



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Day Care Centre on Thursday 7 April 2022 commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation Session.

PRESENT

Councillors

D. Anton, J. Bennett, S. Benney (Mayor) E. Brown, B. Gordon, S. Johnson, J. Lawrenson-Reid, J. Martin, J. Ninnes, J. Pollard, AM. Rance (Deputy Mayor) and D. Raymer.

Cornwall Councillors

P. Channon and L. Pascoe

Town Clerk

E. Giggall-Hollis

Senior Support Officer

M. Costello

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Robin Phillips told those present that he had spoken to over 400 residents about having an outdoor gym in Hayle and that the idea had their full backing. He explained that he had over 30 years' experience in the use of fitness equipment and had researched the subject fully, visiting other sites within Cornwall. He said that he felt that a location parallel to the black wall along KGVMW would be the most suitable site, due to its easy access and privacy.

Mel Sheridan asked for a video to be shown on the projector depicting the water pipe which has caused her 10 years of ongoing problems. She explained that the pipework was not shown on any maps and was classed as land drainage. Mel said that she has previously asked George Eustice MP to try and get South West Water (SWW) to adopt the pipework, but she felt he had not helped due to an incorrect report from Cornwall Council (CC). She questioned why she should be paying council tax and /or water rates. She asked for Hayle Town Council (HTC) to call a meeting on the subject with George Eustice MP, Loveday Jenkins and John Martin. It was noted that HTC had already written to George Eustice MP requesting a meeting but to date no reply had been received.

Helen Moore explained that she was a neighbour of Mel's, having lived there for over 30 years. She said that had there been a record of this issue, she would not have bought her house. Helen also explained that she had initially thought that the problem lay only with Mel's property, but she was now concerned that she was sitting on a "time bomb" and wanted the issue sorted out for her family's future.

Liz Thomas explained that she was also a neighbour of Mel Sheridan, having lived there since 2005. She said that she had numerous problems over the years, such as water discolouration, low pressure and water supply being cut off. She said that SWW had told her the pipework serving her house was not their infrastructure, yet she still had to pay their bills. Liz told members that eventually SWW fixed her supply but she had further problems when a new feed

had been “moled” under her garden without her knowledge, which had resulted in damage to the sewage system.

Members discussed the ongoing issues and offered their sympathy to the residents. They agreed that someone in authority should investigate the matter.

Cornwall Councillor Channon told members that since he and Councillor Gordon had visited the site, he had contacted a CC engineer to discuss this complex issue and arrange a meeting with him and SWW.

The Clerk and the Mayor advised that a representative of SWW was attending the next Full Council meeting to discuss this and other issues affecting Hayle.

Michelle Scully explained that she wanted to speak about the problems her friend Karin Howey, of Riverside Chalet was having as Simon Wright, owner of the Harbour Development Company was trying to evict her. She said that although Mr Wright had previously claimed he loved and wanted to protect the chalets, apparently there was a letter in existence stating that he wanted to remove them. Michelle said that through her own investigation she believed the rights to the Harbour had initially been gained fraudulently, by the then owners Tekoa. She said that Karin was facing £9,000 court costs and being continually bombarded by Coodes Solicitors, who were trying to settle out of court. She said that at the eviction hearing, the judge had postponed for a full hearing on 1 July. Michelle said that Karin had sought advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau and was currently crowdfunding to try and raise the costs of fighting her case.

Paul Pellegrinetti spoke about what he felt was the general overall level of disrespect for the town. He said that the graffiti was ubiquitous and the developments at the Quay brought tears to your eyes and finally, why had the recent improvements to the railway bridge been carried out at 2am.

Members agreed that the recent works had been extraordinary, had been extended without notification and had blocked a major artery into the town. They said that complaints had also come from Bodriggy Surgery regarding the signage.

It was agreed that HTC should confirm its disquiet with Network Rail at the next meeting.

The Deputy Mayor told those present that she and a number of other Councillors and Cornwall Councillors were currently working on the Harbour issues, that the main complaint is that the planning officer has allowed half a sand dune to be removed and sold.

The Mayor thanked all those who had spoken.

7.55PM MEETING COMMENCED

194 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

There were none.

195 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Capper and Dinham.

196 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

197 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 17 MARCH 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 17 March 2022, as amended, be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

198 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 17 MARCH 2022

There were none raised.

199 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

The Deputy Mayor reported on the recent Community Network Meeting and members discussed their dissatisfaction that there had been a change in Community Link Officers (CLO). Vanessa Luckwell had been moved to the Camborne/Redruth area, having been replaced with Maxine Hardy from Helston, apparently for a trial period. Members agreed that Vanessa had done a wonderful job and that HTC should let the panel know it is unhappy that there was no debate or consultation about the change. They were concerned about the arrangement, given that the CLO's current area is Helston and South Kerrier where there are no obvious links and how the officer's time will be split.

Councillor Rance also discussed the traffic consultation scheme from Griggs Quay to Foundry Square, which had been voted through reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 20mph.

The Clerk confirmed that the Lethlean Lane formal consultation, for which members had previously approved the draft proposals, would be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

Members agreed that it would be useful to have a report listing unsuccessful schemes.

200 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Hayle Harbour Update
 - (i) To receive and note the report, if any

No report had been received.

- b) Cornwall Council Update
 - (i) To receive reports from Cornwall Councillors Channon and Pascoe

Cornwall Councillor Pascoe told members that he had received a number of complaints that one of the chalets at Harveys Towans was operating as a Kite Surfing business.

Members considered the legality of this, as this would require a change of use to be applied and they were concerned that vehicles connected with the business were blocking the coastal

path.

CC Cllr Pascoe confirmed that he had been invited to a forthcoming meeting, along with CC Cllr Channon regarding the Hayle Growth Area and Loggan's Moor Roundabout.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Lionel for his recent assistance with a planning matter. HTC had objected to Planning Application PA21/02206 but the planning officer had wanted to approve the application. Cllr Rance explained that she had requested a site meeting with CC Cllr Pascoe and Mark Broomhead, the application has subsequently been refused on HTC's original objection.

Cornwall Councillor Channon displayed a report on the projector – *see attached App A*, which included an update on the ongoing issue of Loggan's Moor Roundabout, and updating members that the Loggan's Mill building is back under CC control.

201 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for February 2022 as listed on Appendix B

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for February 2022 as listed on Appendix B.

202 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS

- a) To note the councillor vacancy on the West Ward following the resignation of Graham Coad

The Mayor formally thanked Graham Coad personally and on behalf of HTC for his many years' service to Hayle as a Councillor and CC Councillor.

The Clerk advised members that the casual vacancy goes live the following day, explaining that if no one responds to call an election, the council can co-opt a new councillor.

- b) To consider the request to site an outdoor gymnasium along King George V Memorial Walk

Councillors discussed the general opinion that they felt the Recreation Ground would be a more suitable venue for outdoor gym equipment, having CCTV coverage and lighting, despite the recent increase in anti-social behaviour. They felt more Police patrols were necessary along with Youth Outreach work.

The Clerk reminded members that as part of the Vitality Fund, a Feasibility study would be undertaken to carry out a survey on the sporting and recreational gaps in the town. She said that following the findings of the report, the newly appointed Projects and Events Officer would potentially be able to deliver a new project, subject to funding.

It was resolved to defer the decision until the results of the Feasibility Study.

It was further resolved to thank Robin Phillips, support his idea, outline the process and ask for his involvement in the forthcoming project.

- c) To consider supporting the idea put forward by Hayle Runners to stage a 10K race through the town

It was resolved to support the idea in principle, with the emphasis that this would be the Hayle Runners own event with HTC providing support where possible, subject to the organization undertaking their own risk assessment and feasibility study.

- d) To consider the request from u3a to plant a tree in commemoration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

It was resolved to support the request, asking u3a to liaise with the council’s Gardener regarding the type of tree and the location.

- e) Meetings

The Clerk agreed to circulate the meetings schedule by email.

**203 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM, AS PUBLICITY WOULD PREJUDICE THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED (IF NECESSARY)
(PUBLIC BODIES [ADMISSION TO MEETINGS] ACT 1960)**

It was resolved to exclude the press and public for the following item, in accordance with Standing Order 1c, due to the confidential nature of the business. **(PUBLIC BODIES [ADMISSION TO MEETINGS] ACT 1960)**

204 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE IF ANY, ON THE PROGRESS OF SEEKING A JUDICIAL REVIEW RELATING TO CORNWALL COUNCIL’S APPROVAL OF PA20/11368

An update was provided on the progress of seeking a Judicial Review (JR) relating to Cornwall Council’s approval of PA20/11368 and members of the JR Working Group agreed to bring any final draft submission back to council.

A detailed, confidential minute is available separately.

205 TO RE-ADMIT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved to re-admit the press and public.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 21 April 2022.

Town Mayor

Date