



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2017**

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held in the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, Hayle on Thursday 9 March 2017 at 7.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors G Coad (Chair), D Cocks, N Farrar, R Lello, J Ninnes, B Mims, O Philp and B Wills

Town Clerk Eleanor Giggall

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

### **A18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Polkinghorne and Capper (not on the Committee).

### **A19 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

### **A20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2016**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting 10 November 2016 be taken as a true and correct record, the Chairman signing each page before placing them in the record book.

### **A21 COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- a) Tenants and users update

The Clerk advised that one of the more regular casual hirers, BEME, had been taken over by Outlook Southwest who are already tenants in the building. Consequently all of the BEME regular bookings had been cancelled and Outlook Southwest were hoping to accommodate all sessions within their existing space and therefore it was expected that the casual hire income would be significantly reduced.

**It was resolved** to NOTE.

- b) Maintenance update

The Clerk reported that, in order to accommodate the additional staff members, there had been a reorganisation of the main office and reception. A reception area had been created in the corridor in front of the main office door which meant that visitors did not have direct access in to the office unless invited in, additional work space had been provided and there was

generally more room in the office.

**It was resolved** to NOTE.

## **A22 SWIMMING POOL**

- a) To consider the introduction of parking charges for the Swimming Pool Car Park – Cllr Robb Lello

There was a debate on this matter; some members were of the opinion that any income generated from the car park could be used to offset the cost of running the swimming pool and others were aware that this was one of only a few free parking areas in the town and used and appreciated by so many people. Concern was also expressed that if users of the swimming pool and visitors of King George V Memorial Walk couldn't park there the problem of parking would be pushed somewhere else in the town, perhaps to the Walk or North Quay.

Members considered whether a voluntary contribution box could be installed, which would be much more preferable to a pay and display car park, but this would require monitoring, emptying and someone to bank the contents. The contents could be donated to the Friends for future improvements to the pool.

No decision was made but the Clerk undertook to liaise with the Friends of Hayle Swimming Pool to see if they had any suggestions/comments regarding the proposal of a voluntary contribution box being situated on the car park.

- b) To discuss and confirm operational arrangements for the 2017 Season
  - i) Season dates & opening hours

**It was resolved** that the pool would open from Saturday 24 June 2017 (at the latest) until Sunday 10 September 2017. The Clerk to work with the new Facilities Manager to see if an earlier opening date was possible, within the confines of the agreed budget.

- ii) Ticket prices

**It was resolved** that tickets prices should not be increased this year.

There was some discussion regarding the management of the Free Tuesdays for local residents. The scheme had proved to be very popular and consequently the facility was often full to capacity on Tuesdays, with many disappointed residents being turned away. The Clerk suggested that there should be a restriction on the number of tickets issued and allocated on a first come first served basis only.

**It was resolved** to allow the Facilities Manager to implement measures to make the scheme safe and manageable.

## **A23 HAYLE RECREATION GROUND**

- a) Maintenance update

The Clerk reported that there was a high level of vandalism at the Recreation Ground. Urgent repairs to play equipment and/or items that posed a risk were being addressed but more minor damage, such as the damage to the fences, would be dealt with when the Facilities Manager

and Maintenance Technician were in post.

- b) To consider the drawings, supplied by the tenants, for the proposed development of the Drop In Café Kiosk

Members considered the design drawings that had previously been circulated and the general feeling was that both would be acceptable at the Recreation Ground subject to obtaining the necessary planning permission. Members felt that both designs were ambitious and questioned whether there was sufficient funding available for such schemes.

**It was resolved** to advise the tenants that the metal container style proposal was the preferred option but to reiterate that this was subject to the approval of the planners.

Councillor Wills offered to provide the name and contact details of a local funding officer to the tenants to liaise with regarding potential funding sources for such a scheme.

- c) To consider making Hayle Recreation Ground a Smoke Free Play Park

Members considered the correspondence from Gareth Walsh, Cornwall Council, regarding proposals for making several play parks in the county ‘smokefree’. He explained in his email that funds had been provided by Public Health, following the successful 2015 pilot scheme, to print and install signage for a further 6 playparks in Cornwall. The play area in Hayle Recreation Ground had been selected and he required the Town Council’s approval to go ahead.

**It was resolved** to fully support the proposals and receive the benefits of this funded ‘smokefree’ scheme.

- d) To consider the various booking requests for events on Hayle Recreation Ground and to approve the draft booking protocol

**It was resolved** to approve the booking conditions and booking form, subject to any tweaks that the Facilities Manager may wish to include.

Members considered the applications received and **resolved** to support the applications in principal. The Clerk (and Facilities Manager) to ensure that all appropriate documents are in received and in order and that every effort is made to protect the grass on the Recreation Ground from being damaged.

**It was resolved** to delegate future event applications to the Clerk and Facilities Manager.

#### **A24 KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL WALK**

- a) Transfer update, including news regarding the embankment slip

The Clerk had been assured that a report would be provided for this meeting but nothing had been received. The Clerk advised that she was due to meet with Mike Peters, Highways, in the following week and so would ask him for an update.

#### **A25 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was resolved** that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee would take place on

Thursday 22 June 2017, if required.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.