



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2020**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 3 December 2020 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor C Polkinghorne (Mayor)  
Councillors S Benney, B Capper, D Cocks, S Johnson, B Mims, P Nidds, J Pollard,  
A Rance and A Roden

Town Clerk E Giggall  
Senior Support Officer M Costello

**7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

**7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

### **98 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)**

The Mayor announced that June Lawrenson-Reid had joined the council as a new member for the South Ward and extended her a warm welcome. The Clerk explained that she had been invited to join the meeting but may be experiencing some technical difficulties.

### **99 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

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

There were none.

### **101 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 19 NOVEMBER 2020**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 19 November 2020 be taken as a true and accurate record.

The Mayor to sign each page in due course.

### **102 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 19 NOVEMBER 2020**

- a) To further discuss the current and proposed Policing arrangements for Hayle

The Mayor provided some background information on the matter, explaining that he had written to the Estates Manager following a statement made by Devon and Cornwall Police when they commented on the recent North Quay planning application, indicating that officer numbers would be reduced and the Police Station potentially relocated to St Ives. He further explained that as he had not received a reply, he had asked Sgt Friday if he could have the Superintendent contact him, but this had not happened either.

**It was resolved** to write to George Eustice MP and Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and ask them to attend a meeting to discuss Policing in this area.

### **103 TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

- a) Amenities Committee Meeting, 12 November 2020

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting were NOTED and commended to council in order that actions be carried out.

- b) Resource Committee Meeting, 26 November 2020

The minutes of the Resource Committee meeting were NOTED and commended to council in order that actions be carried out.

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

There were none.

### **105 TOWN COUNCIL RELOCATION**

- a) To review and approve the plans drawn up by GPJ Consultants in preparation for submitting to Cornwall Council

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Benney, explained to members that this was the second draught of plans, drawn up following valid input from staff, who are fully aware of the proposals as they stand. He further explained that potential problems had been highlighted regarding the outside toilets adjoining the building, which may create an issue with the neighbouring Day Care Centre. Cllr Benney proposed that if these were omitted there would be a saving on the cost of the project of approximately £80k, not including demolition and removal of the existing toilet block.

**It was resolved** to approve the plans omitting the external toilets, up to and including the planning stage.

*(Councillors Mims and Roden abstained from voting)*

- b) To agree to obtain valuation reports of the Community Centre site

Cllr Benney explained that the intention was to invite a valuer to assess the site based on factors to secure the greatest amount for the value to the community. A discussion followed regarding the legal obligations and that the Financial Regulations state that the council should always seek best value. The Clerk agreed to seek advice from the Cornwall Association of Local

Councils (CALC) regarding what can be done to ensure the best result for the council and the community. A query was raised concerning business plans and the Clerk explained that this would be the next stage including the potential need to take a loan to progress the project. She reminded members that the Relocation Project Working Party was open to all councillors.

**It was resolved** to invite a commercial valuer to conduct a preliminary appraisal of the Community Centre both as it stands and as a potential commercial development site.

*(Councillor Mims abstained from voting)*

**106 TO NOTE THE RELEASE OF CORNWALL COUNCIL'S TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION FUND (TCRF) FOR 'TOWN VITALITY' AND TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR PROGRESSING AND, IF APPROPRIATE, APPLYING  
NB Cornwall Council Community Link Officer, Vanessa Luckwell, to attend**

Vanessa Luckwell provided a brief summary on the Town Vitality Fund, explaining it was created for those Towns who haven't been able to receive previous funding and must be applied for based on population and aspirations of the town. She explained that Hayle had been allocated the sum of up to £100k and advised members that the funds would have to be spent on commissioned work, for example, feasibility studies etc, further recommending that it would be necessary to compile the current aspirations are of Hayle from across the community. Councillors discussed the need to make Hayle a "destination" and were keen to emphasise the existing attraction of the King George V Memorial Walk and potential of the Hawkin's site, once redeveloped. The West Cornwall Retail Park was felt to be a great success and members were keen to further encourage the excellent existing independent traders, adding that the High Street had much potential. It was agreed that a working party should be formed to enlist outside support.

**It was resolved** that Hayle Town Council (HTC) will hold a stakeholder meeting as soon as possible, forming a working party to assist with the bidding process for applications to be in by the end of March 2021.

**107 TO APPROVE, SIGN AND SEAL THE TRANSFER DEED FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE FORMER HAWKINS MOTORS SITE LAND TO HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL**

**It was resolved** to approve, sign and seal the transfer deed.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign and seal the transfer deed the following week.

**108 ACCOUNTS**

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for October 2020 as listed on Appendix B

**It was resolved** to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for October 2020 as a true and accurate record.

**109 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

The Mayor explained that he and a number of other members had attended the technical briefing for the Harbour development that morning and was pleased that some of the issues which had been raised previously seem to have been addressed. Cllr Pollard had asked for further information about soil nailing, which appears to be proposed for the area in front of Riviere Fields and suggested that the Mayor asks the developer to extend the project to include the area

b) Cornwall Council Update

There was nothing to report.

c) Cornwall Community Governance Reviews

It was reported that notification had been received that HTC's submission was supported by the review panel, however, they have advised that their Chief Executive has now formally considered the consent case regarding the protected electoral arrangements of Hayle Parish and has decided that it should be referred to the Commission itself for a final decision. The Chief Executive was not satisfied that a full and transparent consultation had taken place, in relation to the particular changes requested. The Clerk suggested to members that she felt that as the matter had been a standing agenda item, discussed at length, members of the public have had the opportunity to access the information.

**110 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/ /MEETINGS**

a) To consider the correspondence received regarding speeding issues on Commercial Road.

The exact location of the issue was discussed and members asked Vanessa Luckwell if a temporary speed monitoring system could be applied for. She agreed to refer the matter via the dedicated speed officer and ask for this to be added to the list for local monitoring.

b) Meetings

The Clerk advised members that she had proposed mutually convenient shortlisting and interview dates to the Personnel Committee for the Support Officer vacancy and that the schedule for Thursday 10 December would be for a brief Amenities Committee Meeting, followed by the scheduled Resource Committee Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 17 December 2020

**Town Mayor** .....

**Date** .....