



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2021**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 4 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,  
P Nidds, B Mims, J Pollard and A Rance

Town Clerk E Giggall  
Senior Support Officer M Costello

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 were present.

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

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

The Mayor congratulated the Senior Support Officer on passing her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and asked the Clerk to explain the qualification. She informed members that this was the qualification that she held and that she now felt extra confident that in her absence the council's business would be maintained correctly and all legal requirements met.

#### **150 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor's Johnson and Roden.

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

There were none.

**152 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 18 FEBRUARY 2021**

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

The Mayor to sign each page in due course.

**153 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 18 FEBRUARY 2021**

All matters raised were discussed at the time.

**154 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS**

The Clerk told members that she had attended an Extraordinary CCTV Meeting regarding the prolonged 3<sup>rd</sup> lockdown during which, the hours of monitoring were discussed. She explained that as there were no pubs open, the hours of monitoring had been brought forward to 4pm until 3am, following police reports that night time activity has diminished.

The Clerk explained that she had also attended a Tour of Britain Meeting hosted by the Cornwall Association of Local Clerks (CALC), attended by the Clerks of the towns on the tour route. She told members that on the day of the free to watch event, Sunday 5 September 2021, Hayle will be closed for short period of time by the Police and security vehicles by way of a 'rolling road closure' and that there will be live coverage provided by ITV 4. Councillors discussed parking arrangements and the opportunity to showcase the town, possibly creating some flags in line with the black and gold theme. They were also concerned that the organisers of the event knew about Hayle's Plastic Free status and suggested that a working party links with the Town Team to help the organisers with planning, to be discussed at the next full council meeting.

**155 TOWN COUNCIL RELOCATION**

- a) To review and approve the revised plans drawn up by GPJ Consultants for the proposed development of the library building in preparation for submitting to Cornwall Council

The Deputy Mayor hoped that all members had the opportunity to look at the vastly improved plans and felt that it had been a good decision to remove the outside toilet block included previously. He added that the valuation of the existing site had been delayed due to lockdown.

The Clerk displayed some of the floor plans on the screen for members to discuss.

Questions followed about access to the council offices, the layout of stairs and reception areas, windows in the upper level and Library opening hours.

Members felt that the building would be a fantastic benefit to the town and that the reception hub in the Library would be welcoming and accessible. Councillor Benney explained that the Library staff would benefit from the use of the meeting room, additional computer area and increased wall space.

The Mayor asked about the valuation of the Community Centre, being concerned that the cost of the proposed development would not be greater than the sale of the existing site. Councillor Benney explained that the valuation and progression of the sale of the Community Centre had been delayed due to Covid-19 and quoted the initial costings produced 6 months ago, of approximately £735,000 which would need to be revised again but should be approximately £750,000 which would be more than covered by the sale of the existing site.

The Clerk explained that funds have already been allocated for the planning process.

Members expressed their thanks and congratulations to all involved in developing this exciting project so far.

**It was resolved** to unanimously approve the revised plans drawn up by GPJ Consultants for the proposed development of the Library building.

#### **156 ACCOUNTS**

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

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

#### **157 TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION TO THE CCTV MONITORING CONTRACT**

The Clerk explained that this was a proposal to extend the contract for a further 4 years. Members held a brief discussion ensued on the overall positive benefits of the scheme which had been taken up across the county.

**It was resolved** to approve the extension to the CCTV Monitoring Contract.

#### **158 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

The Clerk referred members to the response from Simon Wright, the developer, in response to the letter sent, following the questions raised at the full council meeting of 4 February 2021. Members recognised that Simon Wright was not obligated to share commercially sensitive information but urged him to make a public statement to put the rumours to bed. It was agreed to NOTE the response.

It was reported that dredging has started and that there was a large amount of sand in the river at present.

Finally, it was reported that at an inaugural steering group meeting, a sum of approximately £300,000 has been set aside as part of the Wave Hub settlement to mitigate the damage caused to local fisheries, half of which is to be used to buy in more quota and half to be used to support the fishermen of Hayle and St Ives, not for use by the Harbour owners.

b) Cornwall Council Update

Councillor Coad told members that he had nothing to report apart from the amount of litter, especially from flower pickers and dog mess, which was a big problem countrywide.

Councillor Cocks was concerned with the amount of dog mess around Strawberry Lane and asked when the Cornwall Council (CC) Local Enforcement Officer was due to start again.

The Clerk reminded members that they and members of the public could either report these issues direct to Cornwall Council, anonymously if they wished.

Councillor Pollard told members that he agreed with the issue of litter and dog mess and a discussion followed regarding the CC campaign to recruit community wardens, for which the deadline to nominate had passed.

The Clerk explained that Hayle Town Council had previously supplied dog litter bags, only stopping as the demand had not been there, but could reinstate this service.

It was further reported that at the recent Economic Development Meeting, disappointingly Cornwall had been classed as Level 2 priority, after having level 1 priority under European Law.

Finally, it was reported that in the lead up to the national census on March 21 2021 there had been a failed campaign by the “Cornish National Minority” working party to give the Cornish the same status as Scots, Welsh or Irish, but those wishing to declare their ethnicity in the census, could tick the “other” box and write in Cornish.

c) Cornwall Community Governance Reviews

The Clerk thanked Councillor Pollard for his assistance in drafting a letter of response which had been sent, adding that a response had not yet been received.

**159 CLERK’S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS**

- a) To ratify the amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as reviewed and approved by the Resource Committee in December 2020

**It was resolved** to approve the amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

- b) To consider the letter received from Harvey’s Foundry Trust regarding council representation on its board and future arrangements

A discussion followed about the content of the letter and the usual arrangement of appointing representatives following the elections due to take place in May.

**It was resolved** to reply with the answer that Councillor Capper will be happy to continue as current nominee with Councillor Benney as a second nominee.

- d) To consider the letter from Derek Thomas MP seeking support for the campaign to ‘improve A30 connectivity between Camborne and Penzance through an Express Road’

Members discussed the request for contributions towards the project and how this could be a good opportunity to get a junction at Tolroy.

**It was resolved** to write a letter of support, seek further guidance and refer the matter to the Resource Committee.

- e) To note the safe deposit of the original minutes of Hayle Town Council at Kresen Kernow

The Clerk explained that electronic and physical copies of the minutes were still held and a paper copy given to Hayle Archive each year.

The deposit of the original minutes of Hayle Town Council at Kresen Kernow was NOTED.

- e) Meetings

The Clerk discussed the following meeting schedule:

**MEETINGS**

**MARCH 2021**

04/03/2021	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	Via Zoom
05/03/2021	10.00am	Politics Before and After Elections - Training Course - Clerk to attend	Via Zoom
05/03/21	11.30am	CALC Larger Councils Mtg – Clerk to attend	Via Teams
11/03/2021	7.30pm	Resource Committee  (Change to advertised Schedule of Meetings)	Via Zoom
15/03/2021	7.00pm	Informal Pre-Election Meeting	Via Zoom
18/03/2021	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	Via Zoom
22/03/2021	7.00pm	Tour of Britain Working Party	Via Zoom
25/03/2021	7.30pm	Amenities Meeting	Via Zoom
01/04/2021	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	Via Zoom
		Hawkins Motors Site Working Party – Proposals to be discussed/considered at next Amenities Committee meeting	

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

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

**Town Mayor** .....

**Date** .....