



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2020

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 10 December 2020 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors G Coad (Chair), S Benney, D Bradshaw, D. Cocks, P Nidds, C Polkinghorne (Mayor), AM Rance (Reserves)

Non-voting Councillors B. Capper, S. Johnson and J. Pollard

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

7.00PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM17 TO ELECT A VICE -CHAIRPERSON FOR 2020/21

It was resolved to appoint Councillor Cocks as Vice-Chairperson for 2020/2021.

AM18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mims.

AM19 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 12 NOVEMBER 2020, 24 SEPTEMBER 2020 AND 14 NOVEMBER 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 12 November 2020, 24 September 2020 and 14 November 2019 be taken as a true and accurate record. The Chairman to sign each page in due course.

AM21 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FACILITIES AND CONTRACTS MANAGER REGARDING LONG TERM WORKS AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL WALK CAR PARK

The Facilities and Contracts Manager provided a brief overview of his report explaining the options available for the resurfacing and maintenance of the car park and explained the reasons for each recommendation, which were as follows:

1. The Council accept that this repair work is temporary.
2. The Council accept that there may be a requirement to undertake some routine maintenance on the new temporary surface.

3. The Council look to obtain further quotes for the project to best guide the Finance Officer in obtaining the necessary budget.
4. The Council consider introducing a charging scheme as soon as possible.
5. The Council consider installing a gate system now allowing the car park to be secured overnight.

Members felt that it was time to invest in the future and discussed which materials would be most suitable for a permanent solution, including using tarmac or reinforced concrete. The Facilities Manager explained that it would take some time to obtain tenders for the work which could cost in the region of £60k. He also explained that at present the car park was fenced off to allow for the temporary repairs to be undertaken, but he felt that a fence and gates which could be locked at night may solve the issue of any anti-social night time users destroying the surface by performing “donuts” etc. The possibility of a CCTV camera was raised but the close proximity of the Swimming Pool was felt to be an issue and it was not known what the level of support from the Police via monitoring would be. The committee members finally discussed what the potential projected income regarding implementing a charging system would be and how this system could be implemented.

The Clerk explained that the cost of obtaining quotes would be paid for this coming financial year and costings proposed would be budgeted for in the following year as proposed by the Finance Office and Facilities Manager.

It was resolved to install a permanent surface as soon as financially viable.

It was further resolved to accept the rest of the recommendations, omitting point 3 as this had been clarified.

AM22 TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL COLLECTION AMOUNT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL VEHICLES IN 2022

The Clerk asked members to consider the current contribution in the budget setting of £3k per year, with £6k currently in earmarked reserves. She explained that the existing 5 year agreement would end in 2022 and encouraged discussion regarding whether the council should increase the budget to allow for the purchase of electric vehicles.

Members felt that as the existing vehicles had been secured with a large discount and at the end of the agreement would be owned outright. They considered whether there was a need to replace 5 year old vehicles which were low mileage and would be of high value. They felt electric vehicles would be expensive and the council would lose money should it to trade-in these current vehicles.

Instead of replacing it was suggested that the budget for maintenance should be increased, not forgetting that when hire purchase payments cease there would be extra funds available.

It was resolved to continue using the current vehicles and to carry on budgeting at the same amount for replacement at a later date.

AM23 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

January 2021, to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 7.31 pm.