



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2017

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 1 June 2017 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor N Farrar (Mayor)
Councillors S Benney, H Blakeley, G Coad, P Channon, D Cocks, P Nidds,
C Polkinghorne, A Rance and B Wills

Assistant Town Clerk Karen Smith

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

7.15 PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The mayor announced that training sessions provided by CALC were available and if anyone wanted to attend a session they should get in touch with the assistant town clerk by 15 June.

Congratulations were offered to Councillors Harry Blakeley and Peter Channon, who had been co-opted onto the council at the previous evening's special council meeting. It was noted that Councillor Andrew Roden had also been co-opted that night, but had been unable to attend this meeting.

12 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Capper, Mims, Pollard, Roden and Townend.

13 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 18 MAY 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting 18 May 2017 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

It was noted that Andy Hichens was expected to attend the meeting for Agenda item 5a), but was still out on a shout and it was decided to defer Agenda item 5a) until he was present.

15 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were none.

16 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

The mayor reported that he had attended the 20th anniversary celebrations for the Hayle Twinning Association the previous week. Everyone had visited the new pétanque court and had enjoyed a meal together in the evening. He announced that he would not be able to go to the reciprocal celebrations in Pordic on the August Bank Holiday weekend, but that a representative of the town council should attend and he would pay costs out of the mayor's allowance. The deputy mayor provisionally agreed to go if his diary would allow it and agreed to inform the mayor if he and the deputy mayoress could attend. Anyone else who wanted to go was asked to contact the mayor, in case the deputy mayor could not attend.

Councillor Polkinghorne reported that the War Memorial Working Party had stopped work during the election, but that the clerk had in the meantime received a reply from Mike Peters which had addressed some of their questions, but that they were still waiting for more answers before they could proceed any further.

Councillor Cocks took the opportunity to ask about the current situation regarding the former Hawkins site and was informed that the final draft of the Section 106 legal agreement had been approved by members of the town council's working party and that the final documents would probably be on their way in the very near future. Councillor Cocks also passed on complaints about the state of the old toilets owned by Cornwall Council (CC) and it was agreed to put a proposal to write an angry letter to CC asking them to improve the state of the toilets so that they could be sold or possibly handed over to the town council on a future agenda.

Councillor Benney reported that he had attended his first Hayle Chamber of Commerce meeting. He reported that the chamber had thanked Councillor Coad for attending as Hayle Town Council (HTC)'s representative during the previous year. Only three people had attended the meeting, when it had been decided to promote the Town Takeover Club breakfast the following Wednesday morning. Another chamber member had complained about the state of the Millpond, criticising the town council's management of it.

17 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2016/2017 as listed on Appendix B

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2016/17 as listed on Appendix B.

18 TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWO ADDITIONAL CCTV CAMERAS FOR THE TOWN (FUNDS HELD IN EARMARKED RESERVES)

It was resolved to approve the expenditure for the two additional CCTV cameras for the town.

It was also resolved to offer a vote of thanks to the clerk for all her work on the CCTV project.

19 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a) Hayle Harbour Update

Councillor Coad reported that plans for South Quay, including those for the bridge over Penpol Creek, had been submitted to CC after a long consultation process. It was noted that HTC wanted to ensure that the bridge was constructed first, before any other development work was started and so it needed to press for this when the planning application came before it for comment. It was noted that the Section 106 had specified no time condition for building the bridge and the town council needed to make representations beforehand and ensure that it never allowed this sort of omission to happen again.

Councillor Rance reported that Save Our Sands was applying for a grant so that the actuators could finish the work regarding the sluiceway operations.

20 HAYLE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY STATION REPORT

a) To receive and note the report, if any

Tri-Service Officer Andy Hichens attended and introduced Richard and Adam who were on call firefighters at Bude and Liskeard and were training to see how the tri-service officer role fitted into the tri-service station.

He then presented the report (see Appendix A).

In addition he reported that the police were working with the harbourmaster and other agencies to deal with beach parties and it was noted that an illegal rave had been prevented.

Officer Hichens thanked HTC for its continued support in the last 2 ½ years and offered to answer questions from councillors.

The mayor reported that he had attended the passing out presentation and that Hayle was proud of the success of the tri-service building and the tri-service role and congratulated everyone involved.

In response to a question Officer Hichens reported that firefighters had been called to a fire in a garage but that no culprit had yet been found although the modus operandi pointed to the culprit of the recent incident at the Spar shop. There had also been a number of secondary bin/grass fires in the towans over the previous few months, but none had been serious and were likely to have been caused by different people. It was likely that the culprits were local young adults and Officer Hichens encouraged everyone to be vigilant and report incidents to the police.

In response to a question regarding the antisocial behaviour/squatting at the former Millpond nursing home Officer Hichens reported that the youngest had been 7 years old with the majority being 13 – 16 years old. Names of 19 of them were known and they had all been spoken to individually with their parents.

Problem parking at the War Memorial and Chapel Hill was raised and Officer Hichens replied that the police did not have a lot of powers to deal with it unless a parked vehicle was either

dangerously parked or prevented exit from property. He said he would feed back to the neighbourhood team and would P & C check the vehicles and speak to the owners.

Officer Hichens stated that the police and a wide network of agencies would visit schools to warn against anti-social behaviour, but he also thought one of the problems was lack of parenting.

In response to a councillor who queried what the police could do about mobile phone usage by drivers whilst they were ferrying their children to and from school, especially in the High Lanes area, Officer Hichens stated that the police could take action but only if a witness statement was corroborated by that of a respected member of the public, such as a councillor, and that witnesses should take the number plate of offenders. He also said that he would be happy to go into the school to let them know that the issue had been raised at the council meeting. He added that even police officers needed another witness to corroborate their evidence.

The mayor thanked Tri-Service Officer Hichens for attending the meeting.

21 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (continued from Minute 19 above)

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Coad reported that the business of CC had been run seamlessly by its officers throughout the elections, but the political work had stalled until a new cabinet and committee members were chosen. It was expected that it would be business as usual in the very near future.

He looked forward to getting involved with more issues concerning Hayle that he had now become aware of.

There was a short discussion regarding the barriers at the bottom of Penpol Terrace preventing people running onto the road from under the Viaduct and it was suggested that an additional barrier be installed, but it was noted that the barriers had been installed to stop people coming onto the roundabout and where they were crossing now it was possible for cars to stop.

Councillor Coad also reported that he had been put forward for the sea fisheries and strategic planning committees but his appointment had not been confirmed.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

There was nothing new to report.

21 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) Correspondence

- i) To consider the email correspondence from Philip Rutter regarding the request from the Ventonleague Methodist Church Council to relocate the war memorial tablet from Ventonleague Methodist Church to Ventonleague Village Green**

Councillor Polkinghorne informed members that after World War I many war memorials had been placed in different localities in the town and that they should have all been registered with the War Memorials Trust, but that the one under discussion had not been officially listed although it was

mentioned on the register. He explained that the War Memorials Trust had to be involved if any memorials were to be moved and so the Ventonleague Methodist Church would have to approach the Trust to obtain the necessary permission. It was noted that there were seven or eight local memorials on the register and that in the past such small memorials had usually been combined into one big war memorial in an area. HTC would be able to support the removal of the war memorial, but did not have the power to sanction its removal and unfortunately did not have the resources to pay for its removal and relocation.

During the discussion that followed it was clarified that the names of those on the Ventonleague memorial were included on the main Hayle war memorial.

It was suggested that the war memorial plaque could be given to the Hayle Heritage Centre, following approval by the War Memorials Trust. Alternatively the memorial could remain on the church even if it was sold and developed. It was also noted that if the plaque was relocated to the green it would have to be protected from vandalism and the responsibility for this would then fall to the town council.

It was resolved to write to Mr Rutter, explaining the situation regarding the War Memorials Trust's rules and reminding him that the names on the Ventonleague war memorial plaque are included on the main War Memorial in the town.

- ii) To consider the correspondence from NHS England regarding the application from Boots UK Limited to relocate the 44-46 Fore Street branch of Boots to Unit E West Cornwall Retail Park, Hayle

It was noted that the information provided was difficult to discuss logically as the application from Boots regarded only the transfer of hours from the Fore Street branch to West Cornwall Retail Park (WCRP), but it and the letter from NHS England made reference to the closure of the Foundry (Penpol Terrace) branch and the subsequent transfer of its hours to the Fore Street branch and it was in fact this closure that would have a major impact on patients/pharmacy users and the objection to the application before the council could only be on the loss of hours at WCRP. The subsequent discussion regarding the accessibility between Fore Street and WCRP reflected the current situation and could only be worse for current users of the Foundry branch (which was even further from WCRP).

During the discussion regarding this item it became clear that the application, which focussed on the relocation of contract hours from the Fore Street branch of Boots to the WCRP thereby reducing its current 100 hours to 69 (40 contract and 29 supplementary) hours, also mentioned a proposed application to close the Foundry (Penpol Terrace) branch and move its 40 hours to the Fore Street branch, and it was in fact this proposal that was a major additional concern. Councillors disputed the claim that people could easily access the store at the WCRP if not driving or using public transport; what was not included in the application's description of the route between Fore Street and the WCRP was the fact that the obligatory use of the footbridge over the A30, for those not in cars or on buses, was not accessible for people with some disabilities.

It was also noted that the Fore Street branch did not have level access and therefore was not suitable for people with some disabilities. (It was also noted that currently that branch's automatic door button was faulty.)

The approximate 17 minute walk between locations was disputed by councillors who felt that even a fit person would struggle to walk the distance in that time and it did not take slower, less able people into account.

Although it was noted that when the Foundry branch closed the Bodriggy Surgery pharmacy would be accessible for some of its customers, councillors felt it was important to point out that people in the Mellanear area of town would have a very long way to walk to a pharmacy. The WCRP was nowhere near as accessible for Hayle residents without their own transport as the branches at Fore Street and Foundry for those in the east and the west of the town respectively and the retention of these two in-town branches was vital. The Bodriggy Surgery pharmacy was not an accessible alternative to the Foundry branch for all residents in the west of the town.

It was also noted that the branch at Foundry brought shoppers to other shops in Foundry and that they might lose business if the Foundry branch were to close.

It was resolved to object strongly to the proposed relocation application on the grounds that it would lead to fewer opening hours at the West Cornwall Retail Park branch and significantly less accessibility for some patients if it enabled the closure of the Foundry (Penpol Terrace) branch, for the reasons outlined above.

b) Meetings

01/06/17	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
08/06/17		National Elections	
08/06/17	Postponed	Hayle Harbour Committee	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
14/06/17	1.00pm	Library Working Party Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
15/06/17	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
22/06/17	7.30pm TBC	Amenities Committee	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
24/06/17	11.00am	Swimming Pool Opening (FYI)	Hayle Outdoor Swimming Pool
06/07/17	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
19/06/17	7.30pm	Hayle Chamber of Commerce	PEI
12/07/17	2.00pm	Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee	PEI
19/7/17	10.00am	Towans Partnership	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
26/7/17	6.00pm	Harvey's Foundry Trust	John Harvey House

Councillors were told that they would be informed if the Amenities Committee meeting scheduled for 22 June would take place.

c) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 15 June 2017

Town Mayor

Date