



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 27 MAY 2021

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Academy, School Hall on Thursday 27 May 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors S.Benney (Mayor), B.Capper,, M.Hayward, J.Lawrenson-Reid,
J.Pollard and AM.Rance (Deputy Mayor)

Town Clerk E Giggal
Senior Support Officer M Costello

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM1 TO ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2021-22 YEAR

It was resolved unanimously to elect Councillor Coad as Chair of the Amenities Committee.

The Mayor agreed to chair until restrictions allow for Councillor Coad to attend in person.

It was resolved unanimously to elect Councillor as Vice-Chair of the Amenities Committee.

AM2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Coad and Brown.

AM3 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 25 MARCH 2021

Councillor Pollard felt that the paragraph referring to the former Hawkins *site (minute AM46 refers)* required some extra clarity ie: the idea of a gym was ruled out, leaving an amalgamation of the remaining ideas. A discussion ensued and the conclusion was that the wording should read as follows:

It was resolved that the area should be a garden and then to seek professional design advice to enhance the town.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 25 March 2021 as amended.

AM5 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE LIBRARY RELOCATION PROJECT, NOTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION, TO CONSIDER THE VALUATION REPORT FOR HAYLE

COMMUNITY CENTRE, TO CONSIDER HOLDING SOME FORM OF FORMAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND TO DECIDE NEXT ACTIONS AND TO APPROVE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE (IF ANY)

The Mayor asked if members had seen the valuation prepared by Alder King. He explained that he had been surprised and disappointed as it could leave the council somewhat short of the overall cost of the relocation project. However, he felt the document could be improved upon and used as a starting point, adding that the planning application had been submitted to Cornwall Council which the architects felt would be achievable as there were no contentious elements.

The Clerk explained that an interim loan would be required to facilitate the work until HTC either vacates or sells the Community Centre building and the Public Works Loan Board would only lend on capital projects. She explained that there were other options including leasing which could tie in with Bodriggy Surgery's plans and that the income from rent would service the loan and could help the NHS.

The Clerk further explained that the council already has funds reserved towards the Project and from Earmarked reserves, the previous sale of land at the back of the Community Centre and the Library Fund. In addition, she told members that £50,000 had been ringfenced for the project but that this amount was likely to be used for the planning and design process.

Members discussed the need to pursue the project which would be a brilliant facility for the town, they felt that the key points are:

- To open negotiations with the Dr's Surgery
- Pursue a full loan for capital works
- Obtain a second valuation
- Ideally sell to the highest bidder

It was resolved to form a sub-committee consisting of Councillor's Benney, Capper, Lawrenson-Reid, Rance and Hayward, to open discussions with the Dr's Surgery and move forward with the project.

AM6 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FOLLOWING THE TOWN COUNCIL'S EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS IN HAVING THE ST ELWYN'S MESS ROOM (FORMER TOILET BLOCK) AND COMMERCIAL ROAD CAR PARK DEVOLVED

The Clerk provided a brief background to new members and an update on the process so far, That the Community Link Officer Vanessa Luckwell had applied on behalf of Hayle Town Council (HTC) for both sites as a package. Members discussed the possibility of approaching Craig Taylor from Cornwall Council direct in order to potentially speed up the process.

The update was NOTED and the Clerk agreed to contact Cornwall Council direct.

AM7 TO REVISIT THE PROPOSAL FOR A SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE AND/OR WHETHER IT IS VIABLE TO EXTEND THE SEASON, FOLLOWING MORE RECENT DISCUSSIONS AT THE TOWN TEAM MEETING AND TO CONSIDER APPLYING TO THE VITALITY FUND FOR A GRANT TO UNDERTAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY

A discussion followed regarding the popularity of the outdoor swimming pool, members felt that this was a great community asset and considered the possibility of a new project for an indoor pool. However, they agreed that in general, swimming pools were costly to run and that Hayle's population was not sufficient enough to warrant further leisure facilities at this time. They concluded that due to the growing expansion of the town, a feasibility study for this project would be of benefit to residents and holiday makers and should include costings for a sliding cover for the pool.

It was resolved to take the idea of a feasibility study for the Outdoor Pool to the Town Team and to explore the possibility of a future leisure facility for the town.

AM8 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM SOUTH WEST WATER TO HOLD A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WATER EFFICIENCY RELATED EVENT AT HAYLE OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL

Members felt that this would encourage people to use water wisely and the Facilities Manager had not raised any issues.

It was resolved to propose no objection to the event.

AM9 TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE FROM SAVILL'S ON BEHALF OF THE GLEBE DIOCESE REGARDING THE POTENTIAL OPTION TO LEASE MORE LAND AT PHILLACK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MORE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk provided members with some background on the subject, informing them that the allotment waiting list now had approaching 70 people. She explained that more information had been sought regarding terms and rent but that in principle the rent will be covered by allotment payments. The additional unkempt land would be rotovated by Lello's and plotted by Kemp Engineering.

Members agreed that over the last 10 years, lifestyles were changing and especially through lockdown growing your own vegetables had become increasingly popular. They agreed that the council must satisfy the demand and that further additional land may be required in the future.

It was resolved to progress the option including the work required.

AM10 TO NOTE THE ADDITIONAL CCTV CAMERA HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON PENPOL AVENUE

It was resolved to NOTE the installation with congratulations extended to the Clerk and Councillor Rance for a successful conclusion to the project.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm.