



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 15 October 2020 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor C Polkinghorne (Mayor)
Councillors S Benney, H Blakeley, D Bradshaw, B Capper, G Coad, D Cocks, S Johnson, P Nidds, J Pollard, A Rance and A Roden

Town Clerk E Giggall
Facilities and Contracts Manager P Drew
Senior Support Officer M Costello

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

71 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor informed members that Councillor Mims was unable to attend this meeting as he was waiting for a doctor to attend his wife, who had unfortunately had a fall.

72 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mims.

73 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coad and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 11 (minute 81 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.'

74 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 1 OCTOBER 2020

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 1 October 2020 be taken as a true and accurate record.

The Mayor to sign each page in due course.

75 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 1 OCTOBER 2020

No members of the public wished to speak.

76 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- a) Amenities Committee Meeting, 24 September 2020

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting were noted and Councillor Pollard thanked the Clerk for including his reservations.

77 ACCOUNTS

- a) To note the satisfactory completion of the external annual audit 2019/20 by PKF Littlejohn

The external annual audit 2019/20 was noted and members wished to convey their thanks for the excellent work by the Finance Officer.

78 TOWN COUNCIL RELOCATION UPDATE

- a) To receive an update and note the feasibility plan, produced by GPJ Consulting

The update and feasibility plan were noted and members discussed the concept plan produced by GPJ Consulting, which they felt was an excellent document. Councillors also congratulated the Clerk and the Facilities and Contracts Manager for progressing the project to this stage. They further discussed the fact that the Library requires refurbishment and felt that the overall project will be of great benefit to the people of Hayle.

- b) To approve the working group's proposal to proceed to the next phase following receipt of the feasibility plan

It was resolved to approve the working group's proposal to move forward through the next phase into the planning stage.

- c) To consider GPJ Consulting Engineer's quotation for the next steps of the relocation project (if available)

The Clerk explained to members that as the working group had felt the first phase of the project, the concept plan, was of such good quality they had felt it was appropriate to obtain the quotation for the next phase from GPJ Consulting, as circulated. She further explained that the figure quoted, £19,800 + VAT, was under the threshold required for tender and the work was specialist, and therefore met the requirements of and was in line with Hayle Town Council's (HTC) financial regulations. She added that she had sought advice from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) and that if the Council was minded to approve the quotation, it would be in order.

It was resolved to accept the quotation and award the contract to GPJ Consulting, recognising they were providing a specialist service, using funds set aside in the earmarked reserve for this project.

79 TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT ON THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES IN VIEW OF RECENT AND FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENTS AND THE TOWN EXPANSION PLANS

a) Education

- (i) To consider the correspondence received from Cornwall Council regarding the requirement for school places in the short and long term, in light of current pressures and the forecast expansion of Hayle

Members discussed the correspondence and shared their concerns regarding the formula and how the figures were reached. They further discussed the difficulty in predicting in terms of ratio and that the schools in Hayle are popular, attracting students from out of the area, and yet the secondary school appears to have capacity at present.

It was resolved to respond to Cornwall Council (CC) and ask why there is a zero additional impact given that there is and will significant development of housing Hayle going on to the open market, which will result in extra children requiring school places.

b) Police and Emergency Services

The Mayor explained that he had become concerned after reading a letter of opposition from Devon & Cornwall Police to a planning application which inferred that Hayle would be seeking an additional officer, funded by s106 contributions and that the Police Station would be relocated to St Ives Fire Station. Members were concerned firstly that the Police set a precept to raise money and that cover would be delegated to neighbouring towns with no dedicated officers with local knowledge of Hayle.

It was resolved to take no action at present.

c) Environment, including traffic and highways

The Mayor led a discussion regarding the amount of traffic through Hayle, which might in part be due to Covid resulting in less public transport and more visitors. Members discussed the plans to improve the roundabout at Loggan's Moor and wondered how this would help with the development scheme, they felt that the distributor road leading onto the bypass must be completed to address the issue of HGV's using Guildford Road.

It was resolved to write to CC reiterating that the policy of HTC is to insist that all of the proposed highway infrastructure is fully in place before building any houses in the new growth area takes place.

d) Healthcare

It was noted that the local health care facilities, although under pressure in normal circumstances, had continued to provide a high level of service in recent months.

It was resolved that HTC writes letters of thanks for the services received and experienced by councillors at Bodriggy Healthcare Centre, Praze Surgery at Connor Downs and St Michael's

Hospital, throughout the pandemic.

80 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- a) To consider the proposal for a temporary/emergency Road Closure for King George V Memorial Walk and pedestrianizing the Walk accept for access (raised at the Amenity Committee meeting , 24 September 2020)

The Clerk provided members with feedback on the issue including a number of public objections that have been received regarding the proposed closure. She explained that she had received a proposal to implement a one way system along the walk, which was supported by the Civil Enforcement Officer.

Members felt that there are more pedestrians and cyclists using King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW) placing them in conflict with vehicles and that it is an important outdoor space for the residents of Hayle and visitor's as the "Jewel in West Cornwall's Crown"

It was resolved to apply to CC Highway's for a temporary/emergency closure to prohibit traffic along KGVMW for 6 months from the date of issue, to be reviewed before expiry.

- b) To consider the response from Cornwall Council regarding the former St Elwyn's Mess Room and to determine whether Hayle Town Council should take over the site from Cornwall Council, given the new information

(9.10pm Cllr Blakeley left the meeting)

The Clerk explained that as part of the devolution process CC will consider giving HTC the former St Elwyn's Mess Room on the proviso that there is have a clear plan for the site. A proposal to tell CC to sell the site was not supported as members felt that due to the proximity to the former Hawkin's site, it could possibly be incorporated into plans for development.

The Facilities and Contracts Manager raised the need to risk assess the site before agreeing to take it on.

It was resolved to inform CC that HTC would like to take over the site and will form a working party to explore, with due expediency, taking over the former St Elwyn's Mess Room and determine a plan.

(9.30pm Cllr Pollard left the meeting)

- c) To confirm arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk explained that a poster depicting the "Remember at Home" message had been widely publicised and well received. She confirmed that there will be a small service at the War Memorial comprising 6 people consisting of the Mayor, representing HTC, Councillor Nidds, representing the Royal British Legion, Alan Conquest, representing Hayle Branch of the Royal British Legion (HRBL) and 2 local groups. Wreaths are available to purchase from HRBL in order for them to be laid on behalf of the purchaser.

The arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were noted and acknowledged.

(9.37pm Cllr Roden left the meeting)

(9.39pm Cllr Johnson left the meeting)

81 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: [PA20/06799](#) ; [PA20/07329](#) ; [PA20/07328](#) ; [PA20/06993](#) ; [PA20/07182](#) ; [PA20/04134](#) ; [PA20/07653](#) ; [PA20/07607](#) ; [PA20/08527](#) ; [PA20/08344](#) and [PA20/08526](#)

For the resolutions on individual planning applications see Appendix A attached.

- c) To note the results of previous applications

There were none.

82 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

It was reported that Footpath 42 in Angarrack now had a waymarker in place and had been cut.

- b) To note the Confirmation of Public Path Order from Cornwall Council regarding Public Footpath No.57 (Part) Hayle Public Path Diversion order 2020 Land at Copper Terrace.

The Confirmation of Public Path Order from Cornwall Council regarding Public Footpath No.57 (Part) Hayle Public Path Diversion order 2020 Land at Copper Terrace was noted.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 5 November 2020

Town Mayor

Date