



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2021

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 4 February 2021 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

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

Facilities and Contracts Manager P Drew
Senior Support Officer M Costello

7.15PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

Prior to agenda items being considered Councillor Pollard enquired about the recordings of meetings, how long they would be kept and public access. The Senior Support Officer and Facilities and Contracts Manager agreed to seek advice from Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC).

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

128 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor explained to councillors that the planning application PA20/05161 at North Quay had been deferred at the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) held earlier that day, to consider the comments received from ICOMOS. The SPC had queried why there were no representatives from Hayle Town Council (HTC) present. Councillors discussed this and agreed that a member would usually only be present when HTC had objected to the application, which had not been the case on this application.

129 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mims due to technical difficulties in joining the meeting.

130 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

131 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 21 JANUARY 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 21 January 2021 be taken as a true and accurate record.

The Mayor to sign each page in due course.

132 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 21 JANUARY 2021

All matters raised were discussed at the time.

133 TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

- a) Amenities Committee 14 January 2021

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

134 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor Coad had chaired the Community Network Panel meeting on Monday 1 February which had apparently included a good discussion regarding recycling. It was also reported that the proposed crossing at Lethlean Lane would consist of a 20mph speed limit, speed bumps and a tapered crossing, all of which could be reviewed if necessary.

It was further reported that Highways had turned down the request for yellow lines on the stretch of highway opposite the pool and the car park, leading towards King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW) from the junction of the North Quay road to approximately just beyond the garage and slipway. Re-submission was suggested as there is still some debate about ownership of KGVMW.

135 TO ADOPT THE CORNWALL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CITY, COMMUNITY, PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS 2021 (AS PER THE CALC AND CORNWALL COUNCIL'S MODEL DOCUMENT 2012) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RESOURCE COMMITTEE

It was resolved to adopt the Cornwall Code of Conduct.

136 ACCOUNTS

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

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

137 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Hayle Harbour Update
 - i) To note the Dredging Protocol

The Mayor and Councillor Rance explained that they had attended a recent meeting with Peter Haddock, the Harbour Master and David Tugwell from the Corinthian Harbour Marine

Programme, which had been convened following their complaint that previous dredging protocol had been approved without consultation.

Discussion followed regarding this year's proposed dredging protocol document which included figures stating the quantity of sand to be removed is to be 10,000 tons with 10% of the sand after dredging replaced. The remaining sand is to be sold to pay for maintenance costs and is therefore self-financing. It was reported that if a contractor is available, the work would commence during the next spring tide.

Members were extremely concerned with the figures provided by Hayle Harbour Company. They discussed how there could be such an increase in the amount of sand to be removed as last year the figure for removal was stated to be no more than 5,000 tons. Further concern was raised regarding the lack of outside checks on these proceedings.

It was resolved to write a letter to Hayle Harbour Company disputing the figures and strongly requesting that a quarterly return is submitted to HTC.

Councillor Roden spoke regarding the public speculation and rumour surrounding the development at North Quay. He proposed writing a letter to Simon Wright, the developer, which included questions which he read out, regarding progress and solvency of the construction company.

Councillor Pollard informed members that he had spoken to the developer and had urged him to make a public statement, which Simon Wright had said he would do.

It was resolved to write to Simon Wright asking on the following questions on behalf of the public:

- 1) What contractual arrangements have been made to ensure disputes between client and contractor are resolved?
- 2) How much has progress on construction of Phase 1 been delayed by?
- 3) How many contractors have - for whatever reason - left the site?
- 4) Will local companies be involved in future work on the project, and if so, in what specific areas?
- 5) Which company is overseeing construction of Phase 1 of North Quay?
- 6) What is the exact relationship between Sennybridge, Corinthian Homes Group and Hayle Harbour Operations Authority?
- 7) Is there sufficient finance in place at the time of asking to ensure all work done on the project is paid for in line with contractual deadlines?
- 8) Can the developer assure us that all those owed money on the project have been and will be paid within those deadlines?

NB: During agenda item 10 a) minute 137 a)

A number of questions were raised by members of the public viewing the meeting via chat boxes, after some councillors had responded to these, a point of order was raised that virtual meetings must follow the same rules as meetings conducted in the present, that Parish/Town Council meetings are not public meetings however members of the public do have a statutory right to attend meetings of the council as observers. Members agreed that they have no legal right to speak other than during the public participation section prior to the start of the meeting unless the Chairman authorises them to do so.

The Senior Support Officer and Facilities Manager agreed to seek guidance from CALC on the matter.

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Coad informed members that he would be supporting HTC's view on the application for "Tamarisk", Penmare Terrace at the forthcoming Strategic Planning Committee.

It was also reported that in some areas of the Highways Department the system is slow to respond, for example a road sign opposite Lidl's some time ago has not yet been replaced, leaving concerned residents waiting.

It was further reported that following a member of the public's death in a motorhome parked at North Quay, the parking restrictions for overnight parking had not been enforced.

Finally, it was reported that the issue of the ownership of KGVMW is to be considered during a meeting at Cornwall Council, with the legal department looking into the matter.

- c) Cornwall Community Governance Reviews
- i) To formulate a response to the letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission

Members discussed their disappointment and how HTC had been told it could not act until after the elections. They also felt that there was no guarantee there would be another review.

It was resolved to write to the Boundary Commission expressing HTC's disappointment in their decision.

It was further resolved to re-submit HTC's proposal.

138 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS

- a) To consider the recent request for speed restrictions, to determine whether they should be submitted to the Community Network Panel as potential Highway Scheme:
- i) B330 (Carnsew Road), from the roundabout to Foundry Square
 - ii) 40 mph from Griggs Quay to Tempest
 - iii) 30 mph Extended from Tempest to Foundry Lane
 - iv) No overtaking double white lines throughout Carnsew Road

The request was considered in detail and members found the suggestions acceptable for proposal but highlighted the fact that there were currently no funds available through the Community Network Panel.

It was resolved to add the requests to the list for submission and to respond to the proposer highlighting the procedure.

- c) To consider the request from Hayle Decorative Lights to make 2 features using the Hayle Town Council logo for placement at Foundry and Copperhouse as part of the Christmas lights display

It was resolved to fully support the request.

d) Meetings

04/02/2021	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	Via Zoom
18/02/2021	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	Via Zoom
25/02/2021	7.30pm	Resource Committee Meeting (Change to advertised Schedule of Meetings)	Via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 18 February 2021

Town Mayor

Date