



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2014

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Resource Committee Meeting held at the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, on Thursday 9 October 2014 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors J Bennett, B Capper (Chair), G Coad, J Coombe, N Farrar, L Fox (joined meeting 7.36pm) and J Ninnes.

Finance Officer D Gallie

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

R10 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Pollard and Councillor Rance.

R11 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Capper declared an interest in the grant application from Hayle RFC.

R12 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10 JULY 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting 10 July 2014 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.

R13 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND DONATIONS (3rd TRANCHE)

- a) Centenary Drama Group

It was resolved to make a grant of £500.

- b) Hayle RFC Mini-Juniors

Councillor Capper declared an interest and retired from the meeting.

It was resolved to make a grant of £300.

- c) Penwith Volunteer Bureau – Befriending Scheme

It was resolved to make a grant of £200.

It was further resolved that with the grant budget standing at £209.95 at the conclusion of the 2nd Tranche, monies be vired from the Contingency Fund to cover the additional expenditure.

Legal Powers

In respect of Minute R13 a, b & c – Sect. 137 LGA 1972

R14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Letters had been received from Hayle Lawn Tennis Club and CHICKS Respite Care.

It was resolved to note receipt.

R15 TO NOTE THE COMPLETION OF THE EXTERNAL ANNUAL AUDIT 2013-2014 BY GRANT THORNTON UK

The Finance Officer advised that the external audit had been concluded and the accounts had been signed off by the auditor.

Three points had been raised by the auditor relating to a mis-read figure, advice on enhanced Internal Controls and specific mention of the need to state Legal Powers used in spending decisions.

The Finance Officer advised that Financial Regulations were in the process of being updated and the points made by the auditor would be incorporated in the revised document.

It was resolved to note the completion of the annual audit.

R16 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO BRING FORWARD ITEMS/PROJECTS WHICH MAY HAVE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS ON THE 2015-16 PRECEPT

- a) Hayle in Bloom

Councillor Rance had submitted a report which was circulated to members relating to expenditure on Hayle in Bloom, current grant £500 per annum, with a request that the group receive parity with the Christmas Lights Group which receives £1000 per annum.

- b) War Memorial

In response to concern expressed by residents – need to consider the installation of railings or some form of protection for the memorial perimeter to prevent inconsiderate parking – sum to be determined.

Councillor Bennett advised of ‘period railings’ which had been researched in respect of The Passmore Edwards Institute which may provide the opportunity to match any railings used as a permanent solution at the memorial.

c) Former Hawkins Garage Site

In noting that the Amenity Committee had resolved that a public competition should be held to elicit proposals for this site (excluding parking) it was suggested that a sum of £15,000 be allocated with a view to securing matched funding as required.

d) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Bennett advised that there may be the need to set aside funds for a Transport Plan as a necessary adjunct to the Neighbourhood Plan, if there are insufficient monies in the current NP budget, with a suggested sum of £5000.

e) Information Technology Improvements

The Finance Officer advised that the Amenity Committee had drawn attention to the need to upgrade the projector in the Assembly Room and funds were available in the current year IT budget.

f) Return of Amenity Sites and Other Property form Cornwall Council

It was confirmed that the £100,000 in the revenue account would be maintained in the 2015-16 budget.

The initial summary and costings for the current cost of maintaining the sites which had been produced by Cornwall Council in conjunction with the provider, Cormac Solutions Ltd, required clarification and amendment and the decision for Hayle Town Council was either to seek tenders for the future maintenance of the sites or to consider in house management.

In this respect it was agreed that illustrative figures should be obtained from neighbouring councils, eg Penzance, Falmouth, Helston and Truro.

It was resolved that the Finance Officer should produce, as in previous years, core budgets based on existing expenditure heads and that the above proposals be summarised and listed for consideration in the light of their budgetary impact and taking account of the potential for Precept 'capping' by central government.

R17 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 27 NOVEMBER 2014

The date of the next Resource meeting was set for Thursday 27 November 2014.

The meeting closed 8.45pm.