



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2022

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Day Care Centre on Thursday 21 April 2022 commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation Session.

PRESENT

Councillors

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

Town Clerk

E. Giggal-Hollis

Senior Support Officer

M. Costello

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Mr Ward introduced himself as the applicant of planning application PA22/02505, he explained that the proposal was for a replacement of the derelict building on Chapel Lane, which was formerly a Cobblers. He explained that this application for a single storey redevelopment follows the withdrawal of a two storey scheme, which did not proceed following the unsuccessful attempt to acquire a garden area and overlooking issues. He told members that this was a reduced modest scheme keeping the existing footprint of the building, with no need for a garden due to its location and close proximity to the Recreation Ground and and that the design was simple and sympathetic due its location in a Conservation Area, taking into account the previous objections from Hayle Town Council (HTC) and the World Heritage Site (WHS) officer.

Robin Phillips explained that since he spoke at the previous Full Council meeting, he had spoken to healthcare professionals, a sports scientist and two Police Sergeants, who had all agreed that any outdoor gym equipment should be situated at one location. He reiterated his view that the ideal location was along the King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW) as he felt the Recreation Ground was not suitable for adult unsupervised equipment as it was an area used mainly by unsupervised youths and had a high occurrence of vandalism.

The Clerk explained to Mr Phillips the outcome from his previous attendance, 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, and it had been resolved to defer the decision until the results of the Feasibility Study were received and to thank Robin Phillips, support his idea, outline the process and ask for his involvement in the forthcoming project. She added that details of the consultation would be publicised.

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

206 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor welcomed Julie Baldwin, introducing her as the new Projects and Events Officer and explained that she was here to see how meetings work and was keen to get things up and running.

The Mayor congratulated Olivia Pellowe, HTC's Gardener who had recently completed the Brighton Marathon in record time and sent the council's best wishes to her.

207 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were none.

208 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Bennett declared an interest in agenda item 10 a) (*minute 215 b) refers*) regarding planning application PA22/00257 as he sits on other committees with the applicant. The Mayor also declared an interest in the same agenda item and application as the applicant is a customer.

209 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 7 APRIL 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 7 April 2022 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

210 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) To resolve to write to Network Rail about the anti-social hours of working and the unnecessary inconvenience caused during the recent works to improve the railway bridge in the Bodriggy area

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211 GUEST SPEAKER: VICKY GARNER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH WEST WATER, TO DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES AFFECTING HAYLE

Vicky Garner introduced herself and explained that her role as Partnership and Community co-Ordinator had been newly created and was indicative that South West Water (SWW) could potentially be more involved with local communities. She explained that SWW had recently announced a new programme called "WaterFit" which aims to protect rivers and seas in response to issues raised throughout the country and that following public demand, accessible information would be available on the website by the end of the year. She asked for her presentation to be displayed on the projector and explained that included in this, she had prepared answers to the questions supplied in advance with her invitation to address HTC, as follows:

Mel Sheridan – Penpol Road

- *This is a long running case, SWW have investigated the complaint thoroughly and are confident that we have no legal liability*
- *SWW have made a number of settlement offers to Ms Sheridan as a gesture of goodwill. She has declined these offers*
- *Head of SWW Customer Operations, Steve Hayfield will be writing to Ms Sheridan as the case cannot remain open indefinitely*

Members asked Vicky who owns the pipework causing issues under her Mel Sheridan's house and whether SWW could seal this off or replace them following the previous offers of compensation. They also asked whether SWW could arrange to test the water of the houses in this area as the residents had reported discoloured water.

Vicky answered that following investigation there was no clear conclusion as to ownership, the pipework possibly dated back to the time the houses were built and the issues could possibly be attributed to the weight of heavy traffic using the road. She explained that the offers of compensation may have related to poor customer service at the start of the issue, and that she would investigate whether water quality testing could be carried out.

Concerns over sewerage infrastructure

- *As with other towns in the region, infrastructure is ageing. Rehabilitation work took place c2013, repairs to East Quay rising main in 2019, with further smaller interventions and maintenance as necessary.*
- *We appreciate this maintenance work can be inconvenient. It is however necessary. Are there ways we can make it easier for you?*
- *Sewer blockages are a significant factor driving maintenance. Reducing these blockages would help reduce number of interventions*

Members discussed the general perception that blockages are linked to waste water discharge into the Estuary and that the infrastructure is not for purpose, especially as the town is expanding with the development of 1500 new dwellings. They asked if there was a plan available of the pipework in the area. The Clerk said that a local campaign to educate on what should be flushed would be welcomed as the towns public conveniences are blocked regularly causing problems for the council's small maintenance team.

East Quay area of Hayle Harbour

- *East Quay pumping station is operating as designed with measured parameters well within the permit consents of the site*
- *The pumping station has an emergency overflow only, no CSO. There have been no spills reported since 2019*
- *Phillack CSO discharges into Copperhouse Pool to the east of East Quay pumping station. No spills in 2021 from this CSO*
- *There are a number of surface water drains in the area including surface water drainage from Hayle Terrace which discharges adjacent to East Quay pumping station*
- *All bathing waters in the area met 'Excellent' standard for 2021, with exception of Porthkidney Sands which met 'Good' standard*
- *To report a sewage pollution call 0344 346 2020 so that we can investigate as a priority*

Vicky explained that storm overflows are monitored and SWW engineers say that there is no issue with sewage discharge, emergency overflow hasn't occurred since 2019.

Capacity of St Erth Pumping Station and wider network

- *In principle all new developments should separate foul and surface flows. If this happens, flows to St Erth pumping station would not be substantially increased.*
- *There is an automatic right to connect for new developments – SWW is not a statutory consultee for new development, so we have no right to object. We would like to see legislation which changes this and also promotes nature based solutions such as SUDs*
- *Although we are not a statutory consultee, SWW engage in the planning process, reviewing 30,000 planning applications each year and engaging with applicants where appropriate.*
- *We are currently developing our Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) for the SWW region beyond 2025 and will be consulting on this in the Summer of 2022. We would welcome comments and views around our future investment.*

Members discussed concerns with capacity due to new developments, high visitor numbers and climate change. They asked Vicky whether there were any plans to harvest surface and rain water for greywater recycling, which she answered that the Innovation Team were starting to develop a scheme.

(Between 8.25pm – 8.29pm Cllr Raymer left the room)

Further questions were asked regarding any plan of action to remove sewage from storm waters and whether any reassurance could be given that all storm water overflows are monitored. She answered this by confirming that improvements are based on Waterfit expectations and agreed that commitments should be clearer relating to specific locations.

The Mayor thanked Vicky on behalf of HTC, adding that the council would be delighted to work with her in the future.

It was agreed to write to SWW, thanking them for the presentation.

212 TO RECEIVE A GENERAL UPDATE FROM TRI-SERVICE OFFICER, ADRIAN HART, ON LOCAL ISSUES

The Tri-Service Officer was called away on duty, but he had prepared a report, which was displayed on the projector, and it was agreed that this would be circulated to members by email the following day.

213 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a) To consider the proposal from Cornwall Council for a 20mph Zone at Lethlean, Lane, Phillack

It was resolved to approve the proposal from Cornwall Council for a 20mph Zone at Lethlean, Lane, Phillack.

- b) To consider and decide attendance to the invites for Cornwall's Platinum Jubilee Parade on Thursday 2nd June 2022

The Clerk explained that this was not merely a civic invite for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor but could be extended to community groups and representatives.

It was resolved to extend the invitation to the past winners of the Mayors Awards as an accolade to represent the town.

214 TO CONSIDER AND NOTE THE FINER DETAILS OF THE LEVELLING UP FUND AND TO AGREE ON A PROJECT, IF ANY, RECOGNISING THE STRICT CRITERIA AND LIMITED TIME FRAME

A discussion ensued, led by the Mayor, about whether it was too late to apply and if this council could apply direct or through Cornwall Council. Members considered several areas from Hayle Plantation to the Loggan's Estate Playground which are in desperate need of improvement. They agreed that a Junction at Tolroy and improvements to all of the Recreational and Amenity areas through the town were two valid schemes to take forward. They agreed with the Deputy Mayor that "Our Community deserves better" and that this council should tell CC and George Eustice MP that Hayle needs levelling up.

The Clerk advised members that there is £10,000 funding available for professional support to progress this application, which could also be a good initial project for new officer, Julie Baldwin to work on. She added that she would check with the Community Link Officer to find out if a submitted bid was unsuccessful, would that prevent a further application in the next/third round. She also said that the forthcoming Feasibility Studies may highlight other schemes in readiness for the Shared Prosperity Fund.

Members felt that it was imperative to show George Eustice MP that transport infrastructure was vital to future sustainability.

Councillor Pollard offered to help the Clerk and Projects and Events Officer prepare a statement of intent at this stage.

It was resolved to submit an application, subject to the advice from the Community Link Officer.

215 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To note the application made by Cornwall Council to the Commons Registration Authority to register land at Upton Towans as Common Land, following the receipt of further information

Members discussed the fact that the Cornwall Wildlife Trust currently have a 99-year lease on this area and that this proposal would provide extra security for the land.

It was resolved to support and NOTE the application.

- b) To consider Planning Applications as listed on Appendix A: [PA22/02496](#); [PA22/01876](#); [PA22/01267](#); [PA22/02505](#); [PA22/02466](#); [PA22/02824](#); [PA22/02289](#); [PA22/00257](#)

For the resolutions on individual planning applications see Appendix A attached.

[9.15pm Councillors Bennett and Benney had declared an interest in planning application PA22/00257 and left the room during the discussion and vote. Councillor Rance assumed the chair.]

[9.17pm Councillors Bennett and Benney rejoined the meeting and the Mayor resumed the chair.]

c) To note the results of previous applications:

There were none.

216 FOOTPATHS

a) Maintenance Update

There were no issues to report.

217 TO REVIEW THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND LIST REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES IN PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL COUNCIL

It was agreed that members would contact the Clerk with their input and preferences, and a revised draft Committee Structure and List of Representatives on other Bodies could be prepared for approval at the next Full Council Meeting.

218 TO CONFIRM THE DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2022/2023

Following confirmation on the dates of meetings during May 2022, it was agreed to send out the amended version to all members the following day.

It was resolved to confirm the draft schedule of meetings for 2022/2023, as amended.

219 TO ELECT THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR DESIGNATE FOR 2022/2023

Councillor Martin proposed Councillor Rance for Mayor designate and her proposal was seconded by Councillor Brown.

It was resolved to elect Councillor Rance as Mayor designate for 2022/2023.

Councillor Raymer proposed Councillor Johnson for Deputy Mayor designate and his proposal was seconded by Councillor Lawrenson-Reid.

It was resolved to elect Councillor Johnson as Deputy Mayor designate for 2022/2023.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 5 May 2022.

Town Mayor

Date