



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 20 April 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, R Lello, B Mims, J Ninnes, O Philp, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard, A Rance and B Wills

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Paul Richards, who farms at Castle Kayle and lives adjacent to the nearby solar farm, spoke regarding his objection to planning application PA17/2396 for extension of time for the Higher Trenhayle solar farm and gave a summary of the current situation. He said that glare from the panels and noise from the inverters had had a negative stressful effect on his family and other neighbours. He also stated that he wanted to see a reinstatement plan for the site when the solar farm was no longer in operation, and was particularly concerned about the several hundreds of tonnes of soil that had been removed from the site when the farm had been installed. He confirmed that he would object to the farm regardless of any reduction in noise because he had to look at it every day.

The clerk reminded councillors that at a previous meeting they had resolved to support the farm's extension application in principle and had asked for a financial contribution for the local community should the extension go ahead and that TGC Solar 102 Ltd had agreed to provide a contribution.

Karen Howey, a resident of the former vicarage at Harbour View, spoke in objection to planning application PA17/02388 regarding land at Harbour View. She informed councillors that the green haven that had been in front of her house had already been cleared and that she did not think the two houses planned would be appropriate for the site. She said that near neighbours had not been informed of the planning application, although a sign had been erected that day. Parking was very tight and the plans appeared to take the two spaces that existing residents had been parking in for at least 20 years (it was later clarified that DCH had owned the parking area and had sold it to the developer). There was no other access to parking, except on the lane leading up to their houses. The proposed dwellings would take light from neighbouring houses and views would be affected. She added that she thought the land was in a conservation area and was part of the World Heritage Site.

It was noted that Cornwall Council (CC) had made an error regarding the application and that the original deadline for comments had been extended.

Iris Emberson spoke as a trustee representing the Foundry Under 5s regarding the same planning application. She wanted to know if the developers would put up retaining walls to make the high drop safe and to prevent the earth crumbling. She was informed that there was a legal obligation under the Party Wall Act for the developers to contact neighbours who shared a party wall and that although this had been recognized it would be useful for councillors to mention the need for a retaining wall in their comments following formal discussion of the application later in the meeting.

There was also some concern expressed that the area by the garages would escalate into a building project.

Jo Bateson of 5 Harbour View reported that when DCH had owned the land there had been planning permission for one small bungalow, which had now altered to one for two large houses, with three parking spaces between them.

Rachel Rodda, from a local farming family, apologized for being late and spoke regarding the planning application for the extension to the solar farm. She invited councillors to come to see her working farm so that they could see for themselves the type of farm that was disappearing and what needed to be protected. She re-iterated what Mr Richards had said, reinforcing that the glare and noise from the solar farm were causing harm to nearby residents. She asked councillors to consider this during their discussion of the application and asked them not to approve the extension. She added that she was aware that noise pollution had been taken into account by CC regarding other solar farms.

7.32PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

245 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no announcements.

246 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

All councillors were present.

247 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 9a (minute 252a 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 Farrar declared an interest in agenda item 6 and said he would leave the room during the discussion and vote.

248 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 6 APRIL 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 6 April 2017 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

249 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 6 APRIL 2017

No members of the public had been present.

250 TO SELECT THE CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL THE REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AT THE RECREATION GROUND KIOSK AND THE SWIMMING POOL

[7.34pm Councillor Farrar left the room during the discussion and Councillor Polkinghorne assumed the chair.]

The clerk explained that Councillor Farrar had left the room because the contract under discussion was in his line of work. He had not participated in the tender process and after further advice had also agreed that he should not participate in the discussion.

A short report by the new facilities and contracts manager regarding the quotations received was tabled.

[7.35pm Councillor Ninnes declared an interest and left the room when she discovered that Pro Line was one of the companies that had provided a quotation.]

It was reported that the facilities and contracts manager had recommended accepting the lowest quotation, which was from a well-known and respected local company.

It was resolved to accept the lowest quotation, which had been supplied by Pro-Line Window Company.

[7.38pm Councillors Ninnes and Farrar re-joined the meeting and Councillor Farrar resumed the chair.]

251 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Bennett reminded the clerk that he was willing to stand as chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group again following the elections, when he would no longer be a town councillor. She explained that committee members and representatives on other bodies would probably be decided at the full council meeting on 25 May 2017.

252 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA17/02388; PA17/02604; PA17/02633; PA17/02396; PA17/02240; PA17/03106; PA17/02803; PA17/02186; PA17/02422 and PA17/02729

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

- b) To note the results of previous applications

It was resolved to note the results of previous applications.

253 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

The clerk reported that there had been no complaints regarding footpaths and that maintenance by the contractor would begin in May.

Councillor Bennett asked if a name sign for the Jubilee Path (in English, with a Cornish equivalent underneath) could be ordered and installed.

Councillor Coombe reported that CC's Toby Lowe had visited Footpath 16 at Carnsew and had informed him that action would be taken: CC would send a letter to the harbour owners informing them that they must repair the footpath. He was informed that at the recent Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee meeting the harbourmaster had made it clear that the harbour company had no money to carry out repairs to the footpath.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 25 May 2017

Town Mayor

Date