



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2015

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Resource Committee Meeting held at the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, on Thursday 8 October 2015 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors J Bennett, B Capper (Chair), G Coad, J Coombe, N Farrar, J Ninnes, J Pollard and I Lawrence.

Finance Officer D J L Gallie

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

R11 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Rance.

R12 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Bennett, Capper, Coombe and Pollard declared a nonpecuniary interest in Agenda item 4a due to their trusteeship of Harvey's Foundry Trust.

No other declarations or requests were made.

R13 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9 JULY 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting 9 July 2015 be taken as a true and accurate record, subject to approval by Full Council, with the Chairman to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

R14 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND DONATIONS (2nd TRANCHE)

a) Harvey's Foundry Trust

With four members declaring an interest in this item as shown at Minute R12 the Finance Officer advised that the matter would be referred to the full Town Council meeting to be held on 5 November.

b) Cornwall Air Ambulance

It was resolved to make a grant of £50.00.

c) Cruse Bereavement Care

It was resolved to make a grant of £50.00.

Legal Powers

In respect of Minute 14 b and c – Sect. 137 LGA 1972

R15 CORRESPONDENCE

a) To consider and note letters of thanks from recipients of grants

Letters had been received from Hayle Day Care Centre, Home-Start Kernow and MS Merlin Centre.

It was resolved to note receipt.

R16 TO NOTE THE COMPLETION OF THE EXTERNAL ANNUAL AUDIT 2014-2015 BY GRANT THORNTON UK

The Finance Officer advised that the External Audit Certificate for the annual accounts in respect of the above year had been received with two minor advisory notes in relation to the ‘restated’ figures being annotated as such and in respect of the annual review of Financial Regulations and Internal Controls.

It was resolved to note the position and appreciation of staff was expressed in terms of the management of the Council’s finances.

R17 FINANCIAL COMPARISON

The Finance Officer presented a copy of the Expenditure and Income comparisons for the period 1 April to 30 September 2015 and an explanation was provided in respect of income or expenditure headings which were either over or under estimate for the first half of the financial year.

It was resolved to approve and note the financial comparison report for the period shown which now appears as Appendix A to the minutes.

R18 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO BRING FORWARD ITEMS/PROJECTS WHICH MAY HAVE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS ON THE 2016-2017 PRECEPT

a) Website and Computer Upgrades

The Finance Officer advised that there was £7,339 in the IT Reserve account and £1,348 in the Revenue account available to tackle upgrades and Councillor Bennett advised that he would work with the Town Clerk to effect improvements.

It was resolved to proceed as outlined above.

b) Support for the Towans Ranger

The Finance Officer advised that the support for the Ranger was in the sum of £2,500 for the last two years and Councillor Bennett requested that the sum be included in the 2016-17 budget. The Finance Officer advised that its retention would not of course impact on the precept as the money was already in the Revenue account.

It was resolved to retain support for the Towans Ranger.

c) Youth Project Building

Councillors were advised that a verbal approach had been made with regard to the above building (not the Youth Club) and the applicant had been asked to supply a written report and to make a presentation at the Resource precept meeting on 26 November. A figure of £3,000 had been mentioned but there was no detailed information and no amount would therefore be written into the draft budget

It was resolved to proceed as outlined above.

d) Storage Building – Acquisition of Further Road Signage

Although the Council held a considerable number of road signs it was short of a number with particular wording and with the handing back to Cornwall Council of the Frank Johns Centre (the current home for the signs) there was the need to consider the acquisition of a storage building or space.

It was resolved that the issue should be investigated and proposals and costings tabled for consideration.

e) Dog Control Order

Consideration of a Dog Control Order would require the allocation of £2,500 for legal and advertising costs.

It was resolved to write this amount into the budget.

f) Tourist Information Centre – Library

The £5,000 allocated to the TIC could remain in the draft budget but in terms of greater involvement in the library, to be discussed separately by the Council, it was felt that with operational costs at £58,000, Hayle Town Council support would be unlikely. Concern was expressed however with regard to the loss of access to computer enquiry terminals and this aspect of provision would be further investigated.

It was resolved to discuss further within the precept setting process.

g) Designated Reserve Funds

The Finance Officer advised that he intended writing appropriate funds in respect of Open Spaces (Recreation Ground etc) into the draft budget to the order of at least £10,000.

It was resolved to note the position.

R19 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 26 NOVEMBER 2015

The date of the next Resource meeting was set for Thursday 26 November 2015.

The meeting closed 9.10pm.