



# HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2020**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 6 February 2020 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor	C Polkinghorne (Mayor)
Councillors	S Benney, H Blakeley, B Capper, N Farrar, S Johnson, A Rance, A Roden, B Mims, P Nidds, and J Pollard
Town Clerk	E Giggall
Acting Asst. Clerk	M Costello

## **7.15 PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Paul Philp representing Philps Bakery, wanted to express his condolences on the announced closure of Lloyds Bank. He explained that his business had been started in 1958 by his father, who had banked at Lloyds and they had continued to use the bank ever since. He told members that his shops required a large quantity of change every 2 days and they would now need to send 2 members of staff to either Penzance or Camborne to use banking facilities.

The Mayor commented that he had been approached by a number of people on this matter, and members discussed whether residents and businesses would use mobile banking or another bank, were they to open. It was also suggested that perhaps the bank could reduce their opening to 2 days a week.

## **7. 22 PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

### **169 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Mayor announced that Councillor Bernie Marks has resigned from the council and is about to head off to sunnier climes, he added that everyone wished her well.

### **170 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Coad and Cocks.

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

There were none.

**172 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 16 JANUARY 2020**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the full council meeting 16 January 2020 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

**173 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 16 JANUARY 2020**

There were no matters raised.

**174 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL**

- a) Resource Committee, 23 January 2020

The chair of the committee commended the report to council.

**It was resolved** to receive the report from the Resource Committee meeting 23 January 2020 so that actions could be carried out.

**175 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS**

- a) Civil Enforcement Officer SLA Report for November 2019

The Clerk explained that she had asked for further information on the report. The members discussed the figures displayed and agreed that the Civil Enforcement had clearly been a deterrent in parking offences but the problem of dog fouling continues. It was reported that the area around Treveglos Meadow was particularly bad, especially at night. The clerk reminded councillors that there is a 'Report it' facility and if they contact the council offices with any issues this information can be given to the SLA, who works on a flexible rota to accommodate out of ours offences.

**It was resolved** to note the report.

- b) Meeting with representative of Hayle Royal British Legion re Remembrance Service – Town Clerk

The Mayor began by introducing Caroline Bolitho who has taken over the running of the Poppy Appeal. The Clerk explained to councillors that she has been approached by members of The Hayle Royal British Legion (HRBL) with a view to Hayle Town Council (HTC) taking part in the organisation of the event, for example providing risk assessments, traffic plans and paying the associated fees if required, to assist with paperwork, cover the cost of printing and mailing. HRBL would continue to organise the church and memorial service but had asked if HTC would pay for the piper and continue to fund the sound system and organise the road closures.

**It was resolved** to approve HTC's involvement with the event.

The mayor asked councillors to approve a change of the following agenda item to 11 c) to allow the members of the public present to hear the discussion and then leave should they wish to.

**It was resolved** to approve the change of agenda item.

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

- c) To note the recent news that Lloyds Bank will be closing its Hayle branch and to consider if any action is needed

Members discussed whether the council can have any influence on a business even though it represents the people of Hayle who are unhappy with the proposed closure of the branch. The group felt that the bank, which is the last in the town should have a moral obligation to provide a service and that HTC must be seen to back the resident's concerns. It was agreed that although the Post Office provides a good service, the extra demands this closure would bring would require more staff and the facilities to be improved. Concern was shown for the High Street due to the growing number of empty shops and it was felt that the loss of the bank and cashpoint would be a negative effect. One of the councillors suggested that a local community bank called South West Mutual had shown an interest in opening branches throughout Cornwall, this idea was generally supported but it was felt that a national chain should remain in the town. Mobile banking was also raised as an alternative but the general opinion was that this was not an environmentally friendly solution. The councillors had been advised that George Eustace MP will be meeting shortly with representatives of Lloyds Bank in Westminster and the Mayor agreed to act as an intermediary prior to this meeting to listen to people's concerns and pass them on to the MP.

### **It was resolved to:**

- Prepare a press release.
- Hold a demonstration.
- Write to Lloyds Bank voicing HTC's concerns.
- Support the interest of South West Mutual.

The Mayor proposed to return to agenda item 7 c)

**It was resolved** to approve the return to agenda item 7 c)

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

- c) Meeting with representatives of Hayle Climate Action Group – Town Clerk and Mayor

The Clerk reported that Hayle Climate Action Group (HCAG) had contacted her to express concern at the lack of support from HTC and had requested a meeting which she and the Mayor had attended. She explained that the group would like to hold an envisioning day for councillors to enlist their help and input and hopefully come up with 3 key steps for action. Members discussed the possibility of rotating membership to utilise the wider skills of the councillors. The Clerk had told the group that she could not personally commit to attending meetings.

The Clerk and Mayor had informed HCAG that an amount allocated in this year's precept for climate change is not for use by the group but for wider concerns to be appointed by the council.

The Clerk explained that HTC have been supportive and have already facilitated the group with meeting rooms and some admin and have already made some positive changes within the council by becoming paperless, not using plastic cups and changing to environmentally friendly cleaning products. She added that there was lots of positive action taking place in Hayle such as Roaming for Rubbish and Plastic Free Hayle.

Councillors felt that HCAG was a community group and needed to find their own direction, they would also like to find out what the group expected from them prior to the envisioning day.

**It was resolved** to meet with HCAG for their envisioning day.

**176 TO APPROVE THE PRECEPT FOR 2020/2021 AS PER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESOURCE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON 28 NOVEMBER 2019 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 30 JANUARY 2020**

**It was resolved** to approve the precept for 2020/2021.

**177 ACCOUNTS**

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for December 2019/20 as listed on Appendix B

**It was resolved** to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for December 2019/20 as listed on Appendix B.

**178 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Hayle Harbour Update
  - i) Representatives of the North Quay development team, if available, to present an update regarding North Quay

There were no representatives present and councillors proposed to remind them that they had agreed to provide updates.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

- It was reported that the marker stone on Black Cliff's could be moved to the coastal path but it was not clear who would pay for this.
- The members wished to congratulate Plastic Free Hayle but were unclear what this meant and would like some public information provided.
- The Clerk explained she has been asked to convene a meeting of HTC with Jon Mitchell to discuss the King George V Memorial Walk.

- c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The Clerk explained that information was being confirmed by Cornwall Council on the sites it currently owns which they might like to transfer to HTC in the future.

d) Cornwall Community Governance Review

The clerk told councillors the recommendations advised by the working party at the meeting held earlier that week, which were that they were minded to support all 3 recommendations but some questions had been raised with CC in relation to internal ward boundaries. It was reported that HTC has publicised the proposals and will write to the residents concerned prior to the closing date of 24 March.

**179 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS/ INCIDENTALS**

- a) Consultation: Cornwall Council, 2020 Off Street Parking Order. Proposals to make alterations to car park operations and charges

**It was resolved** to note the report but members expressed their wish that a strong letter is written to CC to explain that Gwithian Towans is not part of Hayle. Also to inform them that Hayle would like free evening parking to start at 4pm to coincide with the neighbouring towns of Penzance, Redruth and Camborne.

- b) Consultation: Cornwall Council, Mental Health and Wellbeing

It was agreed that HTC would welcome any improvement in adult mental health.

- c) To note the recent news that Lloyds Bank will be closing its Hayle branch and to consider if any action is needed

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting. (*see minute 176 c*)

- d) To consider the correspondence from South West Water offering to support the community in some way to recognise the inconvenience during the recent reinstatement of the burst sewer

It was reported that Councillor Cocks and the Facilities Manager had met with SWW prior to the correspondence and the members expressed their request that the support is reserved until the scheme for the former Hawkin's site is formed.

- e) To consider and agree the draft Memorandum of Understanding and /or Constitution for Hayle Town Council and Hayle Climate Action Group

**It was resolved** to adopt the memorandum but not the constitution and to inform HCAG that the role of HTC is clear in the memorandum which could be used in their constitution.

- f) Incidentals

The list of Incidentals was displayed on the projector.

g) Meetings

13/02/2020	10am	Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) Larger Local Councils Committee M Costello	Atherton Suite, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth
20/02/2020	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	HTC Assembly Room
20/02/2020	6pm – 9.30pm	Cornwall Council Community Governance Information Evening Cllr S Benney	St John's Hall, Penzance
05/03/2020	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	HTC Assembly Room
06/03/2020	6pm	Plastic Free Status Celebration TBC	The Cornish Arms
*Wk beg 24/03/2020	TBC	TBC Place Shaping Meeting with Vanessa Luckwell	TBC

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 6 February 2020

**Town Mayor** .....

**Date** .....