



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 16 March 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, B Mims, J Ninnes, O Philp, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard, A Rance and B Wills

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

### **7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

John Eaton spoke on behalf of David and Susan Whitehead in support of their planning application PA17/01688. He asked for the continued support of the town council for this revised application which introduced a pedestrian access link through the garden to Commercial Road. (See Appendix B)

[7.16pm Councillor Coad joined the meeting.]

Susan Rowe of Sandy Lodge, Sandyacres spoke in objection to the revised planning application PA16/11615 regarding the site at 2 Sandyacres. Her concerns had not been allayed and the proposed development represented a gross overdevelopment of site and the revised plans including one storey bungalows were vague. There was no outside amenity space and inadequate parking provision. (See Appendix C)

Susan Preston of 4 Sandyacres spoke objecting to the same application. She added that footpath access was blind at 2 Sandyacres and asked councillors to consider this a safety concern.

Chris Fine, also a resident of Sandyacres, objected. In addition to the concerns of the previous speakers he objected to the loss of privacy the new buildings would create as some of their windows would directly overlook a bedroom and his garden. He was also concerned about loss of light, which was difficult to assess in the light of the vague plans available. (See Appendix D)

Harry Blakeley spoke regarding the £3,000 collected by the public on a hospital march in August 2006. He wanted to know if the money was still in the town council's bank account. He was informed that the money had been vired to a different ledger although it remained within 'health related issues'. The clerk agreed to email Mr Blakeley with the exact details.

Mick Roberts introduced himself as the planning consultant for the Loggans Road planning application (PA17/01250). He had previously attended a town council meeting and was returning with revised plans. His application was accompanied by all the necessary consultee statements, none of which revealed any impediments to the development. S106 agreements for educational contributions had also been submitted, as well as 30% affordable housing. He added that no access to the Mill was sought and pointed out that the Heritage Statement found that the development would have no impact on the World Heritage Site. He dismissed the emerging Hayle Neighbourhood Plan being an impediment to the development and said he looked to receive support from the council.

## **7.31PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

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

Councillors were asked to attend at 6.30pm on 20 April 2017, before the start of the full council meeting, so that a council photograph could be taken, subject to a booking with the photographer.

It was announced that Annual Council would be held on 18 May 2017.

Everyone was reminded that if they were standing for election their nomination papers needed to be hand delivered on 24 or 29 March at Cornwall Council (CC)'s offices in Camborne, although a slot could be booked on an alternative date if arranged in advance.

### **223 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Lawrence and Lello.

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

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 10a (minute 231a 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.'

Councillors Ninnes and Farrar declared an interest in planning application PA17/01863 and Councillor Coombe declared that he was a governor of Hayle Community School (agenda item 7, minute 228).

### **225 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 2 MARCH 2017**

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

### **226 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 2 MARCH 2017**

No matters had been raised.

## 227 FLOODING ISSUES

- a) To receive a presentation from Amy Pearce of the Environment Agency regarding the draft Emergency Plan

The mayor introduced Amy Pearce and she gave her presentation.

She said that she had been working with members of the community and Councillor Capper to draft the Hayle Emergency Plan and had come to ask the town council if it would adopt the plan and if a few councillors would volunteer as coordinators and wardens. When they were ready to move forward, wardens would be recruited from the community and training would be delivered. A small grant of £250 was available from CC for anything related to the Emergency Plan, for example leaflets.

She wanted a small group to review the draft plan and pointed out that anything in red still needed to be worked on. She clarified that she wanted to recruit wardens in the next eight weeks and that money left over from the pathfinder project would be given to communities for the Emergency Plan.

In response to comments and questions from councillors Amy Pearce confirmed that the plan had initially related only to flooding emergencies, but had evolved to cover all sorts of emergencies and disasters. The emergency services at CC were aware and fully supportive of these types of plan and had agreed to provide some of the necessary training. The plan aimed to coordinate local volunteers and wardens who would inform the public of local emergencies to avoid panic and maintain safety. It was not the aim of such plans to enable or require members of the public to carry out rescues or other dangerous actions. In order to improve the current draft she was seeking help from town councillors and other local volunteers. Once finalised the draft plan would be reviewed by Arthur Roberts (from CC).

It was noted that the Hayle Emergency Plan would sit alongside the Cornwall Emergency Plan.

Amy Pearce reiterated that she would like the town council to adopt the plan so that it would not be subject to the dissolution/failure of a non-statutory local group.

Councillors Capper, Cocks, Coombe, Polkinghorne and Rance volunteered to help Amy with the draft Hayle Emergency Plan.

**It was resolved** to adopt the Hayle Emergency Plan in principle.

The mayor thanked Amy Pearce for attending the meeting.

- b) To consider and discuss the report and responses of town council representatives who attended the Environment Agency meeting on 24 February 2017 regarding flood defence requirements in the Foundry area

Councillors discussed the schemes presented by the Environment Agency (EA) and it was noted that the town council representatives who had attended the meeting had suggested additional schemes. It was noted that Greg Kerry had agreed to come and talk to the town

council in due course and that he had raised the very expensive nature of some of the proposed schemes.

The aim of the schemes was to protect a number of properties and their surrounding areas at high risk of flooding. Attendees reported that many practical issues had been discussed at the meeting but there had been no consensus in the room and a report was expected.

It was noted that both South and North Quay developments had been built taking flooding into account. It was also suggested that the town council should encourage the EA to focus on everyday actions that could be carried out to prevent flooding and not just on larger schemes.

It was also noted that Footpath 16 at Carnsew was in a very poor state. Properties at Carnsew Meadow had not been included in the discussions as it was considered that only the gardens and not the buildings at this site would be subject to flooding.

**It was resolved** to note the report. (Available from the town council offices.)

The clerk agreed to invite Greg Kerry to a future town council meeting.

- c) To consider the call for action by the Cornwall Community Flood Forum following the launch of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environment Management (CIWEM)'s report 'A Place for SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems)?' taking into account the official response from Dr Therese Coffey MP, Minister responsible for this policy area

**It was resolved** to support the call for action by the Cornwall Community Flood Forum to write to George Eustice MP to help reinforce the importance of the report's findings and recommendations.

## **228 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM MR ANDREW MARTIN, HAYLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER, REGARDING THE PROPOSED HAYLE COMMUNITY LEISURE HUB**

The mayor introduced Andrew Martin.

Andrew Martin thanked the town council for allowing him to speak. He reminded councillors that in 2014 planning permission for a sports hub had been granted, but that since then the proposal had been reconsidered and he and Jason Hurr (chair of governors) were now looking to generate a sports hub for the whole community not just the school. It had been proposed that it would be called the Hayle CHASE (Community, Health, Activity, Sport, Enterprise) Centre. Chris Brown-Bolton had been appointed as coordinator and was raising the profile of the project in the local community. They were now trying to build a strong business case with the help of Cornwall Sports Partnership and needed to access pots of money, which they hoped would come from Sports England and other social enterprise groups. The hub would become a significant employer, would also drive improvement in the lives of students in the local community (39% of pupils at Hayle Community School were classed as disadvantaged by the Department for Education, which was the highest percentage in Cornwall) and provide courses for adults and students. Mr Martin concluded by saying that he was looking for support, including financial, from the town council so that finances could be obtained from funding groups. He added that he would be happy to give a fuller presentation later in the year.

Councillors explained to Mr Martin that it was the town council that had coordinated the initial meetings for a sports facility with the help of Sergeant Mike Friday. The town council had chaired many of the meetings, which included representatives of all local schools and other organisations. The Hayle Community School latterly took control of these meetings as it became clear that the community sports hub would be situated within the school grounds. At that time the town council had ring fenced £3,000 which had not been claimed. The clerk advised that this money was still potentially available. Mr Martin was informed that the town council's future involvement and any financial contribution would need to be considered by the new council after the elections in May.

**It was resolved** to continue to support this project wholeheartedly.

It was noted that Councillor Coad would hand over the running of the Facebook page he had set up for the sports hub project to someone at the school. It was also noted that Cornwall Sports Partnership and CC had been involved in bidding for national grant funding.

The clerk agreed to put the request for money on a future agenda.

**229 CONSULTATION REGARDING THE OPEN SPACE STRATEGY FOR CORNWALL: TO CONSIDER THE UPDATED SUMMARY AND RELEVANT MAPPING FOR HAYLE AND TO PROVIDE CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS AS NECESSARY**

A discussion of the open space strategy took place and the first point that arose was that the strategy did not take into account the safety/practical issues faced by children who wanted to access play areas. It was pointed out that 'as the crow flies' was not an acceptable way of measuring accessibility, but that it was the number/type of roads to be crossed and the ages of the children that needed to be taken into account.

It was noted that there was open space provision at Kernick Way, but that the facilities there were limited and that a swing had been removed to Millpond Gardens on the grounds that people from Loggans could walk to the Recreation Ground and, therefore, allegedly did not need it. Once again this did not take true (safe/practical) accessibility into account. It was also pointed out that this 'increase' at the Millpond did not help communities further west (for example Ash Drive or Trelissick Fields) or younger children.

Councillors also agreed that the important issue was maintenance to the highest grade of what was already in place, not consolidation. Every open space in Hayle needed to be maintained, no matter how small.

It was pointed out that the Viaduct Hill/Trevassack and Rugby Club areas in the blue shaded areas on the map were no longer appropriate play areas as development had taken place, or was about to take place in these areas.

**It was resolved** to reply as follows: Hayle Town Council is pleased to be asked for comments, but considers it ridiculous to measure accessibility in the terms laid out in the strategy; it is important to consider accessibility in terms of safety/practicality and not just in distance (especially 'as the crow flies'). The town council is also of the opinion that play areas and equipment should not be consolidated, but should be maintained to the highest standard. It also

wishes to point out that the removal of equipment from other areas of the town to the Millpond does not help communities further west (for example Ash Drive or Trelissick Fields) or younger children. The town council also wishes to highlight that the Viaduct Hill/Trevassack and Rugby Club areas in the blue shaded areas on the map should not be so shaded because development has either taken place, or is about to take place in these areas.

### **230 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

It was reported that Councillor Bennett had contacted Aecom that day, but that they had had no responses yet on the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

### **231 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA17/00790; PA16/11615; PA17/01623; PA17/01462; PA17/01551; PA17/01619; PA17/01688; PA17/01863; PA17/01250 and PA17/01775

[8.50pm – 8.51pm During the discussion and vote regarding PA17/01623 Councillor Farrar declared an interest and left the room. Councillor Polkinghorne assumed the chair during his absence.]

[9.05pm – 9.06pm During the discussion and vote regarding PA17/01863 Councillors Ninnes and Farrar declared an interest and left the room. Councillor Polkinghorne assumed the chair during Councillor Farrar's absence.]

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

- b) To note the results of previous applications

There were none.

- c) To further consider the correspondence from Amy Crisp, Design Coordinator, Kier Living Ltd, regarding name suggestions for the new residential development at Land off Viaduct Hill, Hayle, bearing in mind that field name suggestions have been allocated to the Bovis Homes development off Trevassack Hill

**It was resolved** to suggest, in addition to a street named after Richard Horwell, a street named after Brian Sullivan, a recently deceased local historian who did a lot to promote Hayle nationwide, and the street at the Football Club end of the development named after the Lello family who farmed the area.

### **232 FOOTPATHS**

- a) Maintenance Update

The clerk advised that the latest Local Maintenance Partnership paperwork had been received.

Problems with Footpath 16 had been reported to the clerk as a major concern, but she reminded councillors that it was in Corinthian Land's ownership and therefore their responsibility. She added that the town council had received £13,000 to support footpaths in area, but questioned whether it would be appropriate to spend public money on private land.

Councillor Bennett reported that the land up to the very edges of Footpath 32 from Riviere Farm between the fields and across to Mexico Towans had been ploughed by the local farmer with the result that effectively no footpath remained. It was possible to walk it, but only if there had not been recent rain. Also, the signpost from Mexico was barely visible and the area needed to be cleared. The clerk advised that footpath cuts would commence in May.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 6 April 2017

**Town Mayor .....**

**Date .....**