



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2018

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 1 November 2018 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

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

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

117 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no announcements.

118 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Wills.

119 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

120 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 18 OCTOBER 2018

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

121 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 18 OCTOBER 2018

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

122 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.

The clerk reported that two PCSOs had visited the office to catch up informally and that they had asked for a date for the whole police team to meet the mayor and deputy mayor.

123 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

- a) To receive the report from the Amenities Committee meeting 27 September 2018

Members' attention was drawn to the fact that due to lack of storage at the community centre money had been spent from general reserves to obtain a new storage container which would be sited in the car park behind the building.

[7.20pm Councillor Coad joined the meeting.]

It was resolved to receive the report from the Amenities Committee meeting 27 September 2018 so that actions could be carried out.

- b) To receive the report from the Personnel Committee meeting 13 September 2018

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124 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

- a) To receive an update on the Hayle War Memorial improvement scheme and to agree final finishes and fixtures

It was reported that Cormac had finished its work and Hayle Town Council (HTC)'s work had been completed apart from the railings which had been delayed but were due to be delivered the following day or Monday and would be installed early next week. The poppies would be fitted to the railings when delivered to the contractor, either by Councillor Nidds directly or the clerk if they were delivered to her.

Councillors were asked for their opinions regarding the placement of the silhouette soldiers. They could not be sited behind the railings as drilling into the cobbles would damage them and holding them down with sandbags would not be adequately safe and it was agreed that they be placed on the grass areas in the remembrance garden at the front of the Passmore Edwards Institute. Councillors expressed their thanks to the working party who had made all the renovations possible and in time for the centenary commemorations.

It was resolved to site the soldier silhouettes in the remembrance garden either side of the entrance to the Passmore Edwards Institute building, following approval of the Royal British Legion (Hayle Branch) and the Passmore Edwards Institute.

Councillor Nidds, in his capacity as chairman of the Royal British Legion, undertook to arrange to have the silhouettes staked in the grass.

The clerk reported that she and the mayor had attended the routine quarterly West Cornwall CCTV meeting. The WCCCTV system was running successfully and a number of other towns wanted to buy into it. Mark Williams, Falmouth town clerk, had submitted the whole scheme, noting Hayle's initiative, to the National Association of Local Councils for an award. It was noted that there was

not much activity in Hayle, which was positive; the statistical report did not contain incidents that had been prevented by the presence of the cameras and consequent attendance by police. There had been a notable increase in violence in Penzance when two CCTV cameras had been out of action and so the police had not been alerted to prevent it.

The clerk passed on an invitation from the CCTV unit at Tolvaddon for all councillors to view the unit and its services; early evenings could be accommodated and everyone was welcome.

It was resolved to accept the invitation for all councillors to visit the unit at Tolvaddon.

Councillor Cocks reported from the South West Water (SWW) Liaison Group sewerage meeting he had recently attended. Residents of St Erth were despondent and had complained that the sewage works needed to be updated because as one problem was rectified others arose. Members of the group were so disheartened they were considering their attendance at future meetings.

There followed a discussion regarding the long history of sewage problems in Hayle, including unpleasant smells and the issue of raw sewage being brought to the St Erth plant from other areas of Cornwall, including as far as Newquay (during Boardmasters 2018). It was noted that it had served as a first treatment plant for Madron, Penzance, St Just and St Ives since 1996. It was reported that raw sewage was being tipped onto hard standing and then shovelled into tanks, although SWW had informed the group that it had capacity to serve local new housing developments as new pipes had been installed to cope with extra sewage. It was suggested that there should be a campaign for secondary treatment at the plant so that matter would be inert when it was discharged into the bay and everyone was encouraged to report complaints about smells to SWW as the water company did usually then address them, proving it was possible. It was suggested that the chemicals used to combat smells were not used on a regular basis due to cost. It was suggested that any campaign would be more successful if done jointly with St Erth Parish Council.

It was resolved to contact St Erth Parish Council to ask if it would like to join Hayle Town Council in its plans to address issues at the sewage treatment plant. As the plant is located in the St Erth parish Hayle Town Council suggests that a meeting at South West Water's convenience be hosted by St Erth Parish Council, with its approval, to which South West Water's most senior available officer and both local MPs be invited.

125 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.

It was reported that Councillors Benney and Cocks had attended the internal audit for the first six months of the financial year 2018/2019 and had found no errors or omissions. Congratulations were offered to the finance officer and the team for an excellent outcome.

126 TO NOTE THE OUTCOME OF THE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE TENNIS COURT AND RECREATION GROUND FURTHER TO THE REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL 7 JUNE 2018

It was reported that no money had been paid regarding the claim relating to the slide at the Recreation Ground as the investigation had concluded that the town council had carried out all necessary inspections and repairs and was not liable for the incident.

It was resolved to note the outcome of the insurance claims.

127 TO RATIFY THE TOWN COUNCIL'S PRIORITISED LIST OF HIGHWAYS PROJECTS TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL'S SELECTION PROCESS

It was reported that Mike Peters had been asked to email all relevant clerks the outcome of the meeting held on 19 October between Cornwall Council (CC) officers and local Cornwall Councillors regarding the highways projects selected by members of the Hayle & St Ives Community Network Panel (CNP) and the clerk undertook to forward the email to all councillors when it was received. It was noted that Vanessa Luckwell had been given the town council's prioritised list before the meeting, according to her request and the process which had been resolved at the previous full council meeting. It was reported that every Gwinear-Gwithian parish councillor had had a scheme included in the discussion with CC officers.

Councillors were given a verbal report of the meeting and were disappointed to hear that most of the schemes on the town council's list had been dismissed by Mike Peters as not being achievable for one reason or another. For example, disabled bays could not be removed without public consultation as they were not installed for any one person but were available for any blue badge holders. It was noted that this consultation with the CNP was a result of devolution of decision making, but it appeared from this highways project consultation that CC was still making the decisions and either the town council had misunderstood the new system or had been misled.

Members discussed the projects that had been prioritised by the town council and an additional scheme which related to traffic calming in Angarrack to protect pedestrians in the village, which members were informed had been discussed at the 19 October meeting. The Angarrack scheme was necessary due to the growing problem of increased levels and speed of traffic through the village, which had narrow roads, twisty bends, steep hills, a narrow bridge and almost no pavements. Whenever traffic was heavy on the A30 or other local roads drivers used Angarrack as a short cut to avoid the jams, or to visit the West Cornwall Retail Park or Marsh Lane industrial estate and with the probability of another retail park in the vicinity in the near future residents were concerned about the potential risks to motorists and pedestrians.

It was reported that town and parish councils would be provided with a master list of highways projects produced by CC and that HTC would be able to discuss the master list when it had been received.

It was resolved to ratify the prioritised list.

It was resolved to write to Vanessa Luckwell, for the Hayle & St Ives Community Network Panel, to say that Hayle Town Council is disappointed that members spent time prioritising a list that has been summarily dismissed by the Cornwall Council highways officer and, for any future consultations, to ask for the highways officer to come to the town council to advise on the suitability of projects before councillors consider which schemes to put forward.

It was resolved to support a traffic calming scheme for Angarrack.

128 TO CONSIDER THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL CABINET MEMBER GEOFF BROWN REGARDING FREE PARKING PROVISION AND TO AGREE A DATE FOR FREE PARKING IN HAYLE CAR PARKS IN THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS

Members were informed that the previous year HTC had been given one day's free parking and had purchased another at a cost of £157.80. The days chosen had been based on events in the town, with one being a 'support small business day'. It was suggested that local traders be consulted for their views on which day/s should be chosen for 2018.

There followed a short discussion regarding the options for Saturdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December.

It was resolved to choose 1 December for the free one day's free parking and to purchase two further days' free parking on 8 and 15 December; to seek the support of the Hayle Chamber of Commerce to publicise the dates and to advertise them in the Hayle Pump; the money for the purchase to come from General Reserves.

129 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)

a) Hayle Harbour Update

The clerk reported that she had invited Simon Wright to talk to the town council in an informal meeting in the Assembly Room on 12 November and that he had also agreed to speak at the full council meeting of 15 November; he had advised that he hoped to bring the architect Matt Williams and planning consultant Joanne Cave. It was noted that members of the public would be able to put questions to Mr Wright at the mayor's discretion. Mr Wright's attendance at the meeting would be publicised on the town council's website and Facebook page and he was aware that members of the public would attend and probably ask him questions. It was noted that the press would be informed but if none attended the town council could issue a press release.

Councillors were encouraged to attend the technical briefing at CC on 15 November (CC's Jackie Rapier had agreed to advise the clerk of likely timings) and were notified that the North Quay planning application was scheduled to be discussed at CC's Strategic Planning Committee on 13 December. It was noted that Simon Wright had informed the clerk that he had accepted that amendments to the plans to put the tall buildings at the cliff edge might be necessary. Councillor Pollard reported that he would be attending a meeting with Phil Mason, who was CC's new service director for Economic Development, and Glenn Caplin, Economic Development's officer in charge to discuss the wider scheme.

Councillors agreed that the clerk schedule a Harbour Committee meeting for 22 November.

It was reported that Simon Clarke had submitted a planning application regarding Foundry Yard as he had not been able to secure tenants for commercial units; the application would be coming before the town council in due course. It was reported that Mr Clarke had met trustees of Harvey's Foundry Trust and their comments had been taken into account. The application was for 24 houses, including parking for all houses, which were to be surrounded by a 1.8m high wall in the same style as the existing wall to reflect the yard's history. All relevant heritage

departments/organisations wanted to preserve the link between the original Harvey's buildings and the harbour so two breaks had been inserted into the wall.

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard reported from CC's consultation regarding its positive parking policy. Officers had brought forward a proposal to band car parks so that costs would be the same across the county, which contradicted previous decisions and resulted in bizarre banding and season ticket price increases. He warned members that the proposal had been thrown out but that it might reappear and therefore the town council needed to ensure that the tariffs would work for the town.

It was reported that the vehicle parked at Marsh Lane would be removed from the road the following week by CC as it had reached an agreement with the vehicle's owner.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

It was reported that the following week's library meeting had been cancelled that day by the CC officer. Members were also informed that the town council had received the most up to date electrical report, which would be forwarded to them, and that confirmation had been received that CC Property would carry out all work relating to C1, C2 and FI classes of risk.

It was noted that HTC councillors' and staff's time had been wasted at the recent site meeting as the CC officers had been completely unprepared for the meeting and had possessed very little information. HTC representatives had been annoyed that the senior CC officer temporarily in charge of the building had attended and claimed that the building was safe, although it had since been acknowledged that the latest electrical report had shown that the electrics were unsatisfactory. They also reported evidence of poor repairs at the building and that CC was not able to provide information regarding the current and future leasing arrangements for the solar panels. HTC's frustration at CC's lack of progressing the matter was noted. It was also reported that the senior CC officer was not an employee, but a consultant.

The clerk reported that she had asked CC for library cost figures and had been given those for 2017/2018 but it turned out that the figures were largely based on operational costs for 2016/2017. It had also become clear that the library received an income of £1,800 from Good Energy, but that it had been set against the costs of the building. She had received no figures for services, such as refuse/litter bins, so HTC would have to consider those issues and the impact they would have on the budget. It was noted that costs were approaching £85,000 not the originally quoted £65,000.

d) Boundary Review Update

It was reported that there would be no news until December regarding the CC boundary review, but that CC was looking at the next stage which would be a review of parish boundaries. HTC needed to look at this stage carefully as it would directly affect the town council. It was also reported that in January CC would be considering polling districts and polling places, which seemed premature because parish boundaries needed to be settled first, but by law CC needed to report by Jan 2020.

130 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) Correspondence

No other correspondence had been on the agenda.

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from a local business looking for additional space in the town and asked if any members could help. The business owner was advised to contact Harvey's Foundry Trust which had some commercial space available.

b) Meetings

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
05/11/18	6.30pm	Community Network Panel POSTPONED	St Ives School
07/11/18	7.00pm	Library Devolution Meeting CANCELLED	Assembly Room
07/11/18	6.30pm	Cornwall Council's Stakeholder Budget Meeting	County Hall, Truro
08/11/18	7.30pm	Amenities Committee – Budget	Assembly Room, HCC
11/11/18	9.30am	Remembrance Service	St Elwyn's Church
	10.30am		Hayle War Memorial
12/11/18	7.00pm	Closed Meeting with Simon Wright	Assembly Room, HCC
12/11/18	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning association	Asda's Community Room
14/11/18	6.00pm	Harvey's Foundry Trust AGM and Quarterly Meeting	John Harvey House, Hayle
15/11/18	After SPC, TBC	North Quay Planning Application Technical Briefing	County Hall, Truro
15/11/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
29/11/18	7.30pm	Resource Committee	Assembly Room, HCC
06/12/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC

It was noted that the Community Network Panel meeting had been postponed due to the scheduled meeting being on Bonfire Night. The clerk undertook to find out when the meeting would be held and inform members.

c) Incidentals

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

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.

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

Town Mayor

Date