



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2018**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 5 April 2018 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### **PRESENT**

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

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

### **7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Roger Cocking spoke regarding the current and future status of the Wave Hub and the Marine Renewables Park. He was informed that the Park was not empty, but was in fact at 55% occupancy and that some jobs had already been created, with more expected in the future; Cornwall Council (CC) had already taken ownership of both the Wave Hub and the Marine Renewables Park and the whole project was no longer anything to do with the EU, which had only provided the money to provide new infrastructure to develop Hayle. He was also informed that the Park was surrounded by an enterprise zone which allowed businesses to benefit from lower rates and was part of the marine renewables industry located in other Cornish towns. The Wave Hub had not been designed to produce renewable energy, but rather to test machines and it was disappointing that it had not yet attracted the businesses it had hoped to attract, some of which had chosen to use the facilities in Scotland and Portugal. Wave Hub was now investigating other types of renewable energy, such as off-shore wind farm energy.

### **7.22PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

#### **228 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

It was announced that the planning application for the War Memorial improvements had been approved; the clerk reminded members that a contractor had been appointed and explained that work would start and finish either before or after the summer holidays and be ready for the centenary commemoration in November 2018.

#### **229 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Channon, Coad, Roden and Wills.

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

Councillors Farrar and Polkinghorne both declared an interest in agenda item 13a)i) (minute 240a)i) refers) regarding Hayle Cricket Club and said they would leave the room during the discussion and vote.

**231 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 15 MARCH 2018**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the full council meeting 15 March 2018 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

**232 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 15 MARCH 2018**

The water leak at the hospital which had been reported by David Raymer was discussed and the clerk undertook to phone the hospital management to find out if the matter was already in hand.

**233 TO PRESENT A TOWN PLATE TO MR ROY AND MRS SHIRLEY HAYES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LONGSTANDING SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO HAYLE**

The mayor welcomed Mr and Mrs Hayes to the meeting and presented them with the town plate, thanking them for their service to the town with the Royal British Legion, particularly the Poppy Appeal and the Remembrance Day and Civic Parades. He wished them good luck for their new life abroad.

Mr Hayes thanked the mayor and the town council for the honour and gave a brief history of their service to the town through their respective involvement with the Air Training Corps, Royal British Legion and his time acting as Parade Marshal.

**234 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM PAUL MINSHULL, CORNWALL COUNCIL STRATEGIC RESILIENCE OFFICER, AND DR DAVE WATKINS, CORNWALL COUNCIL FLOOD & COASTAL STRATEGIC RESILIENCE LEAD, REGARDING FLOOD RESILIENCE AND THE HAYLE FLOOD RISK PROFILE**

The mayor welcomed Paul Minshull and Dave Watkins to the meeting and invited them to give their presentation.

Paul Minshull introduced himself and gave his presentation (see Appendix A). He explained that the main purpose of his work was to work with local communities and combine their local information with general and/or technical data regarding flooding to create meaningful individual flood risk profiles for towns and villages. The profile for Hayle was the first such document to be drafted. He looked forward to feedback from members at the end of the presentation regarding, for example, potential ideas/schemes in Hayle and the history of flooding in the town. Of particular interest were priorities for Hayle, as decided by Hayle residents. He added that the document would remain a work in progress and he welcomed comments (to his email address) at any time.

During the question and answer session the following information was clarified:

- Paul Minshull was happy to give his presentation to members of the local flood forum and the clerk agreed to ask Vanessa Luckwell to organise a workshop for all councillors, the local flood forum members and Paul Minshull and Dave Watkins. In the meantime Dr Watkins would fill in the gaps in the draft document, including information relating to the Millpond, which could be verified at the workshop. Members were also invited to email in any inaccuracies in the draft document. More local photographs were requested.
- It was difficult to coordinate the work of the Environment Agency (EA) and CC as each agency had overview of different elements of water/flooding management.
- It was difficult to obtain funding for flooding schemes in Cornwall as they could not meet the minimum individual residential properties affected criteria (percentages of total home numbers were not allowable criteria), but funding could be obtained if flood risk schemes were tied in with other local schemes. The individual profile document would address how flooding/resilience affected Hayle holistically and therefore community input was very important to provide evidence to the EA and other sources of funding.
- It was not possible to prioritise one type of flooding over another (for example inundation from the sea and fluvial flooding) and it was very important to be prepared for any type of flooding as it was not always possible to prevent it (for example flooding in Coverack in 2017). It was possible, however, to consider adjusting systems to deal with floodwater; for example encouraging people to stay at home so that roads could be used to direct flood water to the sea.
- Information regarding existing drainage and sewerage systems should be passed on to Paul Minshull and/or Dave Watkins as historical information was not necessarily available to the authorities.
- Surface water flooding was the biggest problem in Cornwall and they were not good at dealing with surface water in urban environments.
- It was hoped that the individual flood risk profiles would enable production of action plans which would support applications for funding and allow the priorities for Hayle to be agreed by the local population.
- Flood resilience should be a foundation stone of design regarding new housing developments. Paul Minshull was working closely with the planning team at CC regarding future developments.
- The facility (at CC) to update the Angarrack Flood Plan no longer exists.
- If actions are not carried out it creates fatigue in the interested groups; Paul Minshull suggested that this, for example, might identify a local priority being obtaining a small pot of money to carry out low cost suggested actions. The clerk suggested that the town council might in future want to use Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to carry out small schemes.
- A priority system was in place at CC for the funding of infrastructure maintenance, which was dependent on weather warnings.
- Paul Minshull and Dave Watkins were made aware of the town council's concerns regarding the Millpond and the EA's insistence that it was part of a flood defence scheme and that it would not allow the town council to change the water levels in the pond. It was agreed that the town council's current project should be mentioned in the risk profile as a priority for Hayle.
- A flood relief insurance scheme such as the existing one for homes would be welcomed by small businesses.

The mayor thanked Paul Minshull and Dave Watkins for their presentation.

**235 HAYLE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY STATION REPORT**

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

No report had been received.

It was noted that a Police Liaison Group for West Penwith had been established and Hayle Town Council's representatives were Councillors Cocks and Farrar. A meeting had been scheduled for 24 April 2018.

**236 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL**

- a) To receive the report of the Amenities Committee meeting 8 March 2018

The minutes had not been finalised and this agenda item was deferred until a future full council meeting.

**237 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS**

It was reported that several councillors had attended a positive and useful meeting in Carbis Bay regarding Dementia Friendly Communities and consequently had decided to research establishing a Memory Café in Hayle. A location was being sought and the issue would be discussed at a future full council meeting. It was noted that the benefits were mainly for carers and anyone who wanted to support people with dementia; any decorative memory objects were brought to the cafés by the attendees. It was also noted that the Memory Café at Carbis Bay Village Hall was held on the first and third Thursdays of the month and was open to all.

**238 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.

- b) To note the finding of the councillor internal audit on 28 March 2018 relating to the period 1 October 2017 to 28 March 2018

Councillor Cocks praised the new finance officer, Barbara Goraus, for her excellent work. The clerk thanked Councillors Benney and Cocks for giving their time to carry out the audit.

**It was resolved** to note the findings.

**239 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)**

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was reported that George Eustice MP had been asked for his support for Cornwall Council (CC)'s planned purchase of the harbour and he had agreed to give it.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

Planning permission had not yet been given for the development of Loggans Mill, but the application was progressing smoothly. Lidl was not happy to allow access over its land, but it was looking likely that access rights over Guinness land would be granted. The area south of the mill had been purchased for £1 to provide parking.

It was reported that CC's parking plan for the area south west of the War Memorial had been reconsidered by officers and local residents in order to address issues raised by Councillor Pollard and the residents. The parking scheme was on this year's list of possible CC schemes.

Councillor Pollard reported that he had agreed to meet residents at Clifton Terrace the following morning regarding the most recent land slip. The clerk expressed her concern about the risk to people on the King George V Memorial Walk below and informed the meeting that town council officers had reported the slip to CC that morning and CC had erected heras fencing around the slipped earth and vegetation as a temporary measure. The clerk agreed to contact Richard Hocking and other responsible CC officers to ask for their assistance and advice regarding the possible need to close off further areas of the Walk to the public. It was noted that the Walk was still the responsibility of CC and the town council had no responsibility for the land above at Clifton Terrace

The clerk agreed to check that the planning application regarding Pulsack Manor would be called in to the CC Planning Committee, should CC's decision conflict with the town council's objection.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

There was nothing new to report.

d) Boundary Review Update

It was reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC)'s review body was expected to return in May 2018 with its recommendations. It was noted that Cornwall Councillors had not seen the recommendations CC had sent to the LGBC and that following the May 2018 report a further consultation would take place.

## **240 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS**

a) Correspondence

- i) To consider the email correspondence from Tim Marrion, Hayle Cricket Club, requesting the town council's support for its new facility

[9.25pm Councillors Farrar and Polkinghorne left the room and Councillor Capper assumed the chair.]

**It was resolved** to write a letter of support from the town council.

[9.26pm Councillors Farrar and Polkinghorne re-joined the meeting and Councillor Farrar assumed the chair.]

- ii) To consider the letter from Coastline Housing regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and potential sites within the parish for the development of affordable homes

**It was resolved** to note the letter.

- iii) To consider in principle the request from Cory operatives to use/share the restroom and storage facilities with town council staff members in buildings on King George V Memorial Walk

Members were informed that town council staff working on the Walk were happy to share the restroom and storage facilities and it was agreed with the clerk that there was no problem in principle and that she would check the risk assessments covering all staff involved. It was noted that the company would be beneficial for the gardener as she often worked alone, and the town council might be able to charge Cory a small fee.

**It was resolved** to approve the request in principle, retaining the right to end the relationship at any time.

**It was resolved** to ask Cornwall Council what is happening with the former toilet block building that Cory has been asked to vacate.

b) Meetings

09/04/18	4.00pm	Personnel Committee Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
09/04/18	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning Association	Asda
18/04/18	8.45am - 4.00pm	SLCC Regional Seminar on GDPR (Karen and Ellie to attend)	Falmouth
19/04/18	7.00pm	Annual Electors Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
19/04/18	7.30pm (approx.)	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
24/04/18	2.30pm	WCCCTV Meeting	Tolvaddon
24/04/18	6.00pm	Police Liaison ( Cllrs Farrar and Cocks to attend)	Alverne Room, St Johns Hall, Penzance
26/04/18	7.30pm	Resource Committee Meeting	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
03/05/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
10/05/18	7.15pm	Annual Council including Mayor Choosing	Hayle Day Care Centre

c) Incidentals

It was stated that the incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 9.44pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 19 April 2018

**Town Mayor** .....

**Date** .....