



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2017

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 2 November 2017 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor N Farrar (Mayor)
Councillors S Benney, H Blakeley, B Capper, P Channon, D Cocks, B Mims, P Nidds, C Polkinghorne, J Pollard, A Rance and B Wills

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

7.17PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

120 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The mayor advised that nobody had responded to the recent advertisement for the council vacancy and asked councillors to ask anyone who may be interested in being co-opted on to the council to contact the clerk.

The mayor also took the opportunity to remind councillors about the pantomime that Councillor Roden was currently performing in. The promotional poster was circulated.

[7.19pm Councillor Channon joined the meeting]

121 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Coad and Roden.

123 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

124 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2017

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

125 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 19 OCTOBER 2017

All matters raised had been dealt with during the meeting.

126 HAYLE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY STATION REPORT

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

There was no report. The clerk, however, reported that the new Sector Inspector, Nicholas Clarke, had emailed recently to introduce himself and explain that he hoped to reintroduce regular police liaison meetings and attend a full council meeting in the not too distant future.

127 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH WEST WATER REGARDING THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN HAYLE AND THE WORK THAT SOUTH WEST WATER IS UNDERTAKING IN THE TOWN

The mayor welcomed Andrew Roantree, Director of Waste Water - Customer Service and Networks, and Ian MacFarlane, Customer Service and Network Manager, to the meeting.

Mr Roantree began by apologising for the four burst pipes that had occurred in the summer. He explained that there had been bursts previously but to have four happen in such close succession in such close proximity was very unusual. He also apologised for the lack of communication. Although there were regular updates on the South West Water website there was no pro-active communication with the council or local residents. He explained that their first priority was to protect customers who may be at risk of flooding and the second priority was the environment.

The gentlemen described the capacity and the scale of the treatment works located in St Erth, explaining that it received sewage from Penzance, St Ives and Hayle. The system was currently sized to cope for the resident population, trade waste and the influx of the tourist population – which during the peak season brought the average population up to 75,000. However to be prepared for future housing developments and anticipated increased visitor levels South West Water was investing £3.6 million which would increase the population capacity of the system by 20,000. Work would begin in December 2017.

They explained that saline intrusion was a common problem in seaside towns, such as Hayle, particularly as the infrastructure directed sewage back to the treatment works via older and previously private drains (historically into the sea). A number of surveys had been completed in Hayle in recent years, when a number of issues had been identified and repaired at a cost of approximately £160,000. Mr MacFarlane confirmed that there was a 16% ingress from sea water at high tide, which was considered to be comfortably within the manageable limit. South West Water would continue to monitor and work on particular risk areas. Sea water only infiltrated the system at high tide and exfiltration, where sewage enters the sea occurred only rarely when there is a failure. This situation is closely monitored.

Since the four bursts, an options survey had been undertaken in Hayle. Due to the geographic complexities unique to Hayle, such as the estuary and railway line, relaying the pipe system in the area was not an easy option. The preferred solution was to undertake works at the pumping station in St Erth to change the way the flow was managed. The intention was to install a variable speed

drive with a start/stop system which would prevent surges through the pipe and the system would include 4 anti-slam valves which would smooth the surge in the rising main. Mr Roantree confirmed that the money, £300,000 for this had been identified but was not available until the next financial year. Members asked if this work could be brought forward but were advised that South West Water was balancing risks against a range of assets and it has been considered that this needs to be done but it was not a priority.

In response to questions the following points were confirmed:

- There is an 80 year life expectancy for new pipes and repaired drains but this can be affected by the load placed on them by HGVs, road works, building on top or in the vicinity;
- New technology is used to proactively monitor the network performance. An ultrasound is sent down a manhole which sends an echo in both directions and depending on the sound and colour generated indicates whether the pipe is at risk. Red and amber require further exploration, green means the pipe is structurally sound. Neither gentlemen could currently confirm if any areas in Hayle were currently at risk but undertook to follow up;
- The four bursts were caused by three very different issues so not an inherent issue: the pipe on Penpol Terrace had originally been laid on rock and not sufficiently cushioned/supported to withstand the weight of today's heavy vehicles, the issue near Philp's Bakery on East Quay was caused by a relatively small defect which went unnoticed and subsequently turned the surrounding ground septic creating a major failure and it is thought that the other two burst were caused as a result of the previous ones when the system was fully drained down;
- There is a licence which permits South West Water to discharge sewage via overflows into St Ives Bay under certain conditions which acts as a pressure relief system to protect dwellings from flooding;
- An engineered solution to stop the discharges in to the sea would cost in excess of £2 billion. A local management system is much more cost effective. Unfortunately, the area is left with the legacy of combined drainage systems;
- It was confirmed that there is a 'consented storm overflow' at East Quay and South West Water has no obligation to notify the public when this is used;
- The odour issue at St Erth is largely due to issues with saline ingress in the Penzance area. £1 million is due to be spent on a reconstructed inlet odour control system to address this;
- A nominated Hayle Town Council representative would be welcomed at the still active Odour Liaison Group. The clerk undertook to follow up; and
- Hayle is actually at a lower risk of flooding and further failures than other local towns, largely because they have older roads and smaller pipes.

The Mayor thanked the guests for attending the meeting and sharing the information. They left the meeting at 8.35pm.

128 TO CONSIDER THE OPTIONS OUTLINED IN THE DEVOLUTION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE REPORT

The finance officer, David Gallie, had produced a detailed report explaining the process the Library Devolution Working Party had gone through and its findings; see Appendix A. The report provided 3 options and after careful consideration **it was resolved** to adopt option 2, i.e. to take over the service at the current location on Commercial Road.

Members of the Working Party and especially the finance officer were thanked.

129 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were no committee reports.

130 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

- a) To receive an update report from Councillor Polkinghorne, Hayle Town Council representative on the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee, regarding the Hayle Marine Renewable Business Park and Marine Enterprise Zone, including a proposal to create an aqua park in Hayle

Councillor Polkinghorne had forwarded an update regarding the Hayle Marine Renewable Park and Marine Enterprise Zone, see Appendix C. Members were pleased to note that the offices in Chi Gallos were almost full and Unit 7 of the industrial units would soon be occupied.

The deputy mayor circulated a glossy document which outlined early stage proposals for an aqua park in Carnsew Pool. Members were curious and wondered about the impact on sluicing arrangements, what concerns would be raised by the RSPB and NE and whether the Harbour Company supported the proposal.

Councillor Polkinghorne confirmed that during the advisory meeting there had been a request for the town council to call a Harbour Committee meeting. The Clerk advised that as soon as there was information a meeting would be scheduled.

- b) To receive a report on the recent CALC conference which focused largely on the Boundary Review

It was agreed to defer this to be included under agenda item 12, minute 132.

Councillor Rance reported that she had attended the most recent Towans Partnership meeting and explained that there had been a discussion regarding the number and siting of new information signs that Hayle Town Council had contributed to.

Councillor Wills said that she had attended the most recent Community Forum. She advised that there were over 250 volunteers registered with the forum and they were now working towards forming a group to assist and visit vulnerable people who live on their own in the Hayle area. She added that it tied in very well with projects that she was focussing on in her professional life with Penwith Community Development Trust.

131 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 2017/2018 as listed on Appendix B.

132 CONSULTATION: TO HAVE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES FOR CORNWALL REVIEW

Councillor Pollard took the lead on this agenda item and circulated a report, see Appendix D. He reported on the meeting that he had attended with representatives of the neighbouring parishes when it had been established that no one was satisfied with the proposed boundary changes for this community network area and that each parish had differing priorities and ideas of how the area should be represented. He felt that this council needed to determine what it required and to put a strong case to the Boundary Commission via Cornwall Council.

To this end, **it was resolved** to hold an informal meeting on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Assembly Room to look at potential options for the Hayle area. The clerk to invite Vanessa Luckwell, Community Link Officer, to attend.

It was further resolved to make the boundary review a standing agenda item until the consultation closes.

133 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

There was a lengthy discussion about the silting up of the harbour. It was confirmed that under the Hayle Harbour Act 1989 there was legal duty to maintain safe and navigable channels to Hayle Harbour and that the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee should be the body to insist that action be taken to improve the situation.

It was agreed that the council's nominated representatives, the mayor and deputy mayor, would ask the Advisory Committee to supply relevant information to and ask for Hayle Town Council's support so that the Advisory Committee could enforce the sluicing protocol.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard referred to the applications for the development of South Quay and reported that Cornwall Council was waiting to receive the report from ICOMOS regarding the heritage of the site. When this was received the applications would be considered by the Strategic Committee. It was confirmed that Hayle Town Council was due to consider both applications during the meeting of 16 November 2017 and it was hoped that the report would be available by that date.

He also reported that the Loggans Mill development was being progressed by Cornwall Council and that he was due to meet with property officers the following day.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

There was little to report, particularly as the library had already been discussed. The clerk was still waiting to hear from Cornwall Council about when the King George V Memorial Walk would be returned fully to Hayle Town Council. She reported that lots of remedial work was being undertaken to maintain the trees on the other amenity sites.

134 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To consider the email correspondence from Councillor Polkinghorne requesting that the town council seek air quality (emissions) testing throughout Hayle

Councillor Polkinghorne advised that at the recent Community Network Forum there had been a presentation from a Cornwall Council officer regarding the quality of the air in Lelant as result of the constant flow of traffic and it had made him consider what the quality of air was like in Hayle, particularly in the summer months when there was queuing traffic along the main roads.

It was resolved to ask Cornwall Council to undertake air quality testing in Hayle. The clerk to contact Vanessa Luckwell, Community Link Officer, for details of the officer who gave the presentation.

- b) To consider the email correspondence from Rebecca Novell and Simon Davies regarding their request to site their catering van in the Swimming Pool car park one evening per week

It was resolved to decline the request to operate from the swimming pool car park as councillors were concerned about establishing a precedent and were fearful that there would be itinerant use.

- c) To consider Councillor Coad's email correspondence regarding dogs in the Recreation Ground

The clerk advised that additional signs had been displayed at all entrances to the Recreation Ground and it was hoped that dog owners would take greater notice of these. It was noted that while a small number of dog owners continued to exercise their dogs on the playing field most were respecting the 'dogs must be kept on leads' rule.

It was resolved to take no action at this time and to monitor the impact of the additional signs.

d) Meetings

08/11/17		Co-option Interviews POSTPONED	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
09/11/17	2.30pm	Amenities Committee POSTPONED (see 23/11 below)	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
12/11/17	9.30am	Remembrance Services and parade	St Elwyn's Church

13/11/17	9.30am – 3.30pm	Cornwall Preventing Extremism and Terrorism Conference 2017	St John's Hall, PZ
14/11/17	7.30pm	CHASE Public Meeting	Hayle Day Care Centre
15/11/17	6.45pm	Personnel Committee	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
15/11/17	7.30pm	Informal Boundary Review Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
16/11/17	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
23/11/17	7.30pm	Resource Committee POSTPONED	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
23/11/17	7.30pm	Amenities Committee RESCHEDULED	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

e) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 10.04pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 16 November 2017

Town Mayor

Date