



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 14 JULY 2022

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Day Care Centre, on Thursday 14 July 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors	S. Benney, E. Brown, V. Dinham, B. Gordon, S. Johnson (Deputy Mayor), J. Martin, AM Rance (Mayor) and D. Raymer
Non-voting Councillors	B. Capper and J. Lawrenson- Reid
Town Clerk	E. Giggal-Hollis
Senior Support Officer	M. Costello

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Pollard (Reserves)

AM16 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM17 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 26 MAY 2022

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 26 May 2022 and be taken as a true and accurate record with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

AM18 TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE VARIOUS ASBESTOS REPORTS ON THE COUNCIL'S ASSETS AND AGREE A PLAN TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE

DEFERRED.

AM19 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SWIMMING POOL

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the Pool which opened on 1 July due to the issue with the filtration system, which was previously reported. She told members that the current water temperature was a balmy 27 degrees thanks in part to the weather and the pool cover. She explained that there is currently a national shortage of Chlorine but that there is enough put by, using a different tablet form for a couple of weeks. She informed members that staffing had already been an an issue, with one member of staff having been off with Covid. But she said

that this had now been resolved and that Phil Scrivens, who had trained as a Lifeguard the previous year, was on the Pool Rota and would be working on Saturdays. Further explaining that on days when the pool was short staffed, the number of entrants would be reduced from 75 to 50 for safety reasons.

Councillors queried the daily operating system, which the Clerk explained was the same as the previous year, with an online booking system and 3 sessions per day. She said that considering the Facilities and Contracts Manager was not currently at work, all staff had rallied around, and everything was going OK. She told members that she had bought in a trainer, who would be running training sessions on a Tuesday evening, to make sure all staff are fully up to date and the council is covered in Phil's absence.

Members asked about the possibility of opening all year round or potentially extending the opening season. The Clerk replied by saying that historically, it had been decided that the only way this would be possible was if the pool had a cover, which could potentially be included in the visioning work.

The update was NOTED.

AM20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE CONDITION, USAGE OF AND BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS OF GSD SECURING THE SWIMMING POOL CAR PARK

The Chairman, Councillor Martin, told members that he had discussed this matter with the Facilities and Contracts Manager, who had advised him that the surface which had been replaced recently was holding up quite well, with GSD securing the car park for a cost of approximately £70 – £140 per week.

Members agreed that this was probably more cost effective than restoring the surface. They asked whether proper fencing could be installed or perhaps a purpose-built swing barrier, which would be better visually rather than the Heras fencing currently in use.

It was resolved to keep the status quo at present and to include obtaining a quote for installing a suitable barrier on a future agenda before the precept is considered.

AM21 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk informed members that following the last meeting, the Facilities and Contracts Manager had awarded the contract as agreed, but the contractors cannot start until September. She explained that they were fully aware of the date for Remembrance Day and assured Phil that they could complete the works in time, but that they had asked for a 25% deposit.

The update on the war Memorial was NOTED.

AM22 TO CONSIDER THE HEADS OF TERMS FOR THE INCREASED LAND FOR THE ALLOTMENTS AND TO AGREE A POSITION FOR THE COUNCIL TO OFFER NEW LONG-TERM LEASES ON THESE PLOT HOLDERS WHO MAY WISH TO MOVE FROM THE SHORT-TERM LEASE AREA THEY CURRENTLY OCCUPY. TO AGREE A SUITABLE TIME LIMIT FOR THIS ACTION TO BE IMPLEMENTED

The Clerk displayed an email which she had received from the agents, containing the Heads of Terms. She explained that they will undertake the clearance of the site and that the overall rent for the whole site will go up to £2,000 plus vat p/a which will be covered by the rent of allotments. She added that the good news is that the lease will be for 25 years, which means that there will be additional time on the previous lease for the existing site.

Members asked if there were any break terms either way or covenants, as the owners of the site have displayed the intention to obtain planning permission at some point in the future.

The Clerk said that she will revisit and familiarise herself with the site, following queries raised by Savill's. She displayed a map of the site on the projector and explained Hayle Town Council's (HTC) ownership of the Cemetery site and Garden Plots, which are offered to tenants with a shorter tenancy, should the need arise in the future to extend the Cemetery site. She asked members to consider whether the tenants of these plots are given first option on the new plots, which would release the Garden Plots for those on the waiting list.

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree to the Heads of Terms, subject to checks regarding any break clause
- b) Offer the new plots to existing tenants of the Garden Plots
- c) Write to those tenants in anticipation and once the lease is transferred, give them a month to move if they so wish.

AM23 TO CONSIDER THE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS AND ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH GSD SECURING AND UNLOCKING THE TENNIS COURT AND THE MUGA

The Chairman explained that he had discussed this with the Facilities and Contracts Manager, who had informed him that GSD were finding people in the courts after they had been locked and that there had been reports of people climbing over the fence. However, there had only been one very damaging piece of graffiti.

Members agreed the facility was more used than abused and considered whether the newly installed picnic benches might alleviate the problem of youths congregating at the courts.

It was resolved to leave the Tennis Courts and MUGA open and review the situation at a later date.

AM24 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEW PICNIC BENCHES AT THE RECREATION GROUND AND CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR POSITION IN RELATION TO WASTE BINS

Members discussed the positive feedback they had received and asked if more benches could be installed. They considered the views of those who wanted closer bins and those who didn't want bins too close to the benches.

The Clerk explained that currently all waste bins on HTC sites are serviced by CORMAC, she said that this contract ends in April and suggested that the council monitors the situation and continues with the existing service until new contracts are secured. She suggested a thorough review is undertaken to provide recycling and additional waste bins.

She advised members that a previous resolution had agreed on a budget for the installation of these benches, and that another 3 could be installed without further resolution.

**AM24 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)**

AM25 TO UPDATE FIGURES (IF AVAILABLE) ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION PROJECT

A detailed, confidential minute is available separately.

AM26 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE (IF AVAILABLE) ON THE MEETING WITH THE DOCTORS SURGERY AND THE OUTCOME

A detailed, confidential minute is available separately.

AM27 TO RESOLVE TO RE-ADMIT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

**AM28 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
Thursday 8 September 2022**

It was resolved that the next meeting be held on Thursday 8 September 2022

The meeting closed at 9.03pm