



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2018

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 1 February 2018 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, A Roden and B Wills

Assistant Clerk Karen Smith

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

190 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were none.

191 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Coad.

192 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

193 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 18 JANUARY 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 18 January 2018 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

194 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 18 JANUARY 2018

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

Councillor Blakeley reported that he had been told by Mr Smitheram, regarding the trees at Bay View, that the inspector had been but had only inspected the healthiest tree and then

declared them all sound. Mr Smitheram was going to take the matter further by contacting the press.

195 HAYLE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY STATION REPORT

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

No report had been received.

196 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There were none.

197 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor Polkinghorne reported that the War Memorial working group had met on 22 January and finalised the plans, which had been submitted by the clerk to Cornwall Council (CC)'s planning department on 26 January. He added that the War Memorial and its immediate surrounds had been successfully registered in favour of the town council at the Land Registry.

[7.20pm Councillor Capper joined the meeting.]

198 ACCOUNTS

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

Councillor Cocks asked questions relating to several expenditure items which were satisfactorily answered by the assistant clerk, although he was concerned particularly about the cost of electricity for the toilets at Commercial Road (voucher 806) and it was agreed that the council wanted a report from the clerk with further explanation regarding this item.

In response to a question regarding the information contained in the Income and Expenditure report, Appendix B (App B), Councillor Capper stated that the date on the App B was the payment date and the assistant clerk confirmed that the format had not changed. Some councillors requested a review of the accounting software so that the date of invoice and further descriptive information regarding the expense could be entered on the App B. The assistant clerk agreed to ask the clerk and finance officer to find out if this would be possible and/or advisable.

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

199 TO CONSIDER CORNWALL COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO CHANGE ITS CAR PARKING CHARGES PROPOSAL – 2018 OFF-STREET PARKING ORDER

Councillors were very pleased to hear of the proposal for free evening parking in Hayle and considered it a possible first step to improving on-street parking in the town.

It was noted that the Just Park system discriminated against those without mobile phones if the ticket machine was out of order as they would not be able to access the alternative method of

payment and would be liable to get a penalty ticket if they parked without paying. It was recommended to contact Craig Taylor, CC's head of parking services to ask about this issue. It was suggested that allowing free parking if the machine was broken would likely lead to the machine regularly being broken deliberately.

It was resolved to welcome the proposal warmly.

200 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)

a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was noted with regret that Lauren Bambury was leaving her post as Deputy Harbourmaster.

Councillor Pollard reported that CC had been awarded £5.7million for North Quay in a successful application to the Government's housing infrastructure fund. This was very good news as it would allow roads to be built to unlock the proposed new housing on North Quay and at Hilltop. It was noted that the money was ring-fenced for Hayle and might be time-restricted. Councillors were reminded that the current proposed housing development included 17% affordable housing and it was noted that if CC bought the harbour it could increase that percentage. It would also be preferable if CC became the developer as it would profit from the value of the infrastructure built with the funding. It was also noted that CC was still in negotiations regarding taking over the harbour from its current owners.

Councillor Pollard had not heard if the bids to the same fund for road and roundabout works at Loggans had been successful.

Regarding questions relating to hydro power and sluicing, members were advised that Councillor Polkinghorne had arranged for Neil Farrington to attend an informal meeting at 10.30am on 23 February in the Assembly Room. He would be talking about a tidal regeneration scheme relating to flood defences, following a feasibility study which had been carried out using grant money. Councillor Polkinghorne added that two companies were currently interested, that the turbines would be small and the first of their kind and would indeed increase the power of the sluicing system.

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard reported that he had attended a meeting regarding Nut Lane. A survey had shown that putting in a feeder lane had improved the traffic flow to that before the one way system had been put in. Further work on the roundabout was scheduled for the period between Easter and Whitsun. It was also reported that further roundabout works at St Erth were still at the planning stage.

Councillor Pollard undertook to write to Simon Murray, Sustrans Network Development Manager, to inform him that he had received reports that the cycle lane across the causeway was undulating and therefore cyclists did not like to ride on it and used the road instead, which defeated the object of the installation of the cycle lane, and to ask him to have the surface rectified.

Councillor Pollard also drew members' attention to Cornwall Councillor Adam Paynter's fairer funding campaign and asked them to support it. Details were available on Facebook and Twitter.

A brief history of the situation regarding a Stadium for Cornwall was given. Following significant input from CC officers it had been decided to withdraw officer time and not to offer any public money for its construction. The Pirates had proposed a scheme which included a retail park and housing which would provide money to build the stadium. CC had given planning permission (although the retail park was not allowed to duplicate any shop already in Truro) and it had been expected that the development would be up and running in 2017, but no progress had been made to date and therefore CC Cabinet had decided to take the issue back to full council. Following a short discussion the general view expressed by Hayle Town Councillors was that the stadium should be privately funded and not be granted any public money. It was noted that the road improvements in that area of Truro had improved congestion and journey times considerably.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

There was nothing new to report.

d) Boundary Review Update

Councillor Pollard reported that more money was being put into double devolution and that the Community Networks would be getting a highways scheme budget.

Councillor Pollard reported on the most recent developments regarding the boundary review proposals for the Cornwall Council Divisions covering Gwinear-Gwithian Parish and Hayle Town Councils. The town council's favoured option of a North/South divide had been taken to CC's Electoral Review Committee and had been generally well received. However, the CC officers had revised the numbers that need to be divided in the Connor Downs area which had resulted in the need for there to be a boundary line down the middle of the road through the village. This had led to some concern from residents, in support of the views of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Councillor Mike Smith, about their village being divided, but Councillor Pollard had pointed out that it was not unusual for the lines of divisions to go down the middle of roads and indeed the Hayle North Division was divided from Hayle South Division by the railway line and this worked well, being clear, practical and sensible, with no one on either side doubting that they lived in Hayle or were represented by Hayle Town Council. He believed that the same would apply to Connor Downs residents when the necessity of revising the boundary this way had been explained to them.

It was emphasised that the proposal did not change the parishes.

The assistant clerk reported that the town council's views, as resolved at a previous full council meeting, had been submitted to Matt Stokes at CC.

201 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) Correspondence

- i) To note the correspondence from John James regarding issues with dangerous trees at Hayle Academy on its boundary with Harvey's Way and the actions undertaken by the clerk

The assistant clerk explained that the mayor had received a letter from John James regarding his concerns about dangerous trees at the school and his fruitless attempts to contact the head teacher at Hayle Academy. The clerk had written to Mr James to explain that the town council had limited

powers and no jurisdiction over schools, but that it could lobby on his behalf and that she had written to Mr Martin, the head teacher, asking him to have a tree survey carried out as a matter of urgency, or if this had already been done to send the town council the most recent inspection report so that she could respond to Mr James. She had also asked to be kept informed by Mr Martin.

It was resolved to note the correspondence and the actions undertaken by the clerk.

b) Meetings

01/02/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
05/02/18	6.00pm	Hayle & St Ives Community Network Panel Meeting	PEI
12/02/18	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning Association -AGM	Asda
15/02/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
20/02/18	7.15pm	Dementia Friendly Communities Session	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
21/02/18	10.30am	Towans Partnership Sub-Committee Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
23/02/18	10.30am	Tidal Regeneration Meeting with Neil Farrington	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
01/03/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
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c) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 15 February 2018

Town Mayor

Date