



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 2018**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 4 October 2018 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor C Polkinghorne (Mayor)  
Councillors S Benney, B Capper, G Coad, N Farrar, B Mims, J Pollard and A Roden

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

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

Paul Pellegrinetti attended the meeting to make councillors aware, if they were not already, of the poor state of public transportation. He understood that the town council's aim regarding frequency of trains stopping at Hayle was 'if a train stops in St Erth it should stop in Hayle', but that instead of improving to meet this target the service had in fact worsened. Mr Pellegrinetti referred to the new timetable which showed that five or six trains did not stop in Hayle and the evening service was either not practical or non-existent. He questioned the monopoly the First group had over public transport as it owned both the local buses and trains and asked if representatives of First could be invited to a council meeting to defend the service offered. As well as being bad for residents the situation was also a hindrance to the development of the town itself.

Mr Pellegrinetti was informed that the Department for Transport specify the timetable, not First. (It was noted that the railway service operator is now called Great Western Railway, not First Great Western) and the service promised for the near future was for a minimum hourly service as standard and a minimum half-hourly service at peak times. Disappointment was expressed by all at the delay in bringing the improved train service to Cornwall – what had been promised for the near future had been delayed until May 2019. Mr Pellegrinetti was informed that the town council was already pushing for a better service and better conditions on the trains and at stations. Councillor Roden offered to give Mr Pellegrinetti more details if he contacted him following the meeting and the clerk agreed to invite representatives of Great Western Railway to a town council meeting.

It was noted that although the bus service was not good for accessing many areas, some towns, such as Camborne, were reasonably served for those living in Hayle.

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

The deputy mayor chaired the meeting in the absence of the mayor, who was returning from attending the South West in Bloom awards ceremony in Yeovil and would assume the chair if he arrived before the end of the meeting.

**93 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Andrewartha, Blakeley, Cocks, Nidds, Rance and Wills. Councillor Polkinghorne had offered his apologies for his possible late arrival due to his absence on council business.

**94 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

**95 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 20 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the full council meeting 20 September 2018 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

**96 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 20 SEPTEMBER 2018**

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

**97 HAYLE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY STATION REPORT**

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

No report had been received and no representative was available to attend the meeting.

It was noted that the door at the tri-service station was boarded up temporarily as it had been broken.

Members were informed that the original tri-service officer had been successfully selected to be a full-time fire officer. In the immediate future he would continue to support the new intake of tri-service officer/s.

**98 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM ALLAN HAMPSHIRE, SERVICE DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND PUBLIC PROTECTION FOR CORNWALL COUNCIL, REGARDING OPTIONS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE TOWN INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY CORNWALL COUNCIL**

The deputy mayor introduced Allan Hampshire and Mr Hampshire introduced Zoe Hall, the parking enforcement manager at Cornwall Council (CC).

Allan Hampshire started by saying that he wanted to have an open discussion: ‘is there another way’? As a ‘Hayle boy’ (by choice rather than upbringing) he had a vested interest in making sure the town was the best it could be.

He then proceeded to give his presentation (see Appendix A), during which the following information was added and Mr Hampshire and Ms Hall answered councillors’ questions.

- CC was the biggest licensing authority in the country and Cornwall was the largest area of food production;
- The complaint figures listed probably did not represent the full scale of the problem as not everyone made a formal complaint about infractions they encountered;
- Fly-tipping had increased since the introduction of charges at the refuse and recycling tip, but the increase was not as great as people thought it was; increased revenue from fines was being used to deal with the problem;

[7.35pm Councillor Polkinghorne joined the meeting and assumed the chair.]

- There would never be enough officers to deal with all the problems and there would be no increase in officer numbers in the near future; potential improvements with the existing resources were being researched;
- For the whole of Cornwall there were four dog wardens, seven community protection officers and 46 parking enforcement officers;
- The much greater number of parking officers was both because their work did bring in money via fines and also because there was a high level of demand to keep roads safe and traffic moving;
- The level of fines for other enforcement services was not sufficient to pay for those services;
- There had been a reduction in dog warden numbers from eight to four because of cuts in funding, but to reduce the need for the service stray/missing dogs were being repatriated; it was acknowledged that beaches could not be patrolled all the time; and
- CC was seeking to work together with town and parish councils to use collective resources to make enforcement better, including training people (local residents/existing council workers) to carry out enforcement within the parishes, although this option had proved to be of limited value as it was difficult work which needed to be carried out by the right type of people, of whom there were few. There were also safety issues relating to this option.

Zoe Hall then spoke to the parking enforcement section of the presentation.

- There were five senior parking enforcement officers (PEO), 42 PEOs with another four PEOs being recruited;
- Summer was the busiest time for PEOs;
- Obstruction caused by vehicles was a very big problem in Hayle, but unfortunately much of it was on roads without yellow lines, which made the infractions unenforceable by CC because they fell within the responsibility of the police;
- CC was unable to remove vehicles, its officers could only issue penalty notices;
- CC wanted to know more about the problems in Hayle and councillors and HTC staff were encouraged to report parking issues directly to Zoe Hall's office at the following email address: [parkingenforcement@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:parkingenforcement@cornwall.gov.uk);
- PEOs usually spent one to two hours three times per week in Hayle; they spent the same number of hours six times per week in St Ives;
- All requests for enforcement would be followed up, with responses normally carried out the same day if possible – officers could be reactive if they were in the area;
- The proportion of time spent by PEOs in car parks and on street was 50/50, but the on street proportion was likely to increase now that parking was free in CC car parks after 4pm; in Hayle on street patrols already accounted for 89% of officer time;

- As CC was not able to deal with parking problems on unlined roads, it was suggested that to address pavement parking Cornwall Councillors should request double yellow lines to be installed where it was happening, although it was acknowledged that this was easier said than done and took a long time even when it was possible; the public should be encouraged to report obstructions to the police and be prepared to stay at the scene until the police arrived – they needed to be forceful with their complaints;
- Although the Community Network Panel received £50,000 per year for its preferred traffic schemes, the number of proposed schemes hugely outweighed the number which could be carried out;
- Regular dual patrols were carried out around all schools in Cornwall, but if councillors had concerns/received regular complaints about any particular school in Hayle they should report them to the above email address and Ms Hall would carry out some focused enforcement; it was noted that drivers had to be observed for at least five minutes before any action could be taken;
- If further parking permits for Foundry would help problems at Penpol School the relevant Cornwall councillor should contact Ken Polmounter at CC;
- Trials were being carried out with a small number of parish councils and it had become clear that wardens were not visiting enough or at the right times and if times and locations were correctly targeted the success of the service increased without increasing the service level agreement; CC would like to hear in advance (via email above or by phone) about festivals and events when enforcement would be required at particular times of day;
- It was noted that people needed to be encouraged to report problems and not to just take pictures and post them on Facebook as these complaints would not be seen by CC enforcement;
- Zoe Hall would be happy to do some limited extended enforcement in some areas of Hayle that particularly required enforcement; if the penalty charge notice rate went up this would be good evidence that increasing hours/service level agreement would be worth the extra expenditure for the town council;
- Councillors were invited to accompany enforcement officers to see what they could and could not do and what they were up against; and
- Ms Hall suggested that she would like to carry out a trial of coming a little more often for one month; the hours 6am to 11pm were covered and if HTC could advise the best time to come they would accommodate this for the trial period, although it was repeated that officers could only enforce yellow lines (not obstructions on non-lined streets).

At this point Allan Hampshire continued the presentation and question and answer session.

- The enforcement team were also involved in community protection, covering issues such as noise nuisance, fly tipping, dog mess, dogs on beaches and pollution;
- Only five complaints regarding dog mess had been received regarding Hayle in the last year; it was acknowledged that this did not show the size of the problem and that members of the public should be encouraged to report any problems to CC, although it was agreed that being shamed on Facebook for allowing a dog to foul did sometimes work;
- Only 15 complaints regarding dogs on beaches had been received for Hayle; it was agreed that any complaints that the town council received should be collated and forwarded to CC, but it was also noted that it was also difficult to enforce in Hayle as the beaches that banned dogs and those that did not crisscrossed along the coast, making

it more difficult to identify where dogs were and were not allowed; it was also noted that it was necessary to educate the RNLI lifesavers regarding the beach rules as they had sometimes given wrong advice; maps needed to be improved to make them easier to read;

- 46 complaints regarding fly-tipping on public land and two on private land had been received; CC could not clear waste from private land, but could enforce it; this year seven or eight people had been prosecuted (with some suspended custodial sentences), including people who employed others to fly-tip on their behalf, but it was difficult to catch people in the act; further information campaigns should be carried out to make the public aware of the rules regarding fly-tipping and that they needed to check that anyone they used to dispose of rubbish did so legally;
- Flyposting came under separate legislation and CC could enforce that too – Mr Hampshire said he would provide further information to the town council at a later date; and
- It was noted that Vanessa Luckwell had set up a Facebook page for the Hayle and St Ives Community Network Panel.

The discussion moved on to be more directly related to what could be offered to/set up in Hayle and the following issues/solutions were raised.

- HTC could employ an enforcement warden; it was noted that some other local authorities had taken on wardens, but that following good starts, they were often not successful as it was a tough, stressful role which needed to be filled by someone of the right temperament and would need support;
- HTC could buy in more service from CC, but it would have to be a minimum of half a post (to train and manage a full-time warden would cost £20,000 for salary, plus a third again); an enforcement warden could undertake enforcement on many of the above issues, excluding parking, although they could liaise with parking enforcement officers; HTC could share a warden with another town or parish council, although after hearing that the warden would not be able to address parking issues and/or traffic issues on King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW) some councillors thought that the expense would not be worthwhile; Mr Hampshire emphasised that the warden/officer could get parking enforcement officers to deal with parking offences quickly (if possible) and that Hayle could be a pioneer council as part of a pilot scheme;
- Regarding the KGVMW issues it was noted that the town council could apply to have the current traffic regulation order amended to include a parking regulation order (this was being done currently by Penzance Town Council regarding Causewayhead);
- The clerk reported that there was a need for a dog regulation order on the Recreation Ground as one was not in place as previously thought and asked if such an order would be enforced and managed by CC as the town council's attempts to enforce dogs on leads had not been successful; the meeting was informed that this type of order fell within a public space protection order, which had been devolved out to town and parish councils, but the government had replaced responsibility with Cornwall Council and there would be a new consultation on this issue, probably next year, to bring in a new order. HTC would be able to say what it wanted for the town and its wishes would be supported by CC. There needed to be a new debate by HTC, the result of which would be put forward in CC's consultation and if agreed it should not cost the town council any money.

**It was resolved** that the town council would look into the possibility of working in partnership with Cornwall Council on employing an environmental protection officer, either alone or together with other local town and parish council/s.

Allan Hampshire was asked about his view on Blue Flags for beaches and he said he was not an expert, although he thought it would be worthwhile.

Zoe Hall rounded up the discussion saying that she would be happy to carry out a month's trial regarding parking enforcement in Hayle.

The mayor thanked Allan Hampshire and Zoe Hall and they left the meeting.

## **99 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL**

- a) To receive the report from the Amenities Committee meeting 28 June 2018

Councillor Pollard was concerned about the information (minute A10 refers) that the RSPB had agreed to take on the management of the green area in Commercial Road car park. He stated that the town council must not allow this to happen as on previous similar occasions the RSPB had added restrictions to reasonable activity by residents, such as having benches overlooking Copperhouse Pool. The clerk clarified that HTC had not agreed to anything and that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting. Councillor Pollard clarified that he did not dispute the minutes but wanted his concerns minuted.

**It was resolved** to receive the report of the Amenities Committee meeting 28 June 2018 so that actions could be carried out.

## **100 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS**

A report and photographs from Councillor Andrewartha regarding Roaming for Rubbish and Plastic Free Hayle were tabled for councillors' information. It was agreed that the issue of Plastic Free Hayle needed to be brought back to a future full council meeting.

The mayor agreed to bring forward Agenda Item 13 so that it could be discussed before Councillor Coad had to leave the meeting.

## **101 TO CONSIDER WHETHER HAYLE SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN BLUE FLAG STATUS FOR ITS BEACHES**

It was suggested that this subject should have been discussed with Hayle's Cornwall councillors before it was brought before the town council, but the meeting was informed that the aim was to see the will of the town council to inform CC's research into the matter. It was also noted that there would be some cost involved for CC.

CC officer Jolyon Sharpe was researching four sites in Hayle and Gwinear-Gwithian. It was reported that the only element of weakness for Hayle was Hayle Towans, which was weak on recycling.

It was suggested that the main benefit of obtaining Blue Flag status for Hayle's beaches would be for the holiday campsites and therefore they should be approached to meet the costs. Many councillors agreed with this stance.

Others believed that it would be good for Hayle if it could obtain Blue Flag status, although it was recognised that there were issues such as the responsibility for supplying and servicing refuse and recycling bins which needed to be addressed. Members agreed that they needed more information before they could make any decisions but they were happy to support Jolyon Sharpe's research into the issue.

**It was resolved** to defer any decision until more information was available.

**It was resolved** to urge Jolyon Sharpe and Cornwall Council to continue the research into the feasibility of obtaining Blue Flag status for Hayle's beaches.

## **102 ACCOUNTS**

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2018/2019 as listed on Appendix B

**It was resolved** to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council 2018/2019 as listed on Appendix B.

- b) To note the satisfactory completion of the external annual audit 2017/2018 by PKF Littlejohn

**It was resolved** to note the satisfactory completion of the external annual audit 2017/2018 by PKF Littlejohn and to record thanks to the staff concerned.

## **103 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF PENPOL TERRACE IN LIGHT OF THE IMMINENT WITHDRAWAL BY CORNWALL COUNCIL FROM ITS MAINTENANCE COMMITMENT**

The clerk reported that she had received information via Vanessa Luckwell that Jon Mitchell had agreed in July 2018 to delay giving notice on the maintenance commitment for six months and she gave a brief description of the history of the issue.

Councillors considered whether the town council should take on responsibility for the maintenance of the site. Many agreed that since the area was a 'shop window' for Hayle and it was enjoyed by many people, who would criticise the town council if it did not take on the maintenance, it should do so.

Others suggested that there should be a meeting with the owners of the land to ask what they intended to do when CC withdrew its maintenance and that public pressure should be used to incline them to manage the site. Alternatively, if the owners were willing to give the land to the town council it would be more inclined to take on the maintenance.

It was also noted that it was the responsibility of the landowners to make the area safe for public access to the moorings, but it was also recognised that owners did not always carry out their responsibilities.

[9.00pm Councillor Coad left the meeting.]

**It was resolved** to meet the landowners to discuss the future maintenance of Penpol Terrace, including the possibility of transferring the land to the town council which would then maintain it.

There was a short discussion about taking on the land on a long lease of 99 years, but it was noted that any lease must leave the leaseholders free of any liability. It was noted that it might not be easy to maintain the area as Cormac were not keen to maintain it because of the accident experienced by one of its workers earlier in the year.

#### **104 TO PRIORITISE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S LIST OF HIGHWAYS PROJECTS TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL'S SELECTION PROCESS**

**It was resolved** to email the list of proposed Highways projects to councillors for them to prioritise individually and then to be collated by the office staff, with the final list to come back to a full council meeting to be ratified.

The deadline to get the list to Vanessa Luckwell was 19 October to be ready for the proposed meeting between Ms Luckwell and CC.

The non-prioritised list for consideration for the £50,000 Community Network Highways Scheme was as follows:

- A The taxi bays at Copperhouse and Foundry Square to be removed and returned to kerbside parking
- B The disabled bay to be removed outside Treveglos, Bay View, as the user is now deceased (in front of number 30? – can someone please confirm which number)
- C Harbour View disabled bay to be removed, as user is now deceased (which number? – can someone please confirm)
- D A scheme to alleviate parking outside Bodriggy School
- E To increase parking spaces in Foundry Square for parking by people bringing children to and collecting them from Penpol School (currently 40 permits) (but information received at the meeting from Allan Hampshire leads us to believe that Hayle's Cornwall councillors can request further permits from Ken Polmounter, so you may not wish to include this in your list of priorities)
- F To make the road to No Man's Land impossible for use by HGVs (now described as unsuitable)
- G To regularise the signs on Queensway, which are currently 20 miles per hour limit to the bridge then 30 miles per hour limit for 30 metres and then again 20 miles per hour limit, to make the whole stretch of road limited to 20 miles per hour. Alternatively to make all back streets in Hayle limited to 20 miles per hour. (Because of speeding, or because it is a confused message? – can you please confirm what you think is the reason)

- H A scheme to enforce the Sunday closure of King George V Memorial Walk
- I Investigating traffic and layout solutions to the appropriate areas of Mount View Terrace, Chapel Hill and Bay View (parking at junction)
- J Add dropped kerbs at Lethlean Lane
- K Top of Water Lane – traffic calming – rumble strips or similar – outside 20 houses
- L To fund an enforcement/environment officer if it is permissible under the scheme. (However, at the meeting we were informed that any enforcement officer employed by HTC would not be able to deal with parking so you may not want to include this in your list of priorities.)

## **105 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)**

### a) Hayle Harbour Update

How to handle the North Quay planning application was discussed and it was agreed that as the information received by CC from ICOMOS would possibly lead to the application being withdrawn it was not necessary at this stage to hold a separate meeting.

It was suggested that, bearing in mind no members of the public had attended when the application had been on the agenda for the previous planning meeting, it be placed on the scheduled planning agenda for 18 October. It appeared that the ICOMOS report would make a decision regarding the principle of whether the proposal was suitable for that site or not a simple one.

**It was resolved** to consider the North Quay planning application PA18/04577 at the meeting of 18 October if Peter Bainbridge was able to attend, or at the 16 November meeting if he could not.

Regarding the possible takeover of the harbour area, it was reported that CC might do a deal on the land only, not the harbour itself, but it was agreed that HTC wanted to push CC to take over the whole entity. Councillor Pollard agreed to write to Jon Lloyd Owen to ask him to attend an HTC Harbour Committee meeting.

### b) Cornwall Council Update

It was reported that the work at the War Memorial was ongoing. The HTC part of the scheme was looking fabulous. There had been a slight panic when Cormac workers had thought they had found a well or adit, but it had been confirmed that it was only a bore hole.

Cornwall Live recorded a video about Hayle shops and Councillor Pollard was interviewed on camera. Members were asked to spread the word about the video as it was quite positive about Hayle.

### c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

It was reported that the library devolution preparations were back on track and there would be a working party meeting the following Wednesday as per the schedule.

Councillor Polkinghorne gave a brief summary of the CC library devolution conference which he had attended the previous week.

d) Boundary Review Update

It was reported that an acknowledgement of receipt of the town council's comments had been received from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

**106 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS**

a) Correspondence

- i) To note that the Railway Working Party will re-apply to Great Western Railway's Customer and Communities Improvement Fund

It was reported that the application had to be made by 31 October and as quotes were still outstanding and more time needed to be spent than was available it was suggested that the application be deferred until next year, but in the meantime to ask Great Western Railway to carry out some improvements to the station.

The railway working party (not a town council working party) was meeting the following day to discuss the issue informally.

Other members felt that HTC should put the application in anyway, to show that it was not giving up on obtaining funding for necessary improvements.

Councillor Roden agreed to re-apply with a slightly amended original proposal.

**It was resolved** to note that the Railway Working Party will re-apply to Great Western Railway's Customer and Communities Improvement Fund.

- ii) To consider the email correspondence from Hayle Business Breakfast regarding its training proposal

Members discussed the proposal but agreed that it was solely for the benefit of businesses in Hayle and although the town council wished to support local businesses where possible, this group was not a constituted body (unlike the Chamber of Commerce) and did not represent a cross section of all businesses in the town. It was also noted that the town council had recently refused Hayle Twinning Association any further discounts on room hire and had advised that group to apply for a small grant instead.

**It was resolved** to decline the proposal and to advise Hayle Business Breakfast to apply for a grant via the Chamber of Commerce, a constituted body whose application HTC would be able to consider, but also to advise that there was no guarantee that such an application would be approved.

b) Meetings

05/10/18	11.00am	Railway Book Group Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC
07/10/18	2.30pm	Civic Service and Parade	Commercial Road Car Park

08/10/18	7.00pm	Hayle Twinning Association	Asda's Community Room
10/10/18	1.30pm	Hayle Library Working Group Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC
10/10/18	2.45pm	Meeting with representatives of Hayle Decorative Lighting	Assembly Room, HCC
11/10/18	7.30pm	HTC Single Issue Meeting – North Quay Harbour Application CANCELLED	CANCELLED
17/10/18	10.00am	CALC Larger Council's Meeting	Newquay TC
18/10/18	10.00am	SWW Odour Liaison Meeting	St Erth Treatment Works
18/10/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
23/10/18	2.30pm	WCCCTV Meeting	Tolvaddon Fire HQ
25/10/18	7.30pm	Resource Committee	Assembly Room, HCC
30/10/18	5.00pm	HTC Workshop re Trevassack Site with Marcus Healan, CC	Assembly Room, HCC
01/11/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
02/11/18	9.30am	Cornwall Community Flood Forum Conference	Methodist Church, Union Place, Truro

The clerk informed members that the meeting with representatives of the Hayle Decorative Lighting Committee (Keith Dingley, Jayne Quick and a new member) on Wednesday 10 October was open to all councillors.

c) Incidentals

The list of incidentals was tabled. Incidentals were available on request.

The meeting closed at 9.57pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 18 October 2018

**Town Mayor** .....

**Date** .....