



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 6 October 2022 commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation Session.

PRESENT

Councillors B Capper, J. Lawrenson-Reid, J. Martin, J. Ninnes, J. Pollard, B. Gordon, V. Dinham, S. Johnson, AM. Rance (Mayor) and D. Raymer

Cornwall Councillors P. Channon and L. Pascoe

Senior Support Officer M. Costello
Support Officer LM. Gibb

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

7.15PM MEETING COMMENCED

89 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

There were none.

90 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Benney and Tri-Service Officer Adrian Hart.

91 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

92 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Mayor highlighted an error in the wording included in Public Participation and it was agreed to amend accordingly.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 29 September 2022 as amended be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

93 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All matters were dealt with on the night.

94 TO RECEIVE GUEST SPEAKERS MARK BROOMHEAD AND LOUISE WOOD FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PLANNING PROCESS, STAFF COMMITMENT, ENFORCEMENT ACTION AND THE PLAN FOR HAYLE

Louise Wood introduced herself as the Service Director for Planning and Housing and Chief Planning Officer at Cornwall Council (CC). Mark Broomhead explained that he was Manager for areas 1 and 2, which includes Hayle. He oversees 19 planning officers and a separate Enforcement Team.

They explained that they had been invited to speak to members of Hayle Town Council (HTC) on a number of subjects, arising from previous resolutions.

Planning Process

They began their talk by reciting a phrase to describe the planning process: “The art of shaping and guiding physical growth while somehow maintaining good working relationships”.

Louise explained that they are bound by National Legislation and that the Cornwall Local Plan (CLP) is in place until 2030, although this is currently under review. She said that they are waiting to see what happens with the Government’s Levelling Up Bill before looking into a new Local Plan, which would look ahead to 2050.

They told members that the Cornwall allocation for housing is 2,500 -3,000 per year. Louise said that during the working up of the updated CLP, CC will engage with local councils for their input.

Louise and Mark explained to members that the process for reviewing policies is very slow but there is no time limit to review the Neighbourhood Plan if the council would like to update it. They suggested drafting some examples of cases where a differing opinion on the wording has led to applications being approved by CC which HTC had objected to, citing NDP Policies.

The officers would be happy to explain their thinking behind these and would be happy to attend a workshop with members to work on re-wording the policy if required.

Staff Commitment and General Staffing in the CC Planning Department

Louise explained that there were currently significant budget issues within the planning services which are funded by statutory planning application fees. She said that numbers of officers had been reduced over recent years and now it is difficult to recruit more. They told members that staff commit to areas to provide consistency, with the average officer working 50-60 cases. Mark explained that since COVID, there has been much more engagement from the public.

Councillors asked how many officers are still currently working from home?

Mark replied that all officers remain contactable wherever they are working. He told them that he is in the office most days and encourages others to do the same, but the building is not at

capacity and CC won't ever go back to full offices.

Enforcement Action

The Officers explained that these issues were difficult to discuss due to GDPR. Louise informed members that CC doesn't have the power to give on the spot fines, although they have recommended it, and in future applications for retrospective planning will be charged more. They asked for a list of s106's which HTC believe need following up.

The Mayor advised members that she had met with the Towans Ranger, CC Cllr Lionel Pascoe, Geoff Penhaligon, and Enforcement Officers Sally Brown and Joe Patience during a site visit to consider the issues relating to North Quay and Harveys Towans, and there were now clear enforcement notices in place.

Councillors discussed the public's understanding of enforcement and their own confusion as to what is enforceable and worth pursuing on behalf of residents.

The Mayor raised the subject of access to the beach through the North Quay development and asked what CC's position is on this. She said that the council had been repeatedly told by the Simon Wright, the Developer, that this would remain open but recently, a member of the public had been banned from the beach, which is owned by the Harbour Authority.

Mark Broomhead asked for the details to be sent to him, he stated that continuous rights of access and potentially permissions could be used to apply for the access to become a definitive path.

The Plan for Hayle

Louise informed those present that the Sustainable Transport Draft had been paused due to the current case. She told them that her colleagues would like the opportunity to come and discuss this.

Members said that they would like to see this draft and asked about the Hayle Growth Area Plan.

Louise answered that the policy was still in place, but that its delivery relies upon infrastructure. She said that difficulty lies with the fact that the land is currently in multiple ownership and that National Highways don't think additional access is required, whereas HTC's approval of the scheme and applications relies upon the infrastructure being in place in advance of development.

The Mayor commented on the build up of traffic caused by the lights at St. Erth, and members discussed the issues with traffic through the town, and their concerns over the A30 improvements which they fear will negatively impact Hayle and the wider area.

The Officers confirmed that they would be happy to discuss the way forward for the growth area, including new access.

Louise told members that through the Climate Emergency DPD, CC is waiting for the adoption process into large scale Renewables, including Wind, Energy Efficiency, Bio-Diversity net gain, Density and Parking.

The Mayor thanked Louise and Mark for their attendance and the information they had given.

95 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

- a) To receive a report from the Projects and Events Officer

The report prepared by the Projects and Events Officer had been circulated prior to the meeting and was displayed on the projector. *(see attached Appendix A)*

Members discussed the Visioning Consultation information included in the report and questioned the significance of some of it, stating that it is only identifying what has already been seen. However, they are interested in the views of local businesses and look forward to receiving the report.

Members asked if the business database had been completed as the report asked for their input, and it was explained that it is currently being produced and would be circulated when completed.

It was resolved to NOTE the report.

Councillor Lawrenson-Reid reported on her recent meeting with West Cornwall Health Watch.

She explained that they had been looking at the difference between hospitals and how they care for discharged patients. She told members that there was a backlog of patients ready to be discharged, but there was no convalescence provision available as Community Care Hospitals were closing, and that some hospitals had no evening care available. She gave an example that there had been 100 patients ready for discharge at Royal Cornwall Hospital, but there was nowhere for them to go, St Austell Hospital was the only area with availability.

However, she explained that they are positive about the future and have some hopeful initiatives being discussed. They are very keen on joined up thinking and a collaborative multi team approach moving forward.

96 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

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

An update had been received from the Harbour Master, which had been circulated with the agenda papers and was displayed on the projector. *(see attached Appendix B)*

It was resolved to NOTE the report.

The Mayor informed members that an update had been received from Simon Wright that afternoon which was displayed on the projector. *(see attached Appendix C)*

It was resolved to NOTE the report.

Members discussed that sand was still being removed from the site, sometimes until 10pm, and were concerned that there had been no confirmation of where it was coming from. They discussed that the report received from the Harbour Company on sand that had already been tested which indicated high levels of metals including zinc and arsenic, but the sand of unknown provenance had not been sampled or tested.

Members discussed the chalets appearing on the site and who was actually living there as there appears to be nobody working on site, they agreed that the chalets are permitted for 10 years but only for staff of the development.

It was further resolved to contact Simon Wright to request a further update on the site as well as sampling information from Clifton Terrace, Riviere Fields and the Hilltop areas.

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

CC Councillor Channon had prepared a report (*see attached Appendix D*) which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

In which, he reported that:

- A major energy scheme had been passed for a Geothermal Power Station at Penhallow.
- Cornwall Fire Service had highlighted concerns with their control service and systems which could be combined with other areas.
- Loggans Moor roundabout could be affected by the A30 improvements, that there had been continued meetings regarding the future Community Network operation, and Hayle Growth Area where there had been no progress.
- A recent meeting with Peter Bainbridge had been very useful and he had highlighted concerns with 'Pre Apps', poor S106 action, current planning applications, and that there must be far more discussions on sensitive issues 'before coming to Council'.
- There had been no further issues with the RJ Supplies demolition.
- North Quay was not showing any signs of progress.

CC Councillor Pascoe explained that he had been to a recent meeting with CC Enforcement Officers Sally Brown and Joe Patience and was pleased that progress was being made. He had also attended the Community Network Meeting and thought it was a shame that it had not been attended by more people.

- c) To receive a general update from Tri-Service Officer, Adrian Hart, on local issue

Apologies had been received from Adrian Hart and no update had been submitted.

97 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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

98 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE DRAFT DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY

It was resolved to approve and adopt the draft Dignity at Work Policy.

99 TO CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO THE CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

It was resolved to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

100 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) Community Governance Review: To note the recommendation from Cornwall Council's Constitution & Governance Committee that the proposed changes to the internal parish warding of Hayle Parish be accepted.

It was resolved to approve the recommendation from Cornwall Council (CC).

- b) To consider the response, if any, to the Cornwall Council Public Consultation: Statement of Principles under Gambling Act 2005

It was resolved to NOTE the Statement of Principles under Gambling Act 2005.

- c) Meetings

The list of Meetings was displayed on the projector, and it was agreed to circulate this by email the following day.

07/10/22	10am – 1pm	Hayle Market & Repair Hub	Phillack Church Hall
07/10/22	10am – 1pm	Hayle Visioning - Business	Phillack Church Hall
13/10/22	6.45pm	Special Co-option Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
13/10/22	7.30pm	Amenities Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
14/10/22	10am – 1pm	Hayle Market & Repair Hub	Phillack Church Hall
14/10/22	11am	Personnel Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
20/10/22	11.30am	CALC – larger councils meeting	Teams
20/10/22	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
20/10/22	11.30am	CALC – larger councils meeting	Teams
21/10/22	10am – 1pm	Hayle Market & Repair Hub	Phillack Church Hall
27/10/22	7.30pm	Resource Committee	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
28/10/22	10am – 1pm	Hayle Market & Repair Hub	Phillack Church Hall
03/11/22	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

- d) Incidentals

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**101 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)**

102 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE JUDICIAL REVIEW IN RELATION TO PA20/11368 AND AGREE ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE, IF ANY

A detailed, confidential minute is available separately.

103 TO RESOLVE TO RE-ADMIT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Town Mayor

Date