



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2021

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Academy, School Hall on Thursday 24 June 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors S.Benney (Mayor), B.Capper, G. Coad (Chair) J.Lawrenson-Reid, J.Pollard and AM.Rance (Deputy Mayor)

Town Clerk E Giggal
Senior Support Officer M Costello

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM11 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

AM12 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM13 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 27 MAY 2021

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 25 March.

AM14 ALLOTMENTS

a) **To receive an update regarding the proposed extension to provide more allotments**

The Clerk informed members that following the last committee meeting, she has contacted Mr Greet of Savills, the agent and is still awaiting a response.

b) **To note following a recent eviction notice that an appeal was lodged and considered by the Mayor, in accordance with the Complaints Procedure**

The Clerk provided some background information regarding evictions at the allotment site. She explained that the gentleman in question had been a plot holder for many years and that there was a history of letters being sent to him requesting that he maintains his plot in accordance with the tenancy agreement. He had recently informed the Clerk that the plot is in his wife's, who is abroad and unable to return home due to the pandemic, although he has been invoiced annually and has not asked for the records to be updated.

There have also been a number of complaints from neighbouring plot holders regarding his behaviour towards them. On this occasion the Facilities and Contracts Manager served notice on the plot holder and following this, an appeal was lodged and considered by the Mayor.

The Mayor told members that he fully supports the decision made by Clerk and Facilities Manager.

It was resolved to NOTE and congratulate the team for following due process.

AM15 TO CONSIDER THE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S PROPOSAL TO LEASE THE TENNIS COURT - Cllr Lawrenson-Reid to lead

Councillor Lawrenson-Reid reminded members that this matter was previously discussed in January. She explained that the Tennis Club is supportive of the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) proposal which would involve working with Hayle Town Council (HTC) by securing funding, to improve the standard of the park courts, then leasing them to the Tennis Club who would provide coaching, maintain and run the facility.

The Clerk explained that the courts were resurfaced approximately 5 years ago and currently one court is used for tennis and one as a multi use games area (MUGA) and that the council maintenance team currently maintains the courts, routinely replacing nets.

Members discussed the facility and were keen to keep it for local people to use on a casual basis and felt that in due course, the Committee should look at ways of encouraging more coaching through the tennis courts

It was resolved to inform the LTA that the council is supportive of the idea in principle. Cllr Lawrenson-Reid will continue to investigate and come back to the Committee with more information.

AM16 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM ANNE RAYMOND AMMUSEMENTS TO HIRE A SECTION OF HAYLE RECREATION GROUND FOR AN INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE AND A CANDY FLOSS TRAILER

The Clerk explained that the request was to bring an assault course, zorb balls and a candy floss trailer a couple of days per week to the Recreation Ground, the organizer currently has some days booked at Helston. The Facilities and Contracts Manager had been concerned with some aspects of safety and had therefore, requested the decision is made by the committee.

Members were concerned that the candy floss trailer would impact negatively on the Kiosk but felt that there would be no reason why the amusements could not come one day per week, providing that the safety requirements were up to date and in order. They asked the Clerk how much would be charged for hiring the Recreation Ground and she explained that there was no policy in place for charging as it was usually hired for charity events.

The Clerk agreed to contact Helston Town Council to find out how much they charge for hiring the park.

It was resolved to support this application for one day per week to allow the activities but not the candy floss trailer.

AM17 LIBRARY RELOCATION PROJECT

a) To receive a project update

The Mayor explained that the planning application was considered by HTC at the last full council meeting. He told members that revised costings were still around the same figure.

The Clerk explained that due to other commitments she has not yet obtained a second valuation. She has requested a meeting with the nursing team at the Community Centre but due to a change of senior staff this will not be possible until mid-July when she will convene a meeting between them and Dr Evans at Bodriggy Surgery.

b) To consider holding some public consultation and to approve associated expenditure (if any)

The Clerk explained that although the project has been advertised in agenda's and minutes of meetings, there had not actually been any public consultation on the proposed relocation, partly due to the revised opening arrangements at the Library through Lockdown.

It was agreed by members that a consultation was required about the plan to move the town council offices from the Community Centre to the Library and that the benefit of these plans would be publicised in the next edition of Hayle Pump

It was resolved to form a display of the plans which would be manned by Councillors, by appointment only.

AM18 TO NOTE THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING THE STATUS OF KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL WALK, CONSIDER NEXT STEPS AND APPROVE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE (IF ANY)

The Clerk told members that the response had been similar to previous correspondence, that the local authority will only maintain streetlights on an adopted road. She explained that the Memorial Walk has streetlights which are maintained by Cornwall Council (CC) and that following some research had found that although the highway is deemed unmaintainable, the lighting may be maintained. However, this legislation does not stipulate that the entire surface and fabric of the highway must be maintainable.

The Clerk further explained that HTC can now apply for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) subject to consultation as it is a highway, but the town council are the owners. If successful HTC would be fully responsible for maintenance.

Members discussed the options and asked the Clerk to write to the next tier of government to seek clarification.

It was resolved to apply for a TRO.

**AM19 TO RECEIVE A SEASON TO DATE UPDATE REGARDING HAYLE
OPEN AIR SWIMMING POOL**

The Clerk provided a brief update on the pool. She told members that through the half term opening the weather and therefore takings had been good. The summer opening season had begun on Saturday 19 June with some minor staff and ticketing issues, but ticket sales were good. She explained that due to the government regulations the toilets were open but changing rooms remained closed and there were limited admissions with no season tickets or free residents Tuesday passes but the ticket prices were kept at £3 per session the public were accepting of this and there had been good feedback.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.