



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Day Care Centre, on Thursday 9 September 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

Facilities and Contracts Manager P Drew
Senior Support Officer M Costello

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM20 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Coad.

AM21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 24 JUNE 2021

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 24 June 2021.

AM23 HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL RELOCATION PROJECT

- a) **To receive a project update including Community Centre valuation report**

The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that the valuation report had not yet been received.

It was resolved to include this item in the agenda of the next full council meeting.

- b) **To consider Bodriggy Health Centre's proposals regarding land for additional parking spaces**

Members expressed their surprise at the extent of land which the Health Centre would like, which amounted to approximately 25-30% of the overall site. They discussed the suggestion

that the land could be designated for healthcare, which would be cheaper for purchase, but would be detrimental to the relocation project. They were concerned that the extent of this would significantly impact the value of the Community Centre site and although the council would like to help the Health Centre, we must accrue to maximum value for the land.

Councillors agreed that no decisions could be made until the valuation report is received.

It was resolved to reconsider at a later date following receipt of the report.

c) To discuss the recent public preview of the project held at the Library and to note the positive feedback

Members discussed how well the Library is supported locally. They explained that no one had come to the Library purposely for the preview and that the feedback had been positive and supportive, no negative comments had been received.

AM24 TO NOTE THE EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT LEASING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BY THE NHS TEAMS AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR CASUAL HIRE

The current leasing arrangements were NOTED.

AM25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE FORMER HAWKINS SITE

The Facilities and Contracts Manager asked if members had all read the email correspondence regarding the delay in transfer of ownership of the site. He explained that after months of chasing, it had become apparent that the owners of the site had failed to get planning permission. He told members that this had now been applied for retrospectively and once approved the site can be transferred to Hayle Town Council (HTC).

AM26 TO NOTE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE PAINTED SECTIONS OF THE SKATEBOWL, TO CONSIDER OPTIONS GOING FORWARD AND TO APPROVE ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE IF REQUIRED

The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that a group has taken it upon themselves to paint sections of the Skatebowl, displaying photographic examples of this on the projector. He expressed concern that although it was easier to remove graffiti from the painted sections, the type of paint being used may cause health and safety issues and needed investigation.

Members discussed the problem of anti-social behaviour in the area and agreed that it is not caused by the skaters but by a small minority late at night. They discussed asking for more Police checks on the area and the need for additional cover, which had been promised following the last Police Liaison meeting. Councillors agreed that the additional CCTV cover in this area was vital and asked that this was progressed. They also discussed how to engage with the community to encourage them to report and log incidents and how to promote volunteers to look after the area, perhaps engaging in funding of Youth Workers.

It was resolved to seek advice on suitable paint and then promote the idea of painting volunteers via social media.

It was further resolved to write to the Police explaining that the issues with anti-social behaviour is preventing people using the facility, requesting further, regular patrols.

AM27 TO CONSIDER CREATING A POLICY FOR REQUESTS TO SCATTER ASHES ON COUNCIL MAINTAINED SITES

The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that a request to scatter ashes on King George V Memorial Walk had been received, leading to the office admin team researching the matter and sourcing an example of another council's policy.

Members discussed some of the contents of this example and asked for information on how the Cemetery site was progressing, such as did it include an area for the scattering and interring of ashes. The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that he was waiting for information to come from the Diocese and had been led to believe that there was no urgency.

It was resolved to propose creating an HTC policy for requests to scatter ashes and interment of ashes to be worked on by the Cemetery Working Group, adapting the example provided.

AM28 TO CONSIDER THE LATEST DRAFT DESIGN FOR THE NEW TOWN SIGNS

The draft design was displayed on the projector and councillors discussed points which they would like amended. These included some details of the map, such as indicating the shopping areas in colour and adding toilet symbols for the facilities at the Recreation Ground and Beach and renaming the area known as Penpol Creek.

Members had previously chosen some photographs of different locations around Hayle, but they were not entirely happy with 2 of the images. They discussed the possibility of an ariel shot over the Towans towards Godrevy Lighthouse and a view of the Copperhouse area and decided to ask the Senior Support Officer to investigate hiring a professional photographer to take these.

AM29 TO RECEIVE A SEASON TO DATE UPDATE REGARDING HAYLE OPEN AIR SWIMMING POOL

a) To note the recent break-ins, security issues and risks

The Facilities and Contracts Manager brought to members attention, the number of incidents occurring through the summer at the Pool, which had been missed by both the Police and the Security firm GSD. A member of the public had reported seeing youths climbing over the fence and using the Pool on a number of occasions, which was both a security issue and a health and safety risk.

The Mayor explained that he was fully in favour of HTC installing its own CCTV system and associated signage, as was in place at other council's facilities. He felt that this would be a deterrent and improve security.

It was resolved to task the Facilities and Contracts Manager with looking at the costs involved with installing CCTV at the Open Air Swimming Pool.

b) To note the Covid-19 related staff issues and the consequent closures

The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that the Pool had closed on several occasions due to staff self-isolating, especially following the Boardmasters Festival, when it had remained closed for 5 days. He told members that at times whilst the staff had received full pay, additional staff had been hired to cover, incurring extra costs.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm