



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 20 MAY 2021

Minutes of the Annual Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the School Hall at Hayle Community School, commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors	C Polkinghorne (Mayor) S Benney (Mayor Elect), AM Rance (Deputy Mayor Elect), B Capper, M Hayward, J Pollard and J Lawrenson-Reid
Cornwall Councillors	P Channon and L. Pascoe
Town Clerk	E Giggall
Senior Support Officer	M Costello

The Mayor welcomed guests and distinguished Cornwall Councillors. He informed those assembled that since the election, a councillor has had a very sad bereavement.

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect.

7.30PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

ACM1 TO ELECT THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2021-2022

The Clerk invited Councillor Capper to nominate a councillor for Hayle Town Mayor. He nominated Councillor Benney giving a short speech stating it was his privilege to propose Councillor Benney for the role of Mayor as he had proven to be an outstanding Deputy Mayor, for the term of 3 years and that he was well known, respected and he had every confidence in him. This was seconded by Councillor Pollard who said that it was an enormous pleasure and he had no hesitation in seconding him as he knew he would do as excellent a job in the forthcoming year

There were no other nominations, and **it was resolved** unanimously that Councillor Benney be elected Hayle Town Mayor for the year 2021/2022.

ACM2 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S ADDRESS, INCLUDING THE STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE & CONFIRMATION OF CONSORT

The Clerk placed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which included an undertaking to abide by the council's adopted Code of Conduct, in front of the mayor who read and signed it before passing it back to the clerk for her signature (see Appendix A).

The Mayor thanked his nominees for their kind words and announced that his consort would be his wife, Suzanne Benney. He then gave his acceptance speech, which was warmly received (see

Appendix B). Finally, he explained that due to COVID-19 restrictions, there would be no presentation of chains.

ACM3 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2021/2022

The Clerk invited Councillor Benney to nominate a councillor as Hayle Deputy Town Mayor. He proposed Councillor Rance as Hayle Town Deputy Mayor commending her to the council in a short speech thanking her and saying that he was delighted and had great pleasure in nominating Councillor Rance. He described her as proactive, hardworking and that he had the utmost respect and looked forward to working with her. The nomination was seconded by Councillor Capper who wished Councillor Rance every success as Deputy Mayor, saying that it was his privilege to second the nomination and that she was an experienced advocate of Hayle Town Council (HTC), had been the planning point of contact attending many events on its behalf.

There were no other nominations, and **it was resolved** unanimously that Councillor Rance be elected Hayle Town Deputy Mayor for the year 2021/2022.

ACM4 TO RECEIVE THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S ADDRESS, INCLUDING THE STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND CONFIRMATION OF CONSORT

The Clerk placed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which included an undertaking to abide by the council's adopted Code of Conduct, in front of the Deputy Mayor who read and signed it before passing it back to the clerk for her signature (see Appendix B).

The Deputy Mayor announced that her consort would be her partner Mike Kemp, and then presented a brief address during which she thanked the Clerk and her team.

ACM5 TO RECEIVE THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Clive Polkinghorne gave a short address, saying that it was difficult to follow such comprehensive speeches especially from Councillor Benney. He explained that coming as he did from a Hayle family, playing rugby, cricket and having been in the local police force. Being Mayor had been the pinnacle and he had absolutely loved it. He advised Councillor Benney that there would be challenges ahead but to look to senior members of the council who will help. Councillor Polkinghorne gave special thanks to the Clerk who he said had been a leading light and he extended his gratitude to all members of the office team. Finally, he explained that he has left the council due to personal reasons which have meant that he has left Hayle and he wished the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor and their spouses every success in the year ahead.

ACM6 TO RECEIVE A SPEECH OF APPRECIATION IN RECOGNITION OF COUNCILLOR POLKINGHORNE'S WORK DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE

Councillor Pollard congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He expressed his thanks to Councillor Polkinghorne for his 3 years of service, acknowledging the importance of the role to him and that he would always be known as our "Covid Mayor", adding that the community were grateful to him and Sue. He explained that usually in the first year of office you learn what to do, then in the second year you look forward to a break, which Clive did not get. Instead, he had provided stability during this difficult year of zoom meetings and lack of personal contact. Finally,

Councillor Pollard said thank you to Clive for his perseverance, providing continuity, and championing the town.

Mayor Councillor Steve Benney thanked Councillor Pollard for his speech.

ACM7 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Councillors Coad and Brown

ACM8 TO NOTE RECEIPT OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF COUNCILLORS NOTE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 83 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972,

A person elected to the office of parish councillor shall, before or at the first meeting of the parish council after his election; or if the council at that meeting so permit, before or at a later meeting fixed by the council; make in the presence of a member of the council or of the proper officer of the council and deliver to the council a declaration of acceptance of office and if he fails to do so his office shall thereupon become vacant.

The receipt of declarations of acceptance of office of councillors was noted.

ACM9 IF NECESSARY, TO AGREE EXTENSIONS IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS – DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF COUNCILLORS NOTE THAT EXTENSIONS MAY OR MAY NOT BE GRANTED, AND WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ONLY BE NECESSARY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

As previously discussed, **it was resolved** to propose an extension with no time limit, to one new councillor due to a very close personal bereavement and to offer as much support as required. The town council meetings schedule 2021-22 (see Appendix C).was noted.

ACM10 TO NOTE THAT THE COUNCIL NO LONGER CONTINUES TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was noted that the council no longer continues to meet the criteria for the general power of Competence due to the number of elected councillors.

ACM11 TO NOTE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2021-22

The mayor confirmed that full council meetings would continue to be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, excluding August, commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation session followed by the meeting at Hayle Community School while restrictions remain in place.

It was resolved to note the meetings schedule for 2019/2020 (see Appendix C).

ACM12 TO NOTE COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS 2021-22

It was resolved to note the councillors' attendance record (see Appendix D).

ACM13 TO CONFIRM THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The mayor asked for confirmation and approval of the list in front of councillors.

It was resolved to confirm and approve the committee structure and representatives on outside bodies (see Appendix E).

ACM14 TO NOTE THE COUNCIL VACANCIES FOLLOWING THE RECENT ELECTION AND TO CONFIRM THE PROCESS FOR RECRUITING MORE COUNCILLORS

A discussion ensued regarding how to recruit and a possible further election.

It was resolved to co-opt as soon as practically possible following a full recruitment campaign, and to hold an election later in the year, should this be required.

15 TO ADJOURN BUSINESS TO THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING, 3 JUNE 2021

It was resolved to adjourn business to full council on Thursday 3 June 2021

The mayor closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Approved by the council as a true record.

Town Mayor.....Date.....