



## **HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL**

**HARBOUR COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2016**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Hayle Harbour Committee Meeting held at the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway on Thursday 9 June 2016 at 7.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Farrar (Chair)  
Councillors Bennett, Capper, Coad, Coombe, Lawrence, Lello, Mims, Ninnes, Philp, Polkinghorne, Rance and Wills  
Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

Also in attendance Matt Brown and Kevin Bryant of Cornwall Council

**7.38PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

### **HH21 TO ELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE CHAIR**

**It was resolved** to elect Councillor Farrar as Chairman and Councillor Polkinghorne as Deputy Chairman of this committee.

### **HH22 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Cocks and Pollard.

### **HH23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

### **HH24 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF HARBOUR COMMITTEE MEETING 11 FEBRUARY 2016**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Hayle Harbour Committee 11 February 2016 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Chairman signing each page before placing them in the record book.

### **HH25 TO CONSIDER THE DREDGING AND SLUICING STATUS OF THE HARBOUR**

A member reported that the Harbour Master had advised that the tender process to carry out the dredging was underway. It was reported that Simon Wright, of Corinthian Land Ltd, had mooted the idea of employing 2 people and a mechanical dredger for 1 year. At this time, it

was unclear how this would be paid for but it was suggested that some of the pledged £100,000 from Cornwall Council would be used. Reference was made to the Regen South West report which suggested that plough dredging, more suitable for mud, was required and Members were pleased to learn that mechanical dredging, appropriate for sand, was actually being sought.

The first priority was to clear the blockage on the west side of the cockle bank, near the Carnsew sluice gate, with east side of the cockle bank being the next most important area to be dredged.

The fact that a section of wall had collapsed was hindering the process but Members had been assured that the Harbour Master was liaising with a surveyor and pursuing the insurance claim in order to rectify the situation.

Concern was also expressed that the window of opportunity for sluicing was closing. The operation of the sluice gates had been stalled due to a supply issue and the process needs to be reviewed as there was confusion about the number of times and when the gates should be used.

Members expressed deep frustration to the Cornwall Council officers that the entire process was taking too long and that having a clear, navigable channel for harbour users was not only vital in terms of users working and their ability to earn a living but also now of safety. It was also reported that it was now impossible to get service vessels for the Wave Hub and the Renewables Park into the harbour due to the silt. The numerous requests to the harbour owners to address the issue that the harbour was now 3m shallower than it should be seemed not to have been heard.

Members asked that the money pledged by Cornwall Council be released to the owners as a matter of urgency to get the process moving.

It was agreed that the Cornwall Council Officers would meet with Town Council representatives, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Bennett and Lello, as soon as possible to get a detailed understanding of all of the issues and background information about the harbour.

## **HH26 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED TAKEOVER OF THE HARBOUR BY CORNWALL COUNCIL**

There was a lengthy discussion and it was generally agreed that Cornwall Council taking on the operation and management of the harbour would be the best solution for the harbour and town in the long term. Given Cornwall Council's involvement with and/or investment in the Wave Hub, the development of the Marine Renewables Building on North Quay, the potential Enterprise Zone and the World Heritage Status, Members considered that there would be more linked up thinking which would only improve the overall function and co-ordination of activities.

**It was resolved** that the Town Council do all it can to support Cornwall Council by working together and giving further consideration to bringing Hayle Harbour into community or public ownership.

## **HH27 TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE HARBOUR LAND WHICH CORNWALL COUNCIL MAY CHOOSE NOT TO INCLUDE IN THE ARRANGEMENT AT ITEM 6**

**It was resolved** that this Council should a) insist that the S106 and Deed of Undertaking is enforced and b) be party to and fully consulted with on any negotiations that may impact on or change the documents between the owners and Cornwall Council.

**HH28 TO CONSIDER WHETHER HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE A ROLE REGARDING AN APPLICATION TO THE COASTAL COMMUNITY FUND ROUND 4 IN RELATION TO THE HAWKINS BUILDING ON EAST QUAY**

**It was resolved** that this Committee and Hayle Town Council strongly supports this application to the Coastal Communities Fund.

**HH29 TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HARBOUR COMMITTEE – 8 SEPTEMBER 2016**

It was considered that it may be necessary to hold an additional meeting on 14 July 2016 as well as the scheduled meeting on 8 September 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.