



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held in the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, Hayle on Thursday 27 September 2018 at 7.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors D Cocks (DC) Vice Chair, P Nidds (PN), C Polkinghorne (CP), B Mims (BM), S Benney (SB), Nick Farrar (NF), Harry Blakely (HB) and Graham Coad (GC)

Also present Councillors A M Rance (AR) and B Capper (BC)

Facilities Manager Phillip Drew

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

### **A1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bernie Wills, Chair and David Andrewartha.

### **A2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

NF declared an interest in item A5 b) and BC in item A10.

### **A3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 28 JUNE 2018**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting 28 June 2018 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

### **A4 HAYLE POOL**

- a) To receive a report on 2018 season.

Report circulated and noted, see Appendix A.

- b) To note the placement of a public access IPAD defibrillator on the outside wall of the swimming pool.

HB was concerned that defibrillators were not well advertised. GC asked if there was a list of locations available for the Hayle area. NF explained that there was a Google map app that can point you to the nearest available defibrillator. SB explained that by dialling 999 that would trigger the call taker to point the caller in the direction of the nearest defibrillator and provide the code to open the cabinet. CP pointed out that defibrillators were all placed on a database and AR pointed out that the locations of the defibrillators were published in the local Times

and Echo on a weekly basis. GC proposed that relevant information **was** made available on the Hayle Town Council website and Facebook page.

**It was resolved** that the relevant information relating to the chain of survival and a current list of defibrillators in the Hayle area be posted onto the social media sites.

#### **A5 COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- a) Maintenance update.

There was nothing to report.

- b) Carpark update.

NF left the room.

CP pointed out that the whole issue of the disputed carport and the matter of the car park was in hand and that the Council had employed a solicitor to formalise the agreement.

NF returned.

- c) Hearing Loop System.

BC was unsure as to how the hearing loop system would work as he had personal evidence of a system that had been installed but had not been very successful. GC stated that he backed BC with regards the suitability of the chosen system. NF pointed out that quote for the loop mentioned that the portable microphone was classed as a versatile one and should, therefore, be fit for purpose. DC suggested that the company might wish to provide Hayle Town Council with both options for a trial.

**It was resolved** that Hayle Town Council go back to the company requesting the specification and a demonstration of the 2 options and to ask for a trial of both.

- d) Community Centre rent review.

CP was unsure as to the location of Outlook SW. BC explained where they were located in the building. He then went on to look at the report in some detail asking about issues relating to mastic block and that given this had been highlighted in the report, had a mastic block survey been undertaken. He then read out from the report that fascia boards needed painting but pointing out that all the fascia boards were now plastic. He was concerned as to the overall accuracy of the report. GC queried the exact definition of fascia boards stating that if it related to all external fascia and soffits, then the report might be factual. HB queried the issue of parking spaces to the front and asked if there was a pro-rata number of spaces that were allocated to the NHS. NF stated that there had been an agreed finite number of spaces allocated to the NHS but that, at certain times, this number was exceeded. BC pointed out that there were a number of assumptions made in the report and that the report was almost a template that had not been corrected to suit the building.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk contact Charterwood and check the validity of the report.

No decision was made relating to the proposed rent increase.

#### **A6 ALLOTMENT SITE**

- a) To receive an update on the allotment site.

There was nothing to report regarding maintenance. BC stated that the tenant of the disputed plot was still unhappy. The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that a meeting had taken place some time ago and the issue of the fence had been resolved with both parties agreeing to the fence position. Further the tenant agreed that he would move the fence himself. Since that time, there has been no further trouble. However, it was pointed out that the same tenant's plot is somewhat overgrown and requires some work to get it back to an acceptable standard.

#### **A7 HAYLE RECREATION GROUND**

- a) To note the grant from Devon & Cornwall Police for the replacement of goal posts on the Recreation Ground

Councillors were advised that Devon & Cornwall Police had been approached for a second time to gain funds for replacement goal posts. The Council had received a grant of £700.

**It was resolved** to write a thank you letter from the Council for the grant.

- b) To discuss the possible temporary use of the garage at the kiosk for storing items currently causing issues at the workshop on King George V Memorial Walk.

Councillors were advised of the difficulty being experienced by staff in storing items of equipment safely. As more work is undertaken, more equipment is needed and more sundries are required. Currently there is only the garage and greenhouse available as a store and both of these are overloaded and now becoming unsafe. The suggestion was made to utilise the rear store at the café as an overspill store for some of the lesser used items such as plastic chairs, road signs, traffic cones and fencing. CP stated that although a good idea, given that the Council might lease out the café again, would this not lead to double shifting? A suggestion was made to provide a suitable store area such as a container and that this could be sited at the Community Centre next to the NHS container currently located to the rear. It would need to be positioned such that it did not impact on future plans to develop the car park. CP stated that a container should be purchased and BC suggested that the funds could come from reserves.

**It was resolved** to free up the finances to purchase a steel storage container and site it at the Community Centre.

#### **A8 WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT**

- a) Project Update

Members were informed of the latest issues and slight changes that had been made to the original plans. These changes relate to placing 2 extra bollards along each side of the War Memorial as the gap created by the original design was too large and would allow vehicular access between the front bollards and the Memorial itself. Further, after some negative comments by a Cornwall Council Officer, it was decided to make the demarcation line between Cornwall Council property and Hayle Town Council property, running centrally along the pavement, from smooth buff paving stone. Members were further advised that the original scheme required 5 demountable fence panels but that now, the requirement had risen to 7 to balance the whole front aspect of the project. CP pointed out that the project was now virtually complete and that Members should visit the site at the earliest opportunity.

He also pointed out that there were now 2 areas of tarmacadam to the front aspect which required some thought in order to stop vehicles parking on that. The possibility of placing benches on that area was one solution. BM stated that the Parade Marshal needed to know the new layout urgently in order for the commemorative service to run smoothly. CP stated that he would inform him on the completion of the project.

**A9 FOUNDRY PUBLIC TOILETS.**

- a) To note the poor state of the public toilets at Foundry Carpark and agree to Amenities Manager seeking quotes for refurbishment of these toilets

Councillors were briefed on the state of the male side of the public toilets at Foundry. CP asked about self-cleaning toilets and their viability. BC pointed out they were good but very expensive. HB stated that the toilets in New Zealand were always in good condition and didn't seem to suffer from vandalism. NF suggested that the facilities Manager seek quotes for both options as on the report.

**It was resolved** that suitable quotes be sought.

**A10 WOODLAND TRUST**

- a) To consider the request from a resident to plant 5 saplings in the town as part of the Queens Canopy Project

BC left the room. Councillors were informed that Debbie Capper had asked for and received, under the Queen's Canopy Project, 5 trees that she wished planted around the Hayle area. The 5 trees consist of 2 Silver Birch, 2 Rowan and 1 Hazel. There was a general discussion about suitable locations. BM suggested that the overgrown plot of land near station hill might be appropriate. GC mentioned Ladysmith Gardens but was unsure where this was. NF suggested the Plantation. CP suggested the Recreation Ground. HB suggested Carnsew Pond but it was pointed out that Hayle Town Council did not own this site. PN suggested Bayview Terrace. CP pointed out that any salt issues might need to be considered

**It was resolved** that AR undertook to investigate and provide information regarding suitable locations for the trees.

**A12 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**It was resolved** that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 8 November 2018 in the Assembly Room at Hayle Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.