



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 1 April 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 Lawrenson-Reid, P Nidds, J Pollard, A Roden and A Rance

Town Clerk E Giggall
Senior Support Officer M Costello
Support Officer L Gibb

The Mayor informed those present that, at the end of public participation, the chat mechanism on the zoom platform will be ignored, those members of the public inside our virtual meeting must agree to remain quiet throughout the rest of the meeting in a similar manner to that which would happen if the meeting had been held in person.

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public had registered to speak.

7.30PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

173 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor informed members that he had viewed the Cornwall Council (CC) Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) online that morning which had considered the North Quay planning application. The Committee had agreed the recommendation for the current application, excluding three more contentious areas, and consent is likely to be issued next week. Revised applications for the three excluded zones of East Quay, Hilltop and Eastern Gateway will be submitted and re expected to go through the normal consultation processes. The Mayor explained that he had asked the planning officer to keep Hayle Town Council (HTC) fully informed especially with regards to soil nailing and issues concerning King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW).

174 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Johnson and Mims.

175 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

176 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 18 MARCH 2021

It was pointed out that the word 'Ground' was omitted on page 1 and it was agreed to correct this.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 18 March 2021 be taken as a true and accurate record.

The Mayor to sign each page in due course.

177 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 18 MARCH 2021

All matters raised were discussed at the time.

178 TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

- a) Report from the Tour of Britain Working Party Meeting 22 March 2021

The Clerk explained that the meeting had taken place the previous week, attended by a handful of councillors. She explained that on this occasion there was no agenda, the meeting was an opportunity for brainstorming and discussion actions and potential issues. She explained that following the meeting she had contacted the Harbour Master, with a view to impounding Copperhouse Pool, to which the RSPB had objected. She further explained that Hayle in Bloom and the HTC Gardener would meet in the next week and that she had contacted Hayle Christmas Lights Association, with a view to using their poles for potential display purposes and that members that the office team would contact schools and other local community groups and would follow up on flags. Finally, she told members that as this was a work in progress and perhaps at the next meeting, they should involve the Town Team Group and the wider community.

179 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for February 2021 as listed on Appendix B

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for February 2021 as a true and accurate record.

- b) To approve the allocation of under spent money from the 2020/21 financial year to create a budget specifically for community projects and town centre improvements in the lead up to the G7 Summit and Tour of Britain

The Clerk explained that following the last full council meeting and Tour of Britain (ToB) working party meeting, she had held a discussion with the Finance Officer, who had identified an underspend in last year's staffing budget of £20,000 due to recruitment delays in both the maintenance dept and the office team which had been due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. She explained that this money could either be ringfenced or go into general reserves.

It was resolved to earmark the amount of £20,000 for the preparations required for the forthcoming G7 Summit and the Tour of Britain.

180 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a) Hayle Harbour Update

The Mayor had updated members already on the result of the SPC and the details of this were discussed further, that the main Phase 2 application had been passed after the three contentious issues of East Quay, the Customs House Dry Berth and Hilltop were withdrawn after awaiting a decision by ICOMOS. It was explained that soil nailing was not part of the planning application, but had been added as a condition, ensuring that HTC will be kept informed. Members felt the three excluded parts of the application were important for the viability and sustainability of the Harbour and the whole plan and consequently hoped that the revised plans would be submitted swiftly.

b) Cornwall Council Update

CC Members discussed the focus at present was on elections.

Concern was raised that Highways were extraordinarily slow in responding to the proposal to close the KGVMW to traffic, which was frustrating as it was very busy along there, with pedestrians conflicting with traffic.

c) Cornwall Community Governance Reviews

The Clerk explained that the letter she sent following the resolution at full council on 4 February had received no response.

She further explained that the revised ward maps have now been received and uploaded to the HTC website elections information page.

d) G7 Summit – (temporary standing agenda item)

i) To receive an update regarding previous decisions in relation to this matter

The Clerk explained to members that she had been invited to join the G7 board and Stakeholder meetings every other Thursday/Friday morning up to the summit representing Hayle, although these meetings were highly confidential, she would share what she was able. She also informed members that XR had approached Cornwall Council with a request to camp at Ellis Park and that she had informed CC of HTC's decision.

ii) To further consider the implications for Hayle of the forthcoming G7 Summit and agree actions

Members discussed how it is anticipated that Hayle and the surrounding areas will very much be in the spotlight and also that Cornwall is expecting unprecedented numbers in terms of visitors. They were concerned that time is of the essence and were keen to ensure that the town really looks at its best to capitalise on this attention. The Clerk reminded members that she had convened a meeting between Hayle in Bloom and the HTC Gardener in the next week which would include discussion around this subject.

Councillors expressed deep concern about the appearance of the Loggan's Moor Roundabout, which is the Gateway to Penwith and the first thing that people see as they enter the town. Members were concerned that currently it really is an eyesore and not at all welcoming. They discussed who used to organise the magnificent flower beds and displays in previous years.

The Clerk explained that both Highways England (HE) and CC have already been asked if they could assist and perhaps fund a scheme and that Vanessa Luckwell was following this up for HTC. It was reported that HE is happy in principle for the roundabout to be improved but will not fund any planting and that there is also an issue with carrying out a safety audit before any work could take place. The discussion continued as to whether HTC could use the available budget and employ a commercial company to improve the roundabout, or to design a sign to display. They concluded that at the very least the grass needed to be kept cut.

It was resolved to contact CC again informing them of HE's response and to request that the roundabout is given some attention as a matter of urgency, in time for the G7 Summit and the rest of the summer season.

Members felt strongly that new signs and were required in Foundry car park and elsewhere in the town. The Clerk told members that the budget available was £3,000 and they suggested that she seek some options from a local professional design company perhaps using a historical heritage emphasis, incorporating the Hayle logo and that new banners in black and white were also needed.

- iii) To approve any associated expenditure in order to prepare for the summit and to determine which budget head the money comes from (if not identified in Item 7b above)

The matter was previously agreed at agenda item 7b) minute 179 b) refers.

181 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS

- a) To approve the draft meeting schedule for 2021/22

The Clerk explained that the schedule had been prepared with the addition of more Amenities meetings, replacing H&S meetings and that she felt personnel committee meetings would take place on an ad hoc basis, finally that Hayle Harbour meetings had been removed as issues relating to this were discussed at full council.

It was resolved to approve the the draft meeting schedule for 2021/22

- b) To note the current position regarding the return of physical meetings and the arrangements for meetings, including Annual Council, after 7 May 2021

The Clerk told members that the current legislation for virtual meetings has not been extended, despite this conflicting with government guidelines and the roadmap out of lockdown. She explained that the Local Government Association (LGA), National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) hoped to attempt to lobby the government again, if this fails meetings will have to resume in person, perhaps taking place at the Library as the Assembly Room would not provide enough space for social distancing. Finally, she explained that she was considering holding the annual meeting either outside or at the school if necessary.

Members discussed whether it would be an option to hold only a quorate meeting of 5 members should this be required. They felt holding physical meetings would pose an unacceptable risk to councillors, staff and members of the public who wished to attend.

It was resolved to NOTE current position regarding the return of physical meetings.

- c) To consider whether the Scheme of Delegation for business continuity that was introduced in April 2020 (first lockdown) should be reintroduced in view of the potential need for physical meetings and that process not being supported by Government guidance

The Clerk told members that CALC recommends adopting the system of delegation again, which HTC had agreed to un-adopt, as a short-term solution of dealing with day to day business. Discussion followed regarding the makeup of which, they decided that powers should be given to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairman of all HTC committees plus the Clerk and Facilities and Contracts Manager.

It was resolved to adopt the Scheme of Delegation until September 2021.

It was further resolved to rename the scheme as The Emergency Scheme of Delegation.

d) Meetings

The Clerk informed members that she had been contacted by Vanessa Luckwell to arrange a date for meeting to discuss the Town Vitality bid, it was agreed to hold this on Monday 12 April at 7pm.

She further informed members that Ellis Whittam had already begun work on the H&S policies and would be holding a training session with staff the following week, with a visit to Hayle on 15 April.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 15 April 2021

Town Mayor

Date