



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2017

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 16 February 2017 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor N Farrar (Mayor)
Councillors J Bennett, B Capper, G Coad, D Cocks, J Coombe, I Lawrence, B Mims,
O Philp, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard, A Rance and B Wills

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Gary Cartmell spoke regarding the development of South Quay. He announced that after the workshop scheduled for 22 February 2017 all subsequent workshops relating to the harbour would be open to the public and would take place in large rooms (such as those at the Passmore Edwards Institute) to accommodate as many people as possible.

James Durrant spoke regarding planning application PA17/00288 on behalf of Riverside Angarrack Residents. He stated that he was not contesting the change of condition 2, but was concerned about the lack of a flood management scheme. He believed additional water from the two new houses would not be displaced from the area and would create a pond behind their houses. Cornwall Council (CC) had been contacted and it was looking at a drainage scheme before condition 6 could be discharged. He asked the town council to support the residents' views (see Appendix C) when it gave its comments to CC.

Some councillors also expressed their concern about the drainage/possible flooding issue at the site and they were reminded that the application on the agenda related only to condition 2 (variation of plans) and that removal of other conditions would be applied for and considered by the town council separately.

Adam Palmer also spoke regarding this planning application and wanted to make it clear that the developers had spent a lot of money researching the site and knew exactly where the adits were. He added that work had not started on the development, but the boundary had been made safe for the public.

7.30PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

199 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

It was announced that Phil Drew had been appointed as Facilities and Contracts Manager.

200 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Lello and Ninnes.

201 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 9a (minute 207a refers) and made the following statement: - ‘In commenting on these applications I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position if the matter is discussed at the Cornwall Council Planning Committee and full information is available.’

Councillor Capper declared an interest in planning application PA17/0288.

202 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 2 FEBRUARY 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 2 February 2017 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

203 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 2 FEBRUARY 2017

All matters raised had been dealt with on the night.

204 CONSULTATION: TO CONSIDER THE SCOPING CONSULTATION LETTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WATER MANAGEMENT APPRAISAL PROJECTS

Councillors considered the consultation letters for both the Copperhouse Water Management Scheme and the Foundry Square Flood Defence Improvement Scheme (see Appendix D).

It was resolved to answer the questions regarding Copperhouse as follows:

1. Yes.
2. Conservation area, WHS area and SSSIs.
3. It should still be able to be used for social/entertainment purposes. Environmentally the town council wants someone to accept that the site is badly silted up. We consider there are two issues: a) a social aspect, and would like to retain water periodically for rowing etc; b) Wilson’s Pool – failure to maintain water has caused the SSSI to fail as a salt bed and it has become a reed bed. The town council would like to press the fact that if the gates had proper bearings they able to operate remotely and this would give opportunity for maintaining water in Wilson’s Pool and sluicing.
4. Other stakeholders include Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee, Hayle in Bloom, Gig Club, Harbour Authority.
5. Yes.

It was resolved to answer the questions regarding Foundry Square as follows:

1. Yes.
2. Same as for 2. above.
3. Very much the same as above, with the addition of an investigation regarding the installation of a Fish Tail Gate for a flood alleviation scheme.
4. Same as for 4. above.
5. Yes.

205 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

- a) To consider the correspondence from John Bennett, Chairman, Hayle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, regarding the proposed Local Green Spaces Policy for the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Bennett explained that the NPSG had had to write to every relevant landowner to seek support regarding the proposed Local Green Spaces Policy, which would help to ensure that important 'green' areas of amenity and recreation space in the neighbourhood plan area would not be at risk from development.

It was resolved to support the proposal regarding the town council's land at Station Hill Gardens.

Councillor Bennett also gave a short update on the current status of the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan and said that it was now in the closing stages. Aecom representatives had received the whole plan positively, not just the four policies identified by CC which had triggered the SEA.

206 HAYLE HARBOUR

- a) To consider the recent correspondence regarding South Quay and to review how this council manages communications, events and meetings relating to all aspects of the development of the harbour
- b) To determine who, if anyone, should represent the town council at the South Quay Workshop 2 and any future events

Items a) and b) were discussed together.

Hayle Town Council (HTC)'s earlier resolution that all councillors be involved in meetings regarding the harbour was referred to, along with Gary Cartmell's reluctance to accept CALC's advice and challenges regarding Sarah Mason's advice.

Councillors agreed that the issue needed to be resolved quickly and were pleased that Gary Cartmell had now agreed to invite everyone (including members of the public) to harbour development workshops, instead of inviting selected councillors (which had led to the original resolution referred to above). The advice from CALC that HTC send representatives to the meetings and workshops, who would report back to council, was considered and accepted by most councillors, although it was recognised that anyone could attend workshops open to the public, as long as they only attended in their personal capacity.

It was also noted that the council had adopted the new Cornwall Local Councils Pre-application Protocol in November 2016 and councillors were reminded that they had to work within the boundaries of the protocol.

Who and how many HTC representatives should be chosen was discussed.

It was resolved that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Coad (as single point of contact for planning), or their designated nominees, attend pre-application meetings regarding the harbour.

207 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA17/00002; PA17/00288; PA17/00159; PA16/10980; PA17/00507; PA17/00531; PA17/00731 and PA17/00768

[8.10 – 8.14pm During consideration and resolution regarding PA17/00288 Councillor Capper left the room.]

[8.16 – 8.18pm Councillor Bennett declared an interest in PA16/10980 and left the room during consideration and resolution.]

For the resolutions on individual planning applications see Appendix A attached.

- b) To note the results of previous applications

There were none.

- c) To consider the correspondence from Richard Jenkins, Senior Planner, Lightsource, regarding the proposal to extend the operational life of the solar farm at Higher Trenhayle from 25 to 30 years

Following a short discussion regarding the improvement in materials and structures and the consequent extension of the operational life of solar panels the proposal was received positively. It was also seen as an opportunity to request additional local benefit, even though the tariff income would not be extended for the additional five years.

It was resolved to support the proposed extension of five years in principle, subject to the receipt of one year's extra financial benefit (commensurate with the previous benefit over ten years).

208 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

No complaints or concerns had been reported to the clerk.

The mayor asked the clerk to chase the repairs to the footpath behind the Penmare, although it was noted that this footpath was not the responsibility of the town council.

In response to a report regarding the potholes on King George V Memorial Walk the clerk reminded members that the town council had already resolved to repair the surface when the weather was more favourable.

Councillor Bennett reported that there was one straight crack across the Beach Access and the clerk advised that the maintenance contractors should be keeping an eye on it.

209 TO AGREE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO NEW VEHICLES BY WAY OF A HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Councillors agreed with the proposals laid out in David Gallie's Report to Council – Acquisition of Vehicles (see Appendix B).

It was resolved to vire £4,000 from Code 513: Payroll to Code 514: Vehicle Hire – Fuel Costs.

It was resolved that on receipt of advice regarding administration of the VAT, the town council's office staff can proceed with the best option without further recourse to the council, but clearly within the new budget total of £9,000.

Thanks were offered to Councillor Cocks for his work on the issue.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 2 March 2017

Town Mayor

Date