



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2018

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 6 December 2018 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

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

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

145 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The mayor reminded everyone that the technical briefing regarding the North Quay planning application was scheduled for 13 December 2018 at County Hall. Councillors were encouraged to attend if possible.

146 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

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

147 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

148 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 15 NOVEMBER 2018

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

149 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 15 NOVEMBER 2018

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

150 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 reported that Councillors Cocks and Polkinghorne had attended the police liaison meeting that week, where it had been advised that Hayle was to lose another two police officers. Inspector Nick Clarke had had no knowledge that the tri-service officer was no longer in post in Hayle as he had become a full-time firefighter. It was also reported that the cost to the public of the recent negotiations relating to the proposed merger with Dorset police had been £217,000. Inspector Clarke had agreed to provide the town council with a report on Hayle crime figures every two months.

It was clarified that the former tri-service officer was now a full-time fire officer but he had been seconded back to train new tri-service officers for Devon & Cornwall police. It was noted that one disadvantage of the tri-service station was that it was a closed station due to the presence of the police, whereas individual fire stations were open community stations.

151 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM RISSA PARSONS AND JOSYANNE CLARKE OF CORNWALL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY'S WEST CORNWALL LOCAL ACTION GROUP REGARDING THE COMMUNITY LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The mayor introduced Judith Hann, who had replaced her sick colleague, and invited her to give her presentation (see Appendix A).

Ms Hann informed members that she was the programme manager for the Community Led Local Development Programme (CLLD), but was only in her third week in the role. The programme was important for Cornwall and was EU funded and potentially the last set of funding to be provided in that way. The whole premise of CLLD was that people from the community and local businesses would come up with project ideas related to community needs.

Analysis had been carried out across Cornwall to identify the most deprived areas, with the places in the bottom 30% eligible to be targeted for funding, so that money would go to those in greatest need, categorised by the lowest incomes, lowest employment levels and low educational attainment. To encourage community involvement four Local Action Groups across Cornwall had been set up and Hayle was in the West Cornwall LAG (WCLAG). Referring to the map in Appendix A, Ms Hann informed members that the red areas represented core areas with the most deprived residents in Cornwall and where 70% of the £11.5m funding would be focussed; the green areas represented functional areas, where red zone residents may work or where developments would help red zone residents. Just over £3m was allocated to West Cornwall, with match funding of just under £1m available.

A community consultation involving 200 people from West Cornwall identified the key needs of the area: better access to employment, better transport, and more activities for young people. The WCLAG strategy had been approved by the government and the group met monthly and looked at possible projects and their pros and cons. Two different funding schemes, ERDF and ESF, could both be accessed for individual projects, for example to buy equipment and train staff. To date 113 enquiries had been received and in West Cornwall five or six projects were heading towards full application status.

Facilitators (Rissa Parsons in West Cornwall) took people through the process from enquiries, to developing a project and obtaining funding. It was stressed that the EU funding was not for free and outcomes needed to be identified, whatever they might be and eligibility criteria needed to be met.

Ms Hann described the two available types of grant schemes: enterprise small grants for smaller projects between £1,000 and £9,999 and main grants for larger projects over £10,000 with an upper limit within the local development strategy. Match funding was available as follows: 45% intervention rate for capital projects; 72% intervention rate for ERDF business related projects; and 80% intervention rate for ESF funded projects. All with the projects raising the remainder to 100%.

It was noted that on the map regarding Hayle the small green area in the middle of the red represented the Marsh Lane industrial estate.

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

- It was up to the project proposer to suggest how much the project would cost
- Any buildings related to the project would have to be built in a red area and its benefit to the community would have to be explained
- The funding was secure whether or not the United Kingdom left the EU, although if targets were not met the government could reclaim the money
- Match funding could be raised from various sources including, for example, existing staff costs, loans, Crowdfunder and credit unions
- Ms Hann undertook to find out if the town council could apply for funding if it provided additional jobs related to taking on provision of the library service
- In order to publicise the availability of funding, facilitators were going out into the community to give presentations to all business groups and they were advertising for a marketing manager and had issued a tender to improve their website
- The money had to be disbursed by 2022
- People with specific ideas should contact their facilitator to get more detailed information and that grants depended on the type of project and what they needed to realise their proposals
- The application process was bureaucratic, but there was help available from the CLLD team to make it more smooth
- Expressions of interest were usually turned around in two weeks and then following receipt of an application a decision was usually made in six to eight weeks. Applications needed to include cash flow estimates and a business plan, if appropriate, and the CLLD team could assist
- The team would use social media to target prospective applicants in particular areas, including Hayle, and Ms Hann would provide links to their website for publication on the town council's website

The mayor thanked Judith Hann for her presentation and she left the meeting.

152 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM HELEN FEARNLEY, CORNWALL COUNCIL'S GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GROWTH PROJECT OFFICER, REGARDING THE GI4G MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE WORKS

The mayor welcomed Helen Fearnley and asked her to give her update (see Appendix C).

Members were informed that ‘Making space for nature’ was the new name for Green Infrastructure for Growth and that Treveglos was the new name for the Bay View project, which had received a level 5 in the Neighbourhood Awards by Britain in Bloom, recognising the combined effort from local community groups. Councillors agreed that Treveglos had been transformed by the excellent work.

Copperhouse Pool car park was the new name for the Commercial Road car park project, which had not been as successful. Continuing problems in the area would be addressed.

Regarding the Millpond Ropewalk further work had been complicated because of the archaeology of the site; they had had to liaise with Ann Preston-Jones of Historic England and Jon Mitchell of Cornwall Council (CC) and hoped to get the Ropewalk off the heritage at risk register. It was reported that Cormac would be undertaking the works and would put in necessary signage and a notice in Cornishman regarding its closure. It was noted that HTC could also share the information on Facebook and its website. Councillors warned that it would need policing at night due to possible vandalism. Ms Fearnley reported that they had asked for the pits to be cleared and their long-term vision was to work with Harvey’s Foundry Trust volunteers. She was informed that there were historical artefacts at the Ropewalk.

It was reported that it had been intended that the Loggans Way project be the first project, but there had been financial challenges and therefore the programme of onsite works had been compressed. They had not been able to get the work done during the winter due to lack of consent from Natural England. In order to give it the best chance of proceeding, a redesign and consultation with residents would be carried out, and with the second round of funding in summer 2019 they hoped to be able to deliver it over winter 2019/2020. Ms Fearnley was sorry that it could not be delivered earlier, but they only had permission to carry out work outside the holiday season.

Councillors agreed that everyone involved had done a fantastic job and Ms Fearnley was encouraged to publicise their success as many Hayle residents did not realise the efforts they had gone to. She was also asked to relay the town council’s thanks to everyone involved.

There was a request for the piece of grass in front of Copperhouse Pool to be strimmed, in contrast to the planned strip of ‘natural’ land, as it was felt by some that this spoilt the whole project and Ms Fearnley agreed to see what could be done. It was noted that it was not advisable to rely on the RSPB to continue to maintain its areas as it did not have the staff or volunteers necessary.

The mayor thanked Helen Fearnley for attending and she left the meeting.

153 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

- a) To receive the report from the Amenities Committee meeting 8 November 2018

It was resolved to receive the report from the Amenities Committee meeting 8 November 2018 so that actions could be carried out.

154 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor Pollard reported that he had attended a CC liaison meeting regarding the new parking process, where the proposal to have a banding across Cornwall had been thrown out; however the proposal would be coming back and everyone needed to keep an eye on it. He reported that parking charges would go up by inflation – 5p per hour for Hayle – and that he

had asked them to remove Gwithian Towans from Hayle car parks. He was investigating the possibility of introducing reserved permit parking to Hayle, specifically Commercial Road car park as there were people who would like to reserve spaces there; councillors were reminded that a deal had been negotiated for the Hayle Day Care Centre.

155 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 Internal Audit Check List and Report to the Council 1 November 2018

Councillors Benney and Cocks were pleased to report that the internal audit had been satisfactory and congratulated the team for excellent work.

It was resolved to note the Internal Audit Check List and Report to the Council 1 November 2018 and to thank the team for their work.

156 CONSULTATION: TO CONSIDER CORMAC'S PROPOSED NEW TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS FOR HAYLE AND ST EARTH

It was resolved to support all the proposed traffic regulation orders for Hayle and St Erth.

157 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (FOR REPORTING ONLY)

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

It was reported that all CC officers involved in discussions regarding ownership of the harbour were progressing the negotiations.

The harbour entries were described as not being fit for purpose, with only fishermen with local knowledge and modern craft still able to access the harbour. Exasperation was expressed that nothing appeared to be being done about the situation.

It was agreed that the clerk would write to the harbour company to ask them to confirm the current access arrangements for Hayle Harbour.

It was noted that at the recent full council meeting attended by Simon Wright most of the meeting was taken up by queries from local residents regarding Carnsew Pool and there were few questions from the public regarding the North Quay planning application.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

It was reported that although HTC had provided planning comments regarding the development of Loggans Mill in July 2018, the planning application had still not been granted by CC. The application appeared to be progressing but discussions with heritage agencies regarding the windows and discussions with the Environment Agency regarding flooding were continuing. Coastline were also asking CC to underwrite the cost of measures that had to be carried out on

the scaffolding. CC had purchased land to the side of the mill to achieve access all around the site and the easement requested from Lidl was close to completion.

c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The clerk reported back from the library working group and informed members that Allan Hampshire had tried to put pressure on the town council not to cause delay in the transfer, but she had pointed out to him that it was CC's property department's fault, not the town council's. The working group had asked again for assurances that information would be provided and agreed to engage its solicitor with a view to drafting the contract, subject to satisfactory answers to the town council's questions. Approximately £2,000 remained in the transition fund and so there was still no financial risk to HTC. Concerns were raised regarding time delays, increased because of the Christmas holidays, and it was agreed that both parties' representatives would meet before Christmas and in early 2019. Both Allan Hampshire and Elly Hammersley had been at pains to say everything had to be signed by 1 April 2019, but HTC had also been at pains to point out that it would do its best, but would only sign when it was right for the town council. The electrics at the library had been addressed but the clerk was still waiting for the compliance certificate and until reports regarding necessary work were received the situation was at status quo.

It had been made clear the previous day that HTC would not take the library over without written confirmation that any liabilities outstanding at 1 April 2019 would be honoured by CC and Elly Hammersley had been advised that HTC would not take any responsibility if the devolution process went beyond the 1 April 2019 deadline. It was noted that if the solar panels needed to be removed and replaced following the handover and a fault occurred, HTC would be liable for any costs.

Library working group members were commended for their work and councillors agreed that the town council should not take over the library until everything was sorted to HTC's satisfaction and that they supported the group's decisions.

d) Boundary Review Update

It was reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's final recommendations report had been published on 4 December 2018 and that it had rejected Hayle Town Council's proposal for a Hayle North and Gwithian division and a Hayle South and Gwinear division, in favour of that put forward by Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council, which would result in a geographically small Hayle West division and a geographically much larger Gwinear-Gwithian and Hayle East division.

Councillors were disappointed with the outcome of the boundary review and that HTC's final proposal had been dismissed. It was noted that there had not been a lot of support from residents of Hayle, whereas Gwinear-Gwithian residents had campaigned vociferously for their proposal and had won the support of George Eustice MP, the local Conservative MP, and the residents of the parish. It was noted that it might be very difficult in future to get the local division councillor to attend HTC meetings to discuss issues that affected the residents of at least one third of the town, who would reside in the new Gwinear-Gwithian and Hayle East division and Hayle Town Councillors feared that the urban would be subsumed into the rural.

Regarding future possible boundary changes it was agreed that it would be necessary to get Matt Stokes, CC officer, or another boundary review expert, to an HTC meeting to explain the implications of the forthcoming town and parish council boundary review and to suggest how to ensure that there would be an equal number of electors in each parish. One suggestion was to see a redrawing of the Hayle parish which would make it a purely urban area, with peripheral areas (such as Pulsack Manor), some of whose residents wanted to be part of a rural parish, allocated to one. This suggestion drew concern about the possible reduction to the precept that this re-allocation might cause.

It was resolved to invite a Cornwall Council officer to attend a meeting to give advice regarding a parish review and how to make changes to the warding arrangements.

158 CLERK’S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

a) Correspondence

- i) To consider the correspondence regarding a proposal to form a Friends of Plantation volunteer group to carry out improvements at The Plantation/Carnsew Road

There was a discussion regarding the identity of the correspondent and the clerk explained that she was unable to pass that information on due to GDPR and that the correspondent could not be described as ‘anonymous’ as she knew their identity. She explained that it was the principle and practicality of the proposal regarding the formation of a Friends of Plantation volunteer group that was to be discussed, not who would be involved in setting up, leading or participating in the group.

Councillors did not want to discuss the principle of the request and wanted to wait until they could be addressed by the correspondent in person.

It was resolved to invite the correspondent to meet the town council at a full council meeting to present his proposal.

The clerk informed councillors that she would arrange GDPR training for them in order to clarify issues that had been raised during the discussion.

It was agreed that if Hayle in Bloom were to carry out the proposed improvements proposed firm boundaries would have to be established.

b) Meetings

06/12/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
10/12/18	7.15pm	Hayle Twinning Association	Asda Community Rooms,
13/12/18	7.30pm	Resource Committee	Assembly Room, HCC
19/12/18	11.00am	Library Devolution Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC
20/12/18	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
21/12/18		HTC office Closes	

02/01/19		HTC Office Re-Opens	
03/01/19	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
04/01/19	11.00am	Library Devolution Meeting	Assembly Room, HCC

c) Incidentals

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

The meeting closed at 9.36pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 20 December 2018

Town Mayor

Date