



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2018

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held in the Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre, 58 Queensway, Hayle on Thursday 28 June 2018 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors B Wills (BW), P Nidds (PN), C Polkinghorne (CP), B Mims (BM),
S Benney (SB) and D Cocks (DC)

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

Facilities Manager Phillip Drew

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

A1 TO ELECT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE

It was resolved unanimously to elect Councillor Wills as Chair of the Amenities Committee.

It was resolved unanimously to elect Councillor Cocks as Vice-Chair of the Amenities Committee.

A2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Farrar and Blakeley.

A3 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

A4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 27 NOVEMBER 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting 27 November 2017 be taken as a true and accurate record, subject to approval by Full Council, with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

A5 COMMUNITY CENTRE

There was a general discussion regarding the state of car parking at the community centre. CP stated that he had just managed to park in the car park (although his reserved space was occupied by someone) but that SB had been forced to park some way down the road and walk back to the meeting. DC stated that there were in excess of 30 nurses using the centre at various times and this excess to the agreed number needed addressing.

The issue of creating the overflow car park was discussed and it was noted that a verbal agreement had been struck with the developer to assist Hayle Town Council (HTC) in the construction of this extra parking. CP asked about this plan and wanted to know if the “one way” traffic flow system could be instated once car parking had been established. BC noted that the reason the exit nearest the Health Centre had been removed from use was due to safety concerns over line of sight.

SB wanted to ensure that future tenancy agreements were linked to parking and stipulated the numbers of vehicles allowed. He also suggested that parking bays were marked out accordingly.

Councillors were advised of the change to planning that now gives permission for the top property to have a car port built which extends right to the boundary of our car park. The roof is now overhanging HTC land. BC wanted it made clear that they were not allowed to encroach on HTC land.

BC also wanted to point out that should the NHS decide to change their location in the building then they must have restrictions on numbers of vehicles allowed on site. DC mentioned that it was highly likely that the numbers of NHS staff operating from the Community Centre would increase significantly after the summer due to a closure of a unit further afield.

It was resolved that the Clerk be consulted and that she investigate what was happening regarding the NHS move, that the long-term car parking issue be looked at and encompass the grass area to the rear of the building and that parking bays be marked accordingly.

A6 ALLOTMENT SITE

Councillors were informed that two late payers had been sent final reminder notices and that HTC would take action if payment had not been made within seven days. They were also informed that a further four letters had been sent to specific allotment holders warning them to clean up their plots or face action. One notice to quit had been served on an allotment holder after a boundary dispute had remained unresolved. The notice had been withdrawn as the parties concerned had worked out their differences.

Councillors were also asked to note that Cormac had now replaced the broken gate post and the gates were now operational again.

Councillors were also asked to consider increasing rent on the allotments to cover clean-up costs of surrounding paths and access strips as some of the tenants were not maintaining the footpaths and it was now not included on their tenancy agreement. Cormac had provided a cost of £895 to undertake the work.

It was resolved that the work be carried out as per the quote from Cormac.

BC pointed out that the money needed to come from an identified budget. However, Councillors were reluctant to increase the rent to pay for this work and CP suggested that all allotment holders be written to with an addendum added to their current tenancy agreement pointing out they were obliged to maintain the footpaths between their plots.

BC mentioned that an allotment holder had complained to him that it was unfair that he was paying the same rent for a smaller plot than other people who had slightly bigger plots. BC

mentioned the complainant's name but it was pointed out to him that this was the same person who had instigated the investigation which resulted in the notice to quit being served on his neighbour. A meeting had been held at the allotments and this had supposedly all been resolved to his satisfaction.

A7 HAYLE RECREATION GROUND

a) Smoke-free event

Councillors were advised that Cornwall Council (CC) health promotion had asked to run an event at the Recreation Ground involving "smoke free" play sites. The event was proposed for Friday 27 July between 11:00 and 13:00 and CC would organise and pay for the whole event. **It was resolved** that the event be approved.

b) Perimeter fencing

Perimeter fencing had been identified as a concern and this matter was getting worse. A general discussion ensued as Councillors could not recall what had been agreed between CC and HTC on hand over of the Recreation Ground. The Chair suggested that HTC staff look through previous Minutes and identify what had been resolved. BC understood that the repair was to come from a pot of money held by CC. DC recalled that CC had agreed to contribute to the cost. SB did point out that the fence was now a real hazard and that HTC should take action. It was agreed that the Minutes be investigated and appropriate action taken once they had been identified.

SB also mentioned the new gate at the Recreation Ground and BC mentioned he had been approached by someone who was unhappy with the gate. Councillors were told of the background and reason for the gate and that the gate was fully DDA compliant. Further, they were told of the number of modifications undertaken by HTC to try and assist those with limited mobility. These actions included the removal of the steel work originally used to create a "dog leg" to the entrance, the adjustment of the closing speed and the removal of the "slam plate" to allow the gate to open both ways. They were further informed that a rubber bump strip was to be added as soon as possible to allow wheel chair users to bump the gate open with their chairs.

A8 HAYLE IN BLOOM

Councillors were advised that HTC staff had hired in a cherry picker to put up the banners in Foundry Square and had also assisted the Hayle in Bloom team by installing the large hanging baskets in the square at the same time.

A9 WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

CP mentioned that he had met the contractor at the barbers and had had a positive response regarding a start date. However, Councillors were informed that despite this, the contractor had failed to reply to any of the requests for updates sent from HTC and as yet a start date had not been forthcoming. An action was requested that the contractor be contacted and a start date requested as a priority. CP then went on to discuss the scheme to be launched by CC regarding the parking around the site. This was generally seen as a positive step from CC and Councillors were happy that this work was programmed. Councillors were then informed of the problem that potentially faced HTC as a result of the CC proposal. They were told that the lead officer from CC had contacted the HTC office and requested that any

works going on at the War Memorial were co-ordinated with them. They were informed of HTC's current War Memorial Project and they requested that HTC change the plans. They further requested that HTC remove the granite setts as agreed with the planning department and either replace with concrete kerb stones or do away with them altogether. The planning department was contacted by HTC and it was confirmed that if CC's request was met, HTC would have to re-apply for planning and they could not guarantee a timescale for approval.

It was resolved that HTC's project not be changed in any way and proceed as planned.

A10 G14G

- a) To note the request for signage at Copperhouse pool

Councillors were reminded that they should have received email notification from the GI4G team explaining that the RSPB had agreed to take on the management of the green area in Commercial Road car park. They had requested that a sign be produced identifying the pool and that this sign should read "Copperhouse Pool".

It was resolved that a sign reading "Copperhouse Pool" be produced to identify the pool and to inform GI4G that HTC had no objections to the sign.

CP pointed out that the Loggans project had been delayed due to an objection from Natural England.

The Chair asked Councillors to note that she had managed to obtain £700 in funding to go towards two new goal posts for Loggans and that the work to install would start soon.

A11 KGVMW

Councillors were updated on the lack of action by CC on the two landslips along the walk. They were informed that one of the memorial benches was still underneath the latest landslip and the owner was requesting updates as to when it would be removed.

It was agreed that HTC staff would keep Councillors John Pollard and Graham Coad in the picture and request them to lobby for action.

A12 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting would take place on 27 September 2018 in the Assembly Room at Hayle Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.