



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2022

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Day Care Centre, on Thursday 10 February 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

S Benney (Mayor) E. Brown, B Capper, G Coad (Chair) B Gordon, J. Lawrenson-Reid (Reserve), J. Martin, J Pollard, and D Raymer,

Facilities and Contracts Manager P Drew

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Johnson and Rance.

AM2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 13 JANUARY 2022

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 13 January 2022 as amended and be taken as a true and accurate record with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

AM4 TO APPROVE THE FACILITIES AND CONTRACTS MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE NEW CEMETERY AND TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT POLICY.

Members considered each report and there was some lively debate on the draft policy and the rules and regulations document. Some of the wording was seen as lacking in empathy and Councillors were minded to remove the word "rules" to soften this document. Further debate was had about opening times and it was agreed to remove this and allow 24/7 access. It was also agreed that the word "only" be removed from the section relating to committals on Fridays as the wording as it stands is confusing and some people might read this as only allowing committals on a Friday. It was agreed to put signage up informing users of the rules for the cemetery. After burials, the timescale for removal of grave side flowers was seen as too short and Councillors agreed to allow a calendar month before the flowers should be removed. It was also agreed that some form of compost bin be provided to allow for the disposal of these flowers. All Councillors agreed that memorials or headstones would be kept to a maximum height of 625mm or 2 feet to avoid the requirement for ground anchors. It was further agreed

that rather than have areas set aside, all burial would be incorporated within the burial area of the cemetery with cremated ashes placed in an area set to the side but also part of the main cemetery. Memorial benches were discussed and Councillors were generally against placement of benches on the site but reserved the right to revisit this should it be necessary.

The Policy was discussed and it was agreed that there would be no reservation of graves allowed. It was also agreed that the cemetery would be open to anyone who wished to be buried on this site but all costs would be subject to a multiplier. As such, anyone not residing within the rateable area of Hayle would incur a double charge. Council were minded to recommend the actions as stated on the reports.

Councillors also expressed their thanks to the Facilities and Contracts Manager for the huge amount of work undertaken on this project.

It was resolved that the policy be adopted subject to the agreed changes to the wording.

It was resolved that the Rules and Regulations be adopted subject to the agreed changes.

It was resolved to adopt the same charging regime as that used by Marazion Town Council.

It was resolved to add to the policy "Any scattering of ashes on Hayle Town Council land should only happen once permission from the Town Council has been requested and granted. Further, only limited memorials could be placed and only after agreement with Hayle Town Council.

AM5 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MILLPOND, AGREE NEXT STEPS AND APPROVE ANY ASSOCIATED COSTS.

Members considered a verbal report from the Facilities and Contracts Manager regarding the INNS report and the replacement of the railing to the seated area by the main road. The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that CTO (Cormac) had put a quote in for £3300 for the works to the railings and further quotes were awaited. Once more quotes are in and Council have agreed the expenditure, a Scheduled Monument Consent application would be made so that the works could be completed. The INNS report has highlighted some flora management issues but due to the start of the nesting season and the amount of work required on other projects the removal of the bamboo has been pushed back to next winter.

Councillors noted the report and advised that this is left in the hands of the Facilities and Contracts manager.

AM6 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE PLANTATION

Members considered the verbal report and noted that the main works to the wall were still awaiting quotes for completion. It was further noted that the work to make safe the wall area had been commissioned by the facilities and Contracts Manger under a Class 5 notice to English heritage who had been informed that these works were an emergency due to Health and safety concerns to the public.

Councillors noted the report and confirmed that this matter be delegated to the Facilities and Contracts manager to progress.

AM7 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CONDITION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL, AGREE NEXT STEPS AND APPROVE ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

Members considered the verbal report and noted the 2 quotes that had been submitted for the work. A request was made that, if possible, a third quote be sort and that the facilities and Contracts Manger ask KNJ stone masons if their quote is inclusive or exclusive of VAT. Action required to ascertain this.

Councillors noted the report and agreed that this matters should be delegated to the Facilities and Contracts manager to complete.

AM8 TO CONSIDER THE QUOTATION RECEIVED FROM SSE REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL CCTV CAMERAS, AGREE NEXT STEPS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Councillors considered the report provided by the Clerk and there was a lively debate regarding the cost involved weighed against the benefits. A question was asked as to how many people had been prosecuted in Hayle as a result of the intervention of the cameras and Councillors advised that there had been some prosecutions. A question was raised as to why Hayle Town Council didn't put up dummy cameras as these were seen as a deterrent but at a much-reduced cost. There was further debate as to the positioning of the 2 potential cameras and all Councillors felt that they were not in the right place for the required outcomes.

It was resolved to ask the Clerk to undertake more investigation into the placement of the cameras and to liaise with the Mayor and the Facilities and Contracts manger to put pressure on SSE to ensure that they put the cameras where Hayle Town Council wanted them and not where it was convenient for SSE.

AM9 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was resolved that the next meeting be held on Thursday 10 March 2022

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.