



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2017

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 5 October 2017 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor N Farrar (Mayor)

Councillors H Blakeley, S Benney, B Capper, P Channon, G Coad, D Cocks, B Mims, P Nidds, J Pollard, A Rance and B Wills

Clerk Eleanor Giggal

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Paul Pellegrinetti informed councillors that he was concerned about damage to the grass area under the Viaduct and in Isis Gardens, which had been caused by young people riding mopeds and cycles over it, and which had caused mud to run towards Asda when it rained. He was informed that either Network Rail (Viaduct) or Cornwall Council (CC) (Isis Gardens) was the responsible authority.

Mr Pellegrinetti also asked if agenda item 11 could be brought forward but was told the item had been placed at that position on the agenda to allow Councillor Roden to speak to the issue if he arrived late.

Mr Cocking introduced himself as a Hayle resident, a member of the community, a taxpayer and a voter. He was attending the meeting to see how the town council worked and to put faces to the decision makers. He had retired to Hayle seven years previously and had noticed positive change over the years, but had recently become concerned about the stagnation of progress. He described what he had hoped to see in the harbour area and also described traffic and parking issues which concerned him, especially that which caused damage to the streets and danger to the public. He urged the town council to do whatever they could to encourage positive progress on these issues.

Councillors thanked Mr Cocking for his positive comments and informed him that everything he had mentioned was continually being looked at by both Hayle Town Council and the CC divisional members for Hayle. Many of the issues he had raised were beyond the control of the town council and progress had been affected by the recession and Brexit. Mr Cocking was informed that there would soon be a vacancy on the council, but he stated that he was happy to remain only a voter. Mr Cocking was advised to report vehicles causing an obstruction to CC's parking warden as soon as he saw them.

7.31 PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

95 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The mayor informed everyone that the first game had been played on the new football club pitch at the weekend and that it was a great facility.

The Hayle & District Lions Club's annual harvest charity auction would take place on Saturday at The Watermill, Lelant and everyone was encouraged to attend.

The parade to the Civic Service would gather at 2.30pm. Volunteers for readers of prayers of intercession were sought.

The mayor reported that he had been to Torquay that day for the South West in Bloom presentations. Hayle had won the following In Your Neighbourhood Awards:

Bodriggy Academy Plot to Plate – Thriving
Bodriggy Academy Wildlife Garden – Outstanding
Bodriggy Academy Bug Garden – Outstanding
Isis Gardens – Outstanding
War Memorial – Outstanding
Copperhouse Planters – Improving
Jubilee Bridge Planters – Outstanding
St Piran's School Mural – Outstanding
Paradise Park – Outstanding
King George V Memorial Walk – Outstanding
Beatrice Terrace – Improving
Riviere Sands Holiday Park – Thriving
Lethlean Allotments – Outstanding.

Hayle had also won Gold for the town and had been awarded the Preece Cup for the best in category in the South West. Everyone from Hayle in Bloom had thanked the town council for paying for the travel expenses to Torquay.

96 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Polkinghorne and Roden.

97 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

98 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 21 September 2017 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

99 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

All matters raised had been dealt with during the meeting.

100 HAYLE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY STATION REPORT

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

No report had been received.

101 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were none.

102 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor Wills reported that the Hayle Clean Up Day organised by Samuel Marsden had been a great success and that there had been a good turnout of volunteers on 17 September. A few half bags of rubbish had been collected, but it had been noticeable how good the town was looking. Councillor Capper said that Angarrack had also been cleaned.

Councillor Rance had attended a Children's Services meeting. There had been a 300% increase in take up and things were going well although there had been some problematic communication issues between the Children's Services personnel and some social workers, which had necessitated some children having separate meetings.

Councillor Benney reported back from the Chamber of Commerce meeting, which had been poorly attended by the same three or four members and very little had been discussed. Issues regarding the Millpond had been raised by Georgina Schofield; the viability of the chamber had also been discussed and both officials had given notice that they intended to stand down in February or March 2018 and it was thought likely that the chamber would probably fold. Councillors suggested that the Hayle Business Breakfast Club was a more successful body of businesses, which had tried to get the chamber to change its outlook with no success.

It was suggested that chamber members go to see how the breakfast club operated to see if they wanted to make any changes to the Chamber of Commerce. It was reported that the breakfast club was not as formal an entity as the chamber, although it was suggested that it might be more useful for a council representative to attend. Some councillors felt that the town council should not give up on the chamber, although others reported that full time business people could not be bothered to pay membership fees as no business issues were discussed.

103 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2017/2018 as listed on Appendix B

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2017/18 as listed on Appendix B.

104 TO RECEIVE A FORMAL PRESENTATION FROM MAURICE TRATHEN OF THE HAYLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The mayor welcomed Maurice Trathen.

Mr Trathen gave a brief history of the Hayle Twinning Association. It had started officially in 1997 when residents from both Hayle and Pordic had signed each other's charters in the spring of that year following mutually friendly meetings in each location.

The gift was handed over to the mayor in recognition of his involvement in the Hayle Twinning Association in the year of its 20th anniversary. The mayor thanked Maurice for the gift of the plate and said how much he had enjoyed the twinning events he had attended over the last three years and that they were some of the best events he had attended as mayor and deputy mayor.

It was resolved to thank both Maurice Trathen and Hayle Twinning Association formally for all they do and have done for the town.

Everyone thanked Mr Trathen for attending the meeting.

105 TO DISCUSS MATCH FUNDING ANY CONTRIBUTION OFFERED BY GWR FROM ITS CUSTOMER & COMMUNITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND FOLLOWING HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL'S BID FOR MONEY TO ENHANCE HAYLE RAILWAY STATION

Councillor Roden had sent notes for the meeting as he had been unable to attend.

It was noted that at the South West in Bloom awards almost every town had made a special effort with their railway stations and it was generally agreed that Hayle's railway station needed improving to give a flavour of what could be found in the town and its history.

It was resolved to support Councillor Roden's proposal as follows:

1. Hayle Town Council agrees in principle to support the maintenance of planters on the station platforms at £150 per year (payable to Hayle in Bloom) for a period of 10 years; and
2. Hayle Town Council agrees in principle to hold a competition for murals each 4ft x 12ft on the station platforms: that on the London-bound platform to highlight the SSSI, beach and the Towans and that on the Penzance-bound platform to explore Hayle's vital industrial heritage, railway history and World Heritage Site status, with community groups and schools invited to transform the winning entries into reality.

106 TO DISCUSS COUNCILLOR COCKS' PROPOSAL TO WRITE TO CORNWALL COUNCIL TO ASK FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE DISUSED TOILET BLOCK IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER HAWKINS GARAGE SITE SO THAT THEY CAN BE SOLD OR POSSIBLY HANDED OVER TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor Cocks declared how pleased he was that the future of this eyesore was being considered by the town council. He acknowledged that it was being used as a store but said that it should be repaired and done up, or disposed of by CC.

Various suggestions for its future were put forward: use as a toilet again, for other projects or to go on the open market and turned into an ice cream shop, for example.

The meeting was informed that the building was being used by Cory and that the town council had attempted to obtain it from CC in the past, but no response had been received and that while it was in use it was not available for transfer to HTC. The clerk added that the area around the building had been investigated by the facilities and contracts manager and that the land was deemed a worry as the wall on the estuary side was in poor condition and could cause problems for HTC if it took it on such a poor state.

It was agreed that the current leaseholder should repair the building and it was suggested that when the lease came up for renewal the lease should not be renewed but offered to HTC.

The clerk informed councillors that the model boat club had asked for toilets to be installed as people expected there to be toilets in the area and when none were available they were relieving themselves behind the club's shed, although it was pointed out that this happened at times when public toilets would not be open anyway.

It was resolved to write to Adam Birchall at Cornwall Council, copying in Cornwall Councillors Coad and Pollard, to inform him that the disused toilet block in the vicinity of the former Hawkins site was in poor repair, must be repaired and if the lease on it was ending Hayle Town Council would like to have it or Cornwall Council should demolish it.

107 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)

a) Hayle Harbour Update

Councillor Pollard raised the issue of sand in the harbour which had been the subject of recent informal discussions by town councillors. He said that the issue was not new and suggested that the approach should be that of the ten point action plan in the Hayle Coastal Communities Team's Economic Plan and Business Case Project Phase 1 Report 2016. He was also eager for CC to continue its discussions and actions regarding management of the harbour without outside publicity which might upset the negotiations.

The clerk informed members that the report mentioned would be on a future agenda, probably that of the Hayle Harbour Committee, for discussion.

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard gave a brief introduction to the draft proposals and maps related to the electoral review. He was particularly concerned that the proposed map obliterated Hayle as an entity and divided it into three, with Lelant and Carbis Bay, Gwinear-Gwithian, and St Erth being included in Hayle divisions. He added that CC meetings had confirmed that Community Networks should not be sacrosanct. CC would be meeting the Boundary Commission on Friday 13 October and the clerk reported that she and Councillors Capper and Nidds would be attending the CALC meeting which would be discussing this issue on Saturday 14 October. Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council had asked to meet with HTC before that meeting and it was agreed that the clerk should offer the morning of 13 October for a meeting.

It was clarified that the changes related to representation on CC and that town and parish councils would remain as current and when the boundaries for CC were finalised, the town

council could ask for a parish review. Councillor Pollard was keen for Hayle to have a representation as a distinct entity.

It was also noted that the proposed new boundaries had been drawn up at the behest of the Boundary Commission in order to streamline councils and reduce the number of councillors, by statisticians who had to fulfil a remit regarding numbers, not communities. Numbers had been projected to 2023.

The general consensus was that the proposals did not work for Hayle and were unacceptable.

It was noted that it had been proposed to reduce the number of Members of Parliament from 649 to 600 and included the creation of the cross border 'Devonwall' constituency, which had been fought against hard by CC; the outcome of the proposal was not known.

It was confirmed that CC's application for a grant for the development of Loggans Mill had been submitted.

Councillor Wills agreed to report the flooding to the back lane behind St Elwyn's online to CC as advised by the clerk.

It was reported that the work to footpath 25 had been completed, with the culvert rebuilt beneath the footpath, and reopened.

Councillor Coad reported that he was being kept busy by email, telephone and Facebook queries and that there was a new members reporting scheme which assisted in directing questions to the correct person at CC. Councillor Pollard undertook to find a link to the scheme for the clerk so that the office staff could report issues via this mechanism too.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The clerk reported that the current issue regarding devolution related to the library. The finance assistant had worked hard on a report for council, but was awaiting final costings for the proposed development of the Community Centre site before it could be finalised. She added that HTC's final decision was required as soon as possible and the issue would be on the agenda for the full council meeting on 19 October, by which date final costings should have been received. It was hoped that the final proposed costs would not be too much more than the originals. The report would include three options for council to consider and would accompany the agenda. A brief explanation of the different options was given.

It was believed that CC had started repairs to the landslip on the King George V Memorial Walk, but this had not been communicated to the clerk and had in fact hindered the gardener's planting work.

There were also concerns regarding dead trees on the Walk and the Plantation. Immediately prior to transfer CC had provided a healthy report regarding trees on sites so the number of dead trees there now was surprising. The clerk reported that she was waiting for the general annual tree reports from Cormac.

The mayor said that he would be absent from the next full council meeting, but had been proud to work with Councillors Capper and Rance and the clerk and her team on the library working

party. He recommended that the town council accept the recommendations of the working party which would be presented at that meeting.

108 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To approve the use of the wording of 'The Mayor's Cup' and use of the Hayle Town Council logo for a perpetual cup to be donated by the current mayor for annual presentation by Hayle Football Club

Councillor Farrar reported that he had been approached by the football club to provide a cup for a Hayle schools tournament, had been happy to do so and was seeking the council's support to make it a perpetual cup.

It was resolved unanimously to approve the use of the wording 'The Mayor's Cup' and use of the Hayle Town Council logo for a perpetual cup to be donated by the current mayor for annual presentation by Hayle Football Club.

- b) Meetings

05/10/17	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
08/10/17	2.30pm	Civic Parade and Service	Commercial Road Car Park and St Elwyn's Church
11/10/17	2.00pm	Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee	PEI
13/10/17	10.00am	Meeting with Gwinear/Gwithian PC regarding the Boundary Commission's proposed Divisional Arrangements	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
14/10/17	10.00am	CALC Conference	County Hall, Truro
16/10/17	7.30pm	Hayle Chamber of Commerce	PEI
18/10/17	10.00am	Towans Partnership	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
18/10/17	1.00pm	Library Working Party	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
19/10/17	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
25/10/17	6.00pm	Harvey's Foundry Trust	John Harvey House
26/10/17	7.30pm	Resource Committee	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
TBC		Meeting re War Memorial with CC Officers and next working party meeting	

It was agreed that Councillors Capper, Rance and Wills and the clerk would meet with representatives of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council on the morning of 13 October and it was also

agreed that the town council wanted to preserve Hayle as a separate entity and that at least one of the four new seats must retain the name of Hayle. Cornwall Councillors would have to attend town and parish council meetings for more than one town or parish.

Apologies from CC officers had been received regarding the previous War Memorial meeting. Another meeting with them would be arranged.

c) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 19 October 2017

Town Mayor

Date