



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2019

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 6 June 2019 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### PRESENT

Councillor C Polkinghorne (Mayor)  
Councillors B Capper, D Cocks, N Farrar, S Johnson, P Nidds, J Pollard, A Rance and A Roden, G Coad, T Harding, B Mims, B Wills

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

### 7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the present wished to speak.

### 7.16PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

### 13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Mayor made several announcements. Firstly, he welcomed Councillor Trevor Harding to the council.

He explained that a card was being circulated for members and staff to sign which would be presented to Councillor Blakeley who unfortunately was very unwell.

He also announced that he had received an invitation which was extended to all councillors and partners from Councillor Bernie Wills to her forthcoming wedding reception. Details would be circulated.

For members of the public the mayor explained that the council was trying to go paperless as far as possible and that this evening's meeting was the first time that the agenda and supporting paperwork had been circulated electronically and added that the clerk would attempt to project the relevant information for those that did not have or couldn't use their laptops, and for guests.

The mayor advised that he had presented a gift from Hayle Town Council (HTC) to the twinning representatives from Pordic that had visited Hayle during the previous week. He explained that a smaller version of the heritage sign that was on display on Penpol Terrace which been painted and designed by Mervyn Sullivan, local historian and artist, had been commissioned and presented to them. They were very grateful and they would find a suitable location for it to be displayed in Pordic.

The mayor confirmed that poppy wreaths from HTC and Hayle Royal British Legion had been laid at the War Memorial to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day.

The mayor acknowledged that the library and information service was successfully transferred to HTC on 31 May 2019 and was really pleased that the celebration event had been well attended and had received good publicity.

The mayor was sad to announce that Ann Foreman, former citizen of the year, and Peter Jamieson, Chairman of Save Our Sand, had both passed away within the last week. A minute's silence was held to reflect on their contribution to the community.

#### **14 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Benney, Blakeley, and Farrar.

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

Councillors Coad and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 14 (minute 25 refers) and made the following statement: - 'In commenting on these issues/applications I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position if the matter is discussed at the Cornwall Council Planning Committee and full information is available.'

#### **16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL 9 MAY 2019 AND FULL COUNCIL MEETING 16 MAY 2019**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the annual council meeting 9 May 2019 and the full council meeting 16 May 2019 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

#### **17 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 16 MAY 2019**

- a) To discuss the recently published railway timetable and the concerns regarding the lack of regular stops at Hayle Station

Councillors were grateful to both Great Western Railway (GWR) and Cornwall Council (CC) that more trains were stopping in Hayle and that the service on the whole had continued to improve however concern was expressed that there were still some gaps in the timetable, particularly for those commuting to Truro and or travelling on Sundays. Some members were dismayed that the timetable did not provide the promised 1 hour service but understood that this could be work in progress and hoped that the timetable would be further enhanced in December. Another member, who regularly commutes to work, confirmed that she was delighted with the improved service and actually felt that Hayle was now well served Monday to Saturday but accepted that Sunday's timetable could still be improved.

The mayor confirmed that he and Councillor Roden had attended the launch event last week and they had met and entered into discussion with Joe Graham, a Director of GWR, who was based in Bristol. During their conversation he explained that some station improvements were planned for Hayle, including the installation of some sort of purchasing mechanism, which everyone agreed would be a positive.

**It was resolved** that HTC would send a letter to Joe Graham from GWR inviting him to attend a future meeting regarding further improvements to the timetable and station, explaining that the town council is grateful for the improved timetable and is willing to work with GWR to ensure that future timetables and the station improvement plans meets the town's needs.

## **18 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM NEIL FARRINGTON OF COMMUNITY ENERGY PLUS (CEP), REGARDING TIDAL RANGE GENERATION**

The mayor welcomed Neil Farrington to the meeting and he in turn introduced his colleagues Steve Jermy, of James Fisher Marine (formerly Mojo Marine) and Graeme Hunt, of CEP, who would soon be taking over from Neil's current role of Project Development Officer. Neil explained that he would soon be leaving CEP altogether but that he would still be working on this project but working in Hayle from the Renewable Energy Hub on North Quay.

Neil Farrington and Steve Jermy presented an update on the progress they had made since they last came to the council 2 years ago, which included details of tried and tested modelling software, civil engineering approaches and various specifications for tidal turbines, which previously did not exist. They also presented the pros and cons of operating from Hayle; acknowledging that Hayle had its issues in terms of having to overcome the silting and flood protection issue but overall Hayle was one of the most optimal sites due to its location. They also explained that there was currently no government mechanism for payment for renewable energy and so they were exploring the possibly entering into private contracts with the developers of North Quay, for the provision of carbon neutral houses, and /or Asda. In the question and answer session that followed they confirmed that WHS was interested and supportive of the initiative for Hayle and that energy from tidal generation could be produced in as soon as 18 months.

The mayor and councillors gave thanks for the informative presentation and asked the three gentlemen to keep in contact as the project progressed.

See Appendix A.

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

- a) Resource Committee 25 April 2019

**It was resolved** to approve the report of the Resource Committee 25 April 2019, so that actions could be carried out.

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

Councillor Dave Cocks attended the last meeting of the South West Water (SWW) Odour Liaison Group on 3 June 2019 and reported that the sewerage works capacity is running at 85%. There was concern about new developments and low water pressure. Members agreed that the capacity issue was worrying especially as, the clerk advised, that representatives of SWW had previously reassured the town council that capacity was not a concern. Councillor Cocks asked if more councillors would attend the next meeting on 18 Sept 2019.

The clerk undertook to invite representatives of SWW to attend a future meeting to provide an update on the current capacity and operation. She also said she would look into whether more than the one invited representative could attend.

Councillor Johnson reported that she had attended the most recent Community Network Panel meeting where there was an interesting presentation on Climate Vision and she confirmed that the speakers would be happy to come to a meeting in July to discuss HTC declaring a climate emergency/becoming plastic free. Councillor Pollard gave the clerk a 'make a pledge' leaflet from CC for information.

The adult day care package at Edward Hain was also discussed at the Network Meeting and concerns were expressed that it is not delivering the remit it was set up for ie providing interim care for elderly people coming out of hospital before returning home but actually acting as a Day Care Centre for St Ives residents. He felt that there was inequality especially as Edward Hain was in receipt of subsidies whereas Hayle Day Care Centre is no longer subsidised. It was confirmed that the St Ives Day Care Centre had closed and that Hayle Day Centre was now providing a full service for St Ives based users, including travel.

## **21 ACCOUNTS**

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

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- b) To consider and approve the Governance Statements 2018/19

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- c) To consider and approve the Annual Accounting Statements 2018/2019

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- d) To consider, approve and sign the Annual Return for External Audit

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- e) To note the content of the Internal Auditor's Report and to decide upon necessary actions, if any

**It was resolved** to note and accept the content of the Internal Auditor's Report.

## **22 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICY DOCUMENTS:**

- a) Staff Handbook
- b) Training and Development Policy
- c) Equal Opportunities

Members acknowledged that they were well written and presented documents and thanked the administrative team. The clerk explained that she had circulated the staff handbook to all members of staff and one person had raised some issues but councillors considered these to be minor and considered that the document should not be amended.

**It was resolved** to approve and adopt the all three policy documents, as presented.

## **23 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

### a) Hayle Harbour Update

Noting that the North Quay planning application would be considered later in the meeting, there was nothing to discuss at this stage.

It was agreed to postpone the Hayle Harbour Meeting that had been scheduled for Thursday 13 June.

### b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Pollard suggested the town council contact the Community Network Liaison Officer to find out about the funding available for high streets post Brexit. He was aware that different funds were becoming available and that we should try to tap into them, where possible.

Councillor Capper noted that the residents of Angarrack were pleased that the man living in the van on the main road leading to the village had been moved and the area had been tidied up. He thanked the Ward Member for his efforts.

The mayor raised the matter of the amount of signs advertising the Fair on the Quay and hoped that they would be taken down afterwards. Councillor Coad added Cornwall Council would only intervene if they were causing a hazard or distraction.

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

The clerk explained that there had been little progress regarding King George V Memorial Walk. Phil Drew, the Facilities Manager, has routinely brought up Health & Safety concerns with Cornwall Council and logged all incidents. Councillor Pollard expressed frustration that it had been six months since agreements were made regarding the fence/bollards/ownership with no progress. The clerk and mayor will be meeting George Eustace MP and officers of CC at Clifton Terrace on 14 June 2019 and it was agreed that would be a good opportunity to raise and labour all of the town council's concerns.

### d) Cornwall Community Governance Reviews

#### (i) To consider the correspondence and report from Gwinear/Gwithian Parish Council

**It was resolved** to accept the notes of the working party of 28 March 2019 as an accurate reflection of the discussions. The wording of the proposals was amended slightly to reflect that the focus of any boundary changes should be based on a sense of community rather than vehicular access, although it was agreed that this could be a factor.

The clerk explained that at the working party it was agreed that the parish clerks of Hayle, St Erth and Gwinear/Gwithian should meet initially to discuss their respective parish proposals. This had proved difficult because each parish had agreed their way of progressing the matter. For instance, St Erth had called a meeting and had invited representatives of each of the neighbouring parishes to attend to discuss all of their proposals and Gwinear/Gwithian had decided to consult with their neighbouring parishes by letter and a report.

**It was resolved** that the Mayor and Clerk should attend the meeting convened by St Erth Parish Council, scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 11 June 2019, to present HTC's proposals and to hear those of other parishes.

The clerk referred to the response she has received from Cornwall Council regarding the internal ward boundaries and representation and it was generally agreed that the information provided had not been as helpful and that HTC would have to make its case based on local knowledge and previously forecasted growth figures.

Members considered the correspondence from Gwinear/Gwithian Parish Council.

**It was resolved** that the clerk should send Gwinear/Gwithian HTC's proposals, and acknowledge that HTC is in agreement regarding the boundaries at Nanpusker and Trungle Mill, Angarrack, but does not support the proposal for Loggans Moor. HTC accepts that the properties at Mutton Hill clearly identify with Connor Downs and therefore should be realigned into Gwinear Gwithian however HTC strongly opposes the proposal for the properties at Pulsack, Angarrack Hill and Carwin believing the houses in this area have a strong connection and established history with Hayle.

Councillor Pollard undertook to provide some wording relating to the history of Pulsack Manor and its significance in terms of being one of the six original manors that feature on HTC's logo and insignia. He also agreed to write something regarding the proposed internal ward boundaries.

## **24 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS/ INCIDENTALS**

- a) Correspondence
  - (i) To consider the correspondence relating to the rent review of the Glebe Land , Phillack

Members considered the correspondence and expressed dismay and frustration that the Dioceses' agents feel that it is appropriate to try and back claim rent for over 6 years.

**It was resolved** that the clerk arranges an independent land valuation of the Glebe Land, Phillack and with the support and advice of HTC's solicitor prepare a list of arguments of why HTC should not pay the additional rent, taking into account that it had not raised the allotment rent applied to tenants during that time and the condition of the unused surrounding land.

- (i) Correspondence consider the grant request from Rotary Club of Hayle for Hayle Celebration Day - 21 July 2019 (event due to take place prior to next schedule Resource grants and donations meeting)

**It was resolved** to award the grant of £500 and the next Resource Committee Meeting should determine the budget head.

- b) Consultations
  - (i) To consider the correspondence from the Public Protection Department of Cornwall Council seeking views on Public Spaces Protection Orders:

Renewal of existing dogs on beaches restrictions to come into effect from April/May 2020

**It was resolved** that the restriction should remain as they are currently however to explain that there was concern that the map does not correspond with existing orders and that there should be clarification regarding the division of areas and that Hayle area should only include Hayle Estuary to the eastern end of Black Rock and not Harvey's Towans to Godrevy.

c) Meetings

The list of Meetings were displayed on the projector

**MEETINGS**

**6 JUNE 2019**

06/06/19	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room, HCC
07/06/19	5.30pm	West Cornwall Healthwatch Committee Meeting	St.John's Hall Penzance
11/06/19	7pm	Community Governance Review Meeting	St Erth PC, The Vestry Room
13/06/19	7.15pm	Hayle Harbour Meeting - CANCELLED	Assembly Room HCC
14/06/19	9am	Meeting with George Eustace MP, John Mitchell, Vanessa Davis and Mike Peters (CC) re: Des Button	Clifton Terrace
19/06/19	8am – 9.30am	Business Breakfast	Birdie's Bistro
20/06/19	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room HCC
27/06/19	7.15pm	Amenities, CONFIRMED	Assembly room HCC
02/07/19	5pm	Meeting with Marcus Healan and Matthew Brown (CC)	Assembly Room HCC
04/07/19	7.15pm	Full Council	Assembly Room HCC

d) Incidentals

The list of Incidentals was displayed on the projector

It was agreed that the list of Meetings and Incidentals would be sent by email the following morning.

**25 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION PA18/04577 – HAYLE HARBOUR, NORTH QUAY, HAYLE**

- a) Application for approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission PA13/01370 for 175 residential units, 2235sqm of retail (Class A1-A5) floor space and 483sqm of business (Class B1) floor space and 344sqm of floor space for industrial, FQ and fish storage (Class B2 and B8), including access, parking and public open space.

b) Revised drawings for Block F

**It was resolved** to approve the proposed amendments to planning application PA18/04577 – Hayle Harbour, North Quay, Hayle

**26 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION AND CONFIRM THE SUCCESSFUL TENDER TO OPERATE THE CATERING KIOSK ON HAYLE RECREATION GROUND**

**It was resolved** to approve the recommendation from the working party and confirm the successful tender to operate the catering kiosk on Hayle Recreation Ground due to the successful tender meeting all of the required criteria of the tender document

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 6 June 2019

**Town Mayor .....**

**Date .....**