months, whereas the Loggans Moor damage had been in situ for almost six years.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

It was reported that the Recreation Ground had not yet been formally transferred and that the greenhouse on the King George V Memorial Walk was still being repaired.

There was an issue with trees on several sites: before the transfer the trees had been deemed structurally sound on handover inspection, but now on recent inspection were suddenly in need of immediate felling at a cost of £2,500. Trees at Plantation were also reported to be in a similar state. It was considered that this should not be the responsibility of Hayle Town Council due to the unlikelihood that the status of the trees had changed suddenly in a matter of weeks. It was agreed that correspondence regarding this issue be forwarded to Councillor Pollard. It was noted that a meeting with CC officers regarding this issue and the signing off of sites was required.

d) Healthcare Issues Update

There was nothing to report.

**48 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS**

a) Correspondence

- i) To consider the email correspondence and attached letters from Baz Jones regarding the erosion of the footpath at Carnsew Pool

An update on the current situation was provided and it was suggested that strategically placed rocks might reduce the problem of erosion by the movement of water. It was noted that the sluice

gates were designed to keep the water in, not to keep the water out. The landowners and CC were the responsible bodies and CC had a legal duty to maintain the Gold footpaths.

**It was resolved** to note the correspondence.

**It was further resolved** to ensure that Hayle Town Council's contractors CORMAC clear/have cleared the path of vegetation as per the SLA agreement to the legally necessary width and to inform the correspondents thereof.

- ii) To consider the correspondence from Camborne Town Council regarding the Camborne Green Spaces devolution package – Camborne Recreation Ground

It was noted that councillors could complete the petition as individuals if they wanted to.

**It was resolved** to note the correspondence.

- iii) To consider the email correspondence from Martin Wright, Cornwall Council's Commons and Greens Registration Officer, regarding the potential to convert the status of Ventonleague Green to that of a town green under schedule 2 of the Commons Act 2000

Councillors discussed how converting the status of the green would change the responsibilities of the town council. It soon became clear that no one knew what the situation actually was and that it would be necessary to have a meeting with Martin Wright.

**It was resolved** to invite Martin Wright to a meeting with an hoc working group made up of the mayor, the deputy mayor, Councillor Capper, and any other councillor who wished to attend, to clarify the situation and decide how to move forward.

b) Meetings

07/07/16	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
11/07/16	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning Association	Asda
13/07/16		Hayle in Bloom Judging Day	
21/07/16	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
18/07/16	7.30pm	Hayle Chamber of Commerce	PEI
28/07/16	7.30pm	Resource Committee	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
26/07/16	2.30pm	WC CCTV Meeting	Tolvaddon Fire HQ

	TBC	Former Hawkins Motors Site Mtg	
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It was decided that it was not necessary to hold the provisional Hayle Harbour Committee meeting on 14 July 2016.

c) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

**49 TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1c, DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS THAT FOLLOWS**

**It was resolved** to exclude the press and public.

**50 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE AND TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE HAWKINS SITE WORKING PARTY REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO THE SECTION 106 LAND TRANSFER**

A confidential minute is available separately.

**51 TO RE-ADMIT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**It was resolved** to re-admit the press and public.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 21 July 2016

**Town Mayor .....**

**Date .....**