



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2016

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 3 November 2016 commencing at 7.16pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

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

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.16PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

[7.17pm Cllr Capper joined the meeting.]

Councillor Cocks informed the meeting that he had written to the traffic commissioner to ask about other potential illegal action by agricultural vehicles, following Inspector Jean Phillips response that the use of multiple identical vehicle number plates by such vehicles was not illegal.

7.18 PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

116 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The mayor announced that the Tesco Bag Scheme project for a piece of inclusive play equipment for Hayle was now open for voting at all local Tesco stores. He explained that £8,000 from the scheme had already been secured and that if the project won the vote a further £4,000 would be added. He announced that there would be a related photoshoot for as many members of the town council as possible on Monday 7 November at Pool Tesco.

Vandalism to the electricity box at the Recreation Ground skate park was reported. It was suggested by several members that it was time to stop repairing and leave the lights off.

117 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Coad, Ninnes and Wills.

118 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

119 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 20 OCTOBER 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 20 October 2016 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

120 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 20 OCTOBER 2016

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

121 POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE LIAISON

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

A report received from Tri-Service Officer Andy Hichens had been distributed.

The mayor asked Andy Hichens to present his report (see Appendix A).

It was resolved to thank Sgt Mike Friday for his contribution to the town.

[7.26pm Cllr Lello joined the meeting.]

Andy Hichens was asked to invite PCSO Dan Tildesley to attend a town council meeting so that he could meet members. Officer Hichens agreed to do so and said he would also ask WM Gary Rich from the fire service to attend.

The mayor thanked Tri-Service Officer Hichens for attending and presenting his report.

122 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were no reports for approval.

123 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

It was reported that the War Memorial working group had met and started the ball rolling. Notes had been circulated and were included in the month's incidentals list. A further meeting had been scheduled for 22 November 2016.

124 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.

125 CONSULTATION: TO CONSIDER THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE CORNWALL SITE ALLOCATIONS DOCUMENT (DPD) AND TO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED QUESTIONNAIRE

Councillor Bennett informed members of the comments that he had submitted on behalf of the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (see Appendix C) and added that he would also like Cornwall Council (CC) to add a policy to the Cornwall Local Plan Site Allocations DPD which would require that, once the 1600 dwellings for Hayle contained in the DPD had been allocated, any further substantial housing developments proposed be affordable-led (that is, higher than CC's own 30% requirement). It was noted that there was more than adequate allocated provision for housing above the 1600 within the DPD.

It was resolved to submit the same comments as those from the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in support and endorsement of the comments and to add that Hayle Town Council also notes that the land allocated in H-UE1 is more than enough to meet the housing requirement and therefore requests that a policy be added to allow more than the allocated 1600 dwellings to be built in H-UE1, but to require any additional (to the 1600) housing to be affordable-led (that is, higher than Cornwall Council's own 30% requirement and preferably 100%).

126 TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE HAYLE LIBRARY SURVEY AND TO AGREE HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL'S NEXT STEPS IN RELATION TO TAKING ON THIS AND THE ONE STOP SHOP SERVICE

Results of and responses to the Hayle Library survey had been circulated by email (available to view on request in the town council office). The survey results indicated support for the library.

Councillor Bennett explained that the survey had been advertised in the Hayle Pump, online (including via social media) and at the library. It was noted that the responses were heavily weighted towards library users and older people. A major concern highlighted loss of use of computers and help to use the computers.

It was reported that the finance officer had calculated that an additional £3 on council tax per month on a Band D property would be necessary to raise the required money annually. Other requirements were for the town clerk to have the CILCA qualification (she expected to have obtained it by March 2017) and for the town council to be made up of 80% elected (not co-opted) councillors.

It was noted that there had been no concrete deal offered by CC and that it would be necessary to clarify what was on offer, although members were reminded that the meeting was for a discussion of what the town council wanted to do so that it could be budgeted and that it had already declared an interest in taking on the library function. There followed a discussion of all the information and clarity required before any significant decisions could be made and it was reported that there should not be a problem getting volunteers as there was plenty of enthusiastic support for the library in the town.

It was noted that CC was trying hard not to close libraries and that Hayle Library would not necessarily be closed, should the town council not wish to take it on. It was likely that there would be a minimal service that would be partially automated, but it would not necessarily be in the current library building.

The majority of members' comments favoured the town council taking on the library service, with details to be decided by a working party. A new working party was formed and the

following councillors volunteered to join it: Councillors Capper, Cocks, Coombe, Farrar, Lello and Rance; and it was suggested to ask Councillors Coad, Ninnes and Wills as they had been on the previous library working party.

It was resolved to form a new library working party to meet urgently with Cornwall Council officers to begin discussions with a view to taking on Hayle library/library service.

127 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a) Hayle Harbour Update

The Hayle Harbour Committee had met in a confidential session the previous evening.

b) Cornwall Council Update

It was reported that emergency numbers had been given to residents of Marsh Lane and Philgray Close who were worried about flooding following last winter's flooding. Remedial works had been planned by CC, but the budget was not yet in place, and water levels were being monitored by the Environment Agency and CORMAC. Councillor Pollard was trying to get CC officers down to Hayle to meet the residents.

Councillor Pollard reported that he had been contacted by planning officers regarding the objections that Hayle Town Council had resolved regarding chalet extensions on the Towans at the most recent planning full council meeting. The town council had objected on grounds of the emerging Hayle Neighbourhood Plan policies, but CC planning officers had rejected this as a viable objection as in their opinion neighbourhood plans could not be relied upon for legal justification until they had been officially voted on by the electorate. CC Planning Officer Mark Broomhead had reported that if the applications were taken to CC's planning committee these objections would not be accepted by members, would be laughed out of court and prove expensive for CC. However, it was reported that Councillor Coad (Hayle Town Council's Planning Single Point of Contact) had confirmed that the town council wanted the applications to go to CC's Planning Committee and that a precedent had been set at Penwith District Council that chalets must remain chalets (and not become, or risk becoming, full time dwellings). It was noted that the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan had been endorsed by this council, which had no reason to believe that it (including the relevant policy) would not be adopted, at which time it would be an enforceable policy; it would not be right for these two applications to be approved when any subsequent to the adoption of the plan would not be. It was also noted that during the most recent public consultation 90% of respondents had supported the draft Hayle Neighbourhood Plan. Attention was, however, drawn to the fact that the Inspector had passed a similar application at Gwithian, despite it being refused by CC's Planning Committee, but it was argued that Gwithian was a completely different area where precedent for such extensions being allowed had been set many years ago, and the Riviere Towans chalets needed to be protected from similar development. It was agreed that Hayle Town Council did want the applications in question to go to CC's Planning Committee.

Councillor Coombe reported that he had been informed by Network Rail that it would carry out work at the Viaduct to protect pedestrians from running water, but that it was not considered urgent and would be done in the next year.

He added that the pooling water at Roma Court would not be rectified quickly as Highways had reported that as the water had to go across to the harbour, the Environment Agency had to be involved and were being awkward about piping the water into Penpol Creek.

Councillor Coombe agreed to investigate the issue of street lighting on Bodriggy Avenue.

Regarding the introduction of a ‘Mayor for Cornwall’, Councillor Pollard explained why he did not believe that it would be right for Cornwall.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

It was reported that King George V Memorial Walk was the only site still to be transferred. The clerk was waiting for answers from CC regarding financial issues and the landslide.

The clerk reported that she was trying to broker a deal with CORMAC regarding management of benches in the town.

d) Healthcare Issues Update

Councillor Bennett reported that he had seen a letter from the manager of St Michael’s Hospital which had been welcome and helpful. He undertook to circulate the letter to everyone.

128 CLERK’S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) Correspondence

- i) To consider the email correspondence from the elected members of the Kernow Matters To You Steering Group asking the town council to support its opposition to the proposed cross-border Westminster Parliamentary Constituency to be known as the Bideford, Bude and Launceston Constituency

It was resolved to show support for the Kernow Matters To You Steering Group’s opposition to the proposed cross-border Westminster Parliamentary Constituency to be known as the Bideford, Bude and Launceston Constituency.

It was resolved to write to the Boundary Commission to say that Hayle Town Council objects to Hayle being transferred into the West Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Constituency.

b) Meetings

03/11/16	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
10/11/16	7.30pm	Amenities Committee	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
14/11/16	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning Association	Asda
17/11/16	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle

			Community Centre
21/11/16	7.30pm	Hayle Chamber of Commerce	PEI
22/11/16	7.30pm	War Memorial Working Group	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
24/11/16	7.30pm	Resource Committee	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

c) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 17 November 2016

Town Mayor

Date