



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2018

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 15 February 2018 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor N Farrar (Mayor)
Councillors H Blakeley, B Capper, P Channon, G Coad, 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.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

202 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The clerk reminded councillors of the dementia awareness session on Tuesday 20 February.

203 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Benney and Roden.

204 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coad and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 11a (minute 212a refers) and made the following statement: - 'In commenting on these applications I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position if the matter is discussed at the Cornwall Council Planning Committee and full information is available.'

Councillor Farrar declared an interest in planning application PA18/12284 (agenda item 11a) and said that he would leave the room when the application was being considered.

205 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 1 FEBRUARY 2018

It was noted that the date for the Community Network Panel meeting was 5 March, not 5 February.

It was resolved that, noting the above correction, the minutes of the full council meeting 1 February 2018 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

206 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 1 FEBRUARY 2018

No members of the public had been present.

207 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION REGARDING WAVE HUB FROM CLAIRE GIBSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WAVE HUB LIMITED

The mayor welcomed Claire Gibson and invited her to give her presentation.

Claire Gibson gave her apologies for not being back to the council sooner and said she was pleased to attend to give an update.

She showed a short video of the location of the substation at Hayle, the hub, the cable, which splits into four cables at the hub, and various devices that a range of companies hoped would make use of the hub.

She then gave a slide presentation (see Appendix B).

During the presentation she emphasised the need for Hayle Harbour to be sufficiently developed to attract energy companies and gave the example of a Finnish company (Fortum) that chose to take their project to Scotland because they were not happy with the state of the harbour. She added that it was important to find customers to use the facility as soon as possible as support money from Cornwall Council (CC) would eventually run out. It was also noted that the hub was now being considered for use by floating wind farms and not just for wave energy production.

Claire Gibson finished her presentation by inviting councillors to pop in for a chat whenever they liked.

In the subsequent question and answer session the following information was provided:

- The cable, which had been installed in 2010, had a life expectancy of 25 years, which was industry standard;
- Wave Hub was disappointed that use of the hub had not progressed further; it had been able to generate economic activity and hoped to generate more in the near future;
- Wave Hub was doing its best to get improvements carried out at the harbour, but was not having much success and would be keen to support any efforts to get the harbour owners to make the necessary improvements;
- During this, the first year in CC's ownership Wave Hub would have spent about £1million, funded by CC and other sources, including £300,000 for a fishing fund which was due to launch at the beginning of March 2018 as mitigation for the impact of the hub on the fishing community;
- There were no definitive parameters for use of the harbour relating to the hub as all devices were different and required different types of vessels to support them; it

depended on the type of vessel whether the harbour was suitable or not at present. Fortum needed a 3m draft, which was not available at Hayle harbour;

- The marine wave energy hub would provide a part of the income for the harbour;
- The capacity of the cable was 48MW and Wave Hub had a connection agreement for 30MW, which was more or less adequate for today's needs;
- It was possible that the objection from the Ministry of Defence was due to the radar at Portreath, but Wave Hub was in dialogue with them and had commissioned a possible solution with the radar manufacturer;
- There were two sites with grid connection: one in Orkney, for single devices principally, but Fortum have three devices; the other was the site in Hayle; and another Wave Hub site was being planned off the Pembrokeshire coast, where a lease had been obtained but was five years away from any infrastructure. Wave Hub wanted to grow independently of public money;
- In Falmouth FaBTest had a blanket marine licence, but it was just a seabed lease to see how devices work and was not connected to the grid;
- Funding from Government all came off the back of its 'low carbon industrial strategy', but there had been very little funding for this sector since the strategy had been abandoned. George Eustice, the local MP, was being very helpful and trying to lobby, together with Sarah Newton MP. Environmental groups had also been very supportive; and
- Although Wave Hub was now not restricted to wave energy production projects, being also involved in wind energy production, its brand was global and recognised in the industry and by the public.

It was also noted that the wave hub was a part of the full package available at the Marine Renewables Park.

It was suggested that the only way to finance the dredging of the harbour was to sell some of the sand. Councillor Pollard informed everyone that when CC took over Wave Hub it had been agreed that it would be at no cost: the CC funding came from Government so there was no direct cost to the Hayle taxpayer; part of the 'dowry' was for decommissioning, so there was a critical balance that needed to be addressed.

It was agreed that there should be more publicity of what Wave Hub had been doing so that the public was informed that taxpayers' money had not been wasted, as had often been suggested.

The mayor thanked Claire Gibson for her presentation and answering councillors' questions.

208 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MATT HODSON, MARINE HUB OPERATIONS DIRECTOR – CORNWALL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, REGARDING THE MARINE HUB CORNWALL ENTERPRISE ZONE

The mayor welcomed Matt Hodson and invited him to give his presentation.

Matt Hodson thanked the town council for inviting him to speak to members and introduced himself with a short history of his long career in various aspects of the marine industry. He then gave his presentation (see Appendix C).

He informed members that one in seven jobs was in the marine industry in Cornwall and that the fishing industry was undergoing a revolution of modernisation, which was having a positive impact on other industries.

Following his presentation Matt Hodson took questions from councillors.

In response to a question from Councillor Mims regarding the silting problems and tidal nature of Hayle harbour and the opportunity to get surveys of the whole bay, he agreed to ask his colleague to speak to researchers at the University of Plymouth regarding the feasibility of testing solutions to silting problems in a test bed. It was agreed that financing such testing would remain a problem as it was unlikely that universities would do something for nothing.

Once again it was agreed that the work by Cornish companies at Chy Gallos needed to be more widely publicised and celebrated. It was also noted that Triskel was keen on offering apprenticeships and that more value needed to be placed on technical skills in schools, with students being shown all the opportunities available in the marine industries.

The mayor thanked Matt Hodson for his presentation.

209 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) To consider the proposal from John Bennett, Chairman, Hayle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, regarding the publicity for the referendum relating to the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan

It was clarified that there was approximately £8,000 remaining in the neighbourhood plan (NP) budget, in this financial year.

There were differing opinions regarding what to send out to the public, with some favouring a very short summary and others a two to three page one. It was agreed that whatever was sent out should be professionally designed.

It was noted that the whole plan would not be sent or given to anyone, but would be available to view at the town council office, at the library and online. A small number of copies for future reference would be stored at the town council office.

It was also noted that the town council should promote voting in the referendum regarding the NP, but should not promote its support.

Concern was expressed that the £1,000 allocated for printing the plan in the proposed preliminary budget was excessive.

It was resolved to inform John Bennett, Chairman of the Hayle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, that the town council accepts the proposal as proposed (see below), but with the amendment to the preliminary budget that copies of the neighbourhood plan **up to** a net cost of £1,000 be printed, if necessary.

Proposal

Once we have finalised the Plan, I am proposing that we print postcards and fliers with a mailing to every property, if there is time. The fliers and postcards will contain text along the lines of that approved by Ryan Searle at Cornwall Council (modified to include dates, etc):

REFERENDUM – PLEASE VOTE

Over a period of 4 years, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has created a Neighbourhood Plan based on the wishes of the people of Hayle. In June of 2014 we sent a questionnaire to every household which included the question “What three things would you like to change about Hayle?” From that start, through community meetings and lengthy surveys and consultations, we arrived at a Plan that was guided by, and supported by, the community and endorsed by the town council. Why did Hayle Town Council want a Neighbourhood Plan?

- To promote good design and protect the distinct character of the area
- To improve traffic facilities and reduce congestion
- To support local businesses and jobs
- To protect our unique heritage
- To protect green and open spaces
- To get funding for local projects from developer contributions. [*Developers must pay a Community Infrastructure Levy and the percentage of this that towns receive to use on local projects is much higher if there is an adopted Neighbourhood Plan.*]

In order for the plan to be adopted by Cornwall Council, it must be supported at a referendum of Hayle registered voters.

The final Plan will be available to inspect at the Hayle Town Council office, at the Library and on the site np.hayle.net.

Once the Inspection process has been completed, the date of the referendum will be announced and you will have the opportunity to vote. If you support the plan, vote ‘yes’, otherwise vote ‘no’. If more than 50% of voters support the plan, it will be adopted. We do hope that there will be a large turnout so that we can be sure that the wishes of the people of Hayle are represented and respected.

I also propose that we have one or two open days using large panels to explain the plan.

A preliminary budget is:

	Cost	VAT	Total
Post Office Mailing	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
Posters, Fliers, Postcards	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00
Panels	£700.00	£140.00	£840.00
Banners	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
Copies of NP	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00
Total	£3,500.00	£700.00	£4,200.00

The inspector is expected to report around mid-March.

It was resolved to ask John Bennett to consider using the services of a professional designer to produce promotional material to ensure maximum impact and to encourage electors to vote.

The clerk undertook to approach Martin Nixon to obtain a quotation for the design of publicity materials.

210 TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FROM BOOTS LTD REGARDING CONSOLIDATION ONTO THE SITE AT 44-46 FORE STREET OF BOOTS UK LTD ALREADY AT THAT SITE AND BOOTS UK LTD CURRENTLY AT 1-3 PENPOL TERRACE

Concerns were expressed about what was effectively the closure of the Foundry branch of Boots. Not only would this be a reduction in availability of pharmacies in the town it would also mean another empty shop in Hayle.

It was established that Boots were the owners of the property at 1-3 Penpol Terrace, not lessees.

It was agreed that this application would leave the people living in the west of Hayle with exactly the same problems as the earlier application by Boots to relocate branch hours [see Minute 21a)ii) 1 June 2017] which had been refused by NHS England and the decision upheld by the Committee on appeal.

Although the Bodriggy Surgery pharmacy would be accessible for some of its customers if the Penpol Terrace branch were to close, a gap in the provision of pharmaceutical services would be created for residents in the Mellanear (western) area of town without their own transport as they would have a very long way to walk to a pharmacy at either Fore Street or Bodriggy Surgery and would, therefore, be severely disadvantaged. Additionally, access to the Fore Street branch was inadequate for those with disabilities due to the nature of the building (there is no level access) and the faulty automatic door button. The retention of the Penpol Terrace branch was, therefore, vital or the need for a new pharmacy to open would be created.

The approximate 15-minute walk between the Fore Street and West Cornwall Retail Park branches (see response 1 to question 5.5 on the application - now reduced from the 17-minute walk between locations claimed in the previous application) was disputed (as was the earlier 17-minute walk claim) by councillors who felt that even a fit person would struggle to walk the distance in that time and it did not take slower, less able people into account.

It was resolved to object to this application, reinforcing the relevant comments in the town council's previous letter in response to the application to relocate hours.

211 TO CONSIDER WRITING TO SIMON CLARKE, DIRECTOR OF ARKE PROPERTY, TO REQUEST THAT THE VISUAL ASPECT OF FOUNDRY YARD BE IMPROVED AS IT IS CURRENTLY AN EYESORE ON ONE OF THE KEY APPROACHES TO THE TOWN

The mayor reported that he had received many complaints from members of the public regarding the poor state of Foundry Yard. Other councillors reported that they had also received such complaints.

Councillor Coad reported that he had emailed Simon Clarke about the issue and had been told that Peter Haddock had been assigned the job of improving the site.

It was resolved to write a letter to Simon Clarke, copying in the harbour master Peter Haddock.

212 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA17/11657; PA17/12284; PA18/00425; PA18/00667 and PA18/01282

[9.30pm Councillor Farrar declared an interest in PA17/12284 and left the room. Councillor Polkinghorne assumed the Chair. At 9.31pm Councillor Farrar rejoined the meeting and assumed the Chair.]

For the resolutions on individual planning applications see Appendix A attached.

- b) To note the results of previous applications

It was resolved to note the results.

[9.35pm Councillor Capper left the meeting.]

213 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

It was reported that the South West Coastal Path was being worked on.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 1 March 2018

Town Mayor

Date