



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 18 March 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,  
J Daniel, P Nidds, J Pollard, A Roden and A Rance

Cornwall Council Community Link Officer V Luckwell

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**

Peter Channon spoke regarding the camping request made by XR Cornwall. He stated that the Recreation Ground is not a campsite and that as previous requests have been refused, he questioned why the matter had been included in this meeting's agenda.

He also raised a question regarding the need for additional policing in the Hayle area, especially as further large developments are planned. He felt the lack of suitable premises for Devon and Cornwall Police to use as a station should be a matter for Cornwall Council (CC).

Members responded to Mr Channon by reminding him firstly that the North Quay development is a huge private enterprise. Secondly, that CC is not a Police Authority and all policing matters are decided by the Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioner.

The Clerk responded to Mr Channon regarding his questioning of the agenda item to consider camping at the Recreation Ground. She explained that the previous request had been made informally and therefore there was no policy or precedent. She added that by including the request under the G7 Summit discussion, a formal decision would be made which would set a precedent going forward.

Jon Keast from XR Cornwall introduced himself as the owner of the local business, Scarlett Wines. He explained that he had agreed to help try to find somewhere for XR supporters to

stay during the G7 summit with the aim to provide a safe, controlled area with facilities to cater for wide ranging age groups, consisting mainly of people from varied backgrounds, who's main aim is to help reduce climate change. Therefore, there would be no litter, no drinking or drug abuse and a curfew in place and the people staying would contribute to the local economy and a donation to local charities would be requested.

Lorraine Furneaux from Penzance XR introduced herself and explained that she also wanted to help source accommodation for those people keen to ensure that climate emergency is kept at the top of the G7 summit's agenda. She hoped that as Hayle Town Council (HTC) had declared a climate emergency they would make an exception and allow a sensible, socially distanced group to stay.

Richard Ecclestone introduced himself as the XR police liaison, a former Devon and Cornwall Police officer who had been involved with large events and was aware of the impact they could have on local communities. He explained that discussions had already taken place with the police and that XR did not wish to negatively impact the local community. He added that many people would be coming an inevitably if no suitable space is arranged, unsuitable attempts to camp will be made.

The Mayor thanked the speakers for their contribution.

#### **7.30PM THE MEETING COMMENCED**

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

The Mayor welcomed Lisa Gibb to the HTC office team as Support Officer.

#### **161 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

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

Councillors Coad and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 11 (minute 171 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.'

#### **163 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 4 MARCH 2021**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 4 March 2021 be taken as a true and accurate record.

The Mayor to sign each page in due course.

#### **164 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 4 MARCH 2021**

There were none.

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

There were none.

#### **167 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM HAYLE'S FISHERMEN FOLLOWING REDUCED DEMAND FOR BRITISH SHELLFISH AND FISH DUE TO COVID-19 AND BREXIT**

Councillor Rance explained that she was concerned for the local Fishermen in our community, who predominately caught shellfish. She told members that she had approached them and asked if there was anything that they would like HTC to ask MP George Eustice. There were particular concerns raised by the Harbour Master, Peter Haddock over the 12 mile distance and the major issues following the fall of the market in Europe. It was also reported that the CC Harbour's Board had deferred payment of mooring fees including those at St Ives.

**It was resolved** to write a letter to MP George Eustice asking for the Government to provide certification regarding depuration facilities.

**It was further resolved** to ask Hayle Harbour Authority to defer the payment of mooring fees whilst the crisis continues, line with other harbour authorities.

#### **168 TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HAYLE OF THE FORTHCOMING G7 SUMMIT (Temporary Standing Agenda Item)**

- a) To consider the request from XR Cornwall for Climate Campaigners to camp on Hayle Recreation Ground over the period of the G7 Summit

Members discussed their concerns about the request to camp on Hayle Recreation Ground and that explained that whilst they have nothing against XR and support their objectives, they considered that the Recreation Ground is a facility for local people of all age groups and that allowing this request would set a dangerous precedent. Further discussion centred on the wider implications for Hayle including the potential for camping at CC owned Ellis Park and other open spaces. Members also wanted to make the 'no camping' a policy for all the sites and properties in its portfolio.

**It was resolved** to adopt the policy of "no camping" on all Town Council owned and/or managed property.

**It was resolved** to refuse the request from XR Cornwall, making the reason clear that HTC has a "no camping" policy on all of its sites.

**It was further resolved** to inform CC that HTC does not support the request to camp at Ellis Park.

Members felt that a confidential meeting should be urgently convened between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, senior police officers and the Clerk to share HTC's concerns.

**It was resolved** to arrange this meeting as soon as practicable.

CC Community Link Officer, Vanessa Luckwell provided some information on the make up of a Multi agency group made up of representatives from the Foreign Office, Foreign Commonwealth

Development Office, Government Cabinet Office organiser, Devon and Cornwall Police, CC and The Local Resilience Forum. She explained that the issue of protestors is being considered by a multi-agency task force and that there would be additional Police from other areas to reassure local residents.

Members considered the need to act now to gain from legacy projects which would leave positive benefits for Hayle after the event. They discussed the re-surfacing of carparks and the road between Lelant and St Ives and the improvement of beaches in St Ives adding that there must be similar benefits for Hayle, particularly improvements to the main roundabout at Loggan's Moor.

Further discussion continued about making Hayle as attractive as possible, expanding the planting in conjunction with Hayle in Bloom which could link into preparations for the Tour of Britain.

**It was resolved** to include this agenda item in every full council meeting up to the event.

**It was further resolved** to write to the cabinet office to find out exactly what the implications for Hayle will be and to ask if there is any funding available.

**It was further resolved** to consider additional support taking on temporary administration or gardening assistance if required, to be decided by the Personnel Committee. [It was suggested that the funding to be sourced from General Reserves, the Clerk to follow up and identify where additional money could come from].

**It was resolved** that the Clerk's team a) contact Highway's England and Cornwall Council Highways with regard to making urgent aesthetic improvements to the Loggan's Moor Roundabout, b) open up a dialogue with Hayle in Bloom and the gardening team with regard to more planting and making the town as attractive as possible throughout the town and c) contact the Harbour Master to request that Copperhouse Pool be impounded for the period of the Summit.

**169 CONSULTATION: CORNWALL COUNCIL'S ST AUSTELL CHINA CLAY RESTORATION AND TIPPING SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT (SPD):** <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/chinaclayspd>.

**It was resolved** to NOTE the consultation.

**170 CONSULTATION: CORNWALL COUNCIL'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD) PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT Consultation under Regulation 19 of the of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012**  
<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/climatechangedpd>

Members discussed their support for the consultation as shown by HTC's Climate Emergency Policy.

**It was resolved** that councillors would respond as individuals.

**171 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) To consider Planning Applications: [PA21/01642](#); [PA21/00816](#); [PA21/01478](#); [PA21/02463](#) and [PA21/02050](#)

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

- b) To note the results of previous applications: [PA20/10873](#)

The results of previous applications were NOTED.

- c) To discuss the expiry dates and enforcement of s106 Agreements relating to Hayle

The Mayor explained that he had been made aware that some s106's may be due to expire at the end of this year and that there might not be any enforcement. Councillor Rance had been advised that the Strategic Planning Authority do not monitor enforcements, relying on others bringing matters to their attention. Following correspondence with CC they had been reassured that no lapses of s106 were allowed, that they continue to be in place until all obligations are fulfilled, which applies to all developments in the area.

**172 FOOTPATHS**

- a) Maintenance Update

The Clerk informed members that she had received the documentation for the maintenance of the footpaths and that she had just completed the contract papers for the year 2021/22.

It was reported that Footpath 16, which runs around Carnsew Basin is badly eroded behind the new houses. Members discussed the ownership of the path and that the Harbour Authority have taken some remedial action using sandbags.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 1 April 2021

**Town Mayor** .....

**Date** .....