



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2017

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 2 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, R Lello, B Mims, J Nines, O Philp, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard and A Rance

Clerk David Gallie

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Rev Samuel Marsden informed the meeting that the homework club in the library had been operating since October half term last year and that at last more pupils were attending. He thanked the town council for its support.

[7.16pm Councillor Capper joined the meeting.]

Rev Marsden announced that there would be a 'Hayle Clean-up Day' on 14 May 2017. There would be a morning session from 10.00am to 12.30pm, then a party with refreshments to 1.30pm, then an afternoon session. He had contacted 20 organisations and had received some positive responses. He had also been in contact with Network Rail regarding a clean-up around the bridge. The event had its own logo. It would also have an educational purpose and this included installing notices at local food outlets about what to do with litter from food purchased. He thanked councillors and Caroline in the clerk's office for informing him of the Clean Cornwall Group (CCG), which would arrange to get rid of the collected rubbish. He was informed that the town council was not able to insure third parties and he then asked for help to complete the CCG risk assessment and Councillor Capper agreed to assist. Finally he mentioned that baseball caps were being produced for the youngsters as a reminder of the day and the importance of keeping the town free from litter.

The mayor commended Rev Marsden for his actions.

7.23 PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

187 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were none.

188 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Wills.

189 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

190 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 19 JANUARY 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 19 January 2017 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

191 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 19 JANUARY 2017

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

192 HAYLE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY STATION REPORT

- a) To receive and note the report, if any

No report had been received.

193 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were none.

194 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor Bennett announced that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) meeting had been postponed from 3 February to 6 February 2017.

Councillor Capper reported that he and Councillor Farrar had attended Andrew George's seminar about community housing. He said that the speakers had been good and that the meeting had been well attended. There had been a discussion regarding Community Land Trusts and the presentations would be emailed to attendees. He relayed the fact that in the previous year Cornwall Council (CC) had built 1,000 houses (the third highest number of houses built by a local authority in the country), 82% of which had gone to local families. Exception sites had been discussed and the housing development manager from CC had said he might be able to do something regarding exception sites for Hayle's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and Councillor Capper said he would invite him to attend a NPSG meeting.

195 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.

196 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a) Hayle Harbour Update

[7.28pm Councillor Lello joined the meeting.]

It was reported that the rebuilding of the harbour wall at ASDA was progressing.

Councillor Pollard reported that CC's Cabinet had approved a series of recommendations regarding the future of the harbour (see Appendix A). Two main options were on the table: a) the potential acquisition of the Hayle Harbour Authority or b) the potential to financially support the Hayle Harbour development by loaning money. He said that all bodies involved had been fully supportive.

Councillors were advised that a CC webcast was available of an all member briefing from Andy Brigden regarding the management of harbours.

b) Cornwall Council Update

Regarding Loggan's Mill Councillor Pollard reported that there had been some progress and that grants were available to housing associations for renovation for housing purposes. There was a need to survey the building, but the scaffolding was now not suitable for surveying and a crane would have to be hired in order to carry out the survey.

Councillor Coombe reported that there had, in the last six weeks, been a resurgence of vandalism after 18 months of none. Dog bins (including a replacement) at Tremorvah had been kicked off and cars in Foundry Lane had been damaged. He asked councillors to keep an eye out.

It was clarified that hedges and hedge-trimming were sometimes the responsibility of owners, unless the hedges were on the verges of roads, when they were the responsibility of Highways.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

There was nothing to report.

197 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) Correspondence

- i) To consider the email correspondence from Charter for Cornwall asking for Hayle Town Council's support for its campaign calling for candidates at the forthcoming Cornwall Council elections to commit themselves to a more sustainable, longer-term vision for Cornwall

There was a short discussion regarding the request for support, but it was agreed that the actions in the pledges were already important issues for Hayle Town Councillors (see the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan) and Councillor Pollard drew the meeting's attention to his letter of

response in that day's issue of Cornishman regarding the fact that CC was also already carrying out the action called for.

It was resolved to note the correspondence.

- ii) To consider the email correspondence from Peter Haddock, Harbour Master, regarding the proposed introduction of Pay and Display parking at Paddy's Mill

There was a general discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of introducing Pay and Display parking at Paddy's Mill. Some members felt it would only push parking problems to the Swimming Pool car park, or other nearby streets; some members thought it was a money-generating exercise and that there was no evidence that the rubbish dumped was from motorhomes, although many agreed that if it helped to support income to the harbour at the same time as paying for rubbish bins at the site it would be worthwhile; some members said that motorhome drivers should be welcomed and provided with facilities as this would be good for tourism in the town. There was also some criticism of the surface of the site.

Councillor Lello asked that his proposal regarding the introduction of payment for parking at the Swimming Pool be added to a future Amenities Committee meeting agenda. It was noted that this might just push parking onto King George V Memorial Walk, which had no double yellow lines.

It was resolved to support the introduction of Pay and Display parking at Paddy's Mill, with the following conditions: a) the site be tidied up (the messy site encourages rubbish), gravelled and the edges neatened; and b) a rubbish bin to be provided (costs to be covered by the income from the parking charges).

b) Meetings

02/02/17	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
08/02/17	1.00pm	Library Working Party Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
09/02/17	7.30pm	Harbour Committee CANCELLED	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
10/02/17	2.00pm	Personnel Committee – Shortlisting job applicants	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
13/02/17	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning AGM	Room 8, Hayle Community Centre
16/02/17	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
20/02/17	7.30pm	Hayle Chamber of Commerce	PEI
21/02/17	TBC	Personnel Committee – interviews for job applicants	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
22/02/17	TBC	Personnel Committee – interviews for job applicants	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
23/02/17	TBC	Personnel Committee – interviews for job applicants	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

c) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

198 TO MAKE A DECISION REGARDING THE DEVOLUTION OF THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE AND FINALISATION OF THE PRECEPT

Everyone agreed that in principle they wanted to keep the library service in Hayle.

The report produced by the working party was presented and the various options were considered (see Appendix C).

It was also reported that the final Savills' condition inspection report had raised the total repairs costings to £35,200 immediately, then £47,250 within five years and £53,750 within 10 years; that is, a total of £136,200 compared to initial estimates of a total of £78,100.

Concern was expressed about the town council taking on the One Stop Shop (OSS) service on behalf of CC, but it was explained that this was one of CC's requirements and that the library staff who would move with the service were and would be trained to provide the OSS service and that training would be available to any Hayle Town Council (HTC) employees who might staff the proposed joint HTC/Library/OSS reception.

Councillors were informed that the town council had to make a decision that night in order for the precept to be finalised and the figures sent to CC immediately after the meeting to meet the deadline. Information in the report was repeated, particularly that CC had expressly stated to the working party that there was no CC money for repairs to the current library building. All repair costs would have to be borne by the town council, if it took on the building. It was also reported that Savills' valuation of the library building had now been received and it reflected the high level of repairs required and partly because an alternative use for the building was questionable especially in light of the Neighbourhood Plan policy that the site could not be used for housing. It was noted that if the town council said no to taking on the library service it would probably revert to a CC micro-library, which would not necessarily be on the current site.

Some councillors were also concerned that the promised ongoing IT costs and support from CC might disappear in time, as there was a history of experiencing things disappearing from CC even when promised.

The reasons for the working party's recommended devolution option (Option 1) were explained as per the report and it was emphasised that moving the town council office to the library was not a viable option, due to the cost of necessary repairs and the alterations that would have to be made (for example, adding toilets for use by the public).

It was clarified that the OSS hours would not be determined by CC and that outline research showed that it should be possible to build and furnish the proposed extension with £100,000 (with some money in the budget/reserves also available).

It was reported that one councillor had spoken to a number of local people, who all backed Option 1, and it was noted that this council could be the first in Cornwall to approach the library service devolution in this way.

It was noted that there would be no tourist information service as this would not be supported by CC and it was suggested that the town council could support some sort of service, which could be offered at the Swimming Pool/Swimming Pool Café and the Recreation Ground Kiosk, even if it was only the offering of information leaflets.

The working party was commended for its work and some thought that the extension to the Community Centre building was a golden opportunity to fill the wasted courtyard space.

It was resolved to approve Option 1: To accept the £100,000 offer (while pressing for an increase in the figure) linking it to the other available monies and relocate to a new build facility at the Community Centre.

It was also resolved to approve the revised precept figures (£420,314: £35.16/28.7% increase on the Band D 2016-2017 figures).

The clerk's team was thanked for all their work on this issue.

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 16 February 2017

Town Mayor

Date