



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2022

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre, on Thursday 13 October 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors V. Dinham, B. Gordon, S. Johnson (Deputy Mayor), J. Martin, and D. Raymer
Non-voting Councillors B. Capper, J. Lawrenson- Reid and J. Pollard

Facilities and Contracts Manager P. Drew
Senior Support Officer M. Costello

7.40PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM37 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Benney and Rance

AM38 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM39 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 8 September 2022 and be taken as a true and accurate record with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

AM40 SWIMMING POOL

- a) To receive an end of season report regarding the operation of the swimming pool 2022

The Facilities and Contracts Manager gave a verbal report, informing members that the season had run from 1 July until the first week in September. He told them that overall, it had been a good season, following the initial delay in opening due to the problems with the filter. Although, he said this had enabled the Maintenance Team to re-paint the whole pool. He added that the shorter season had resulted in reduced staffing costs.

He asked members to consider costings moving forward, as he had researched the ticket prices locally and nationally, with the average charge around £4.00 - £5.00 per session, whilst our price has been held at £3.00 per session for two seasons. He explained that there are 3 sessions per day, with 2 hours per session and that the online booking system was successful, using less paper and reduced admin.

Members asked about the filters, including how they had been funded and if there was any change in procedures which could be implemented to prolong their life.

The Facilities manager answered this by informing them that the money to replace the filters had come from Earmarked Reserves. Some of this cost had been offset by a reduction in maintenance costs for the season. He explained that during the closed season, the pumps would be turned on and run once or twice a week, which should stop any build up of the sand contained in them, which potentially had led to the damage to the previous filter.

Members also discussed their concerns over any substantial increase to the ticket price, but they acknowledged that all prices were increasing and agreed that an incremental increase would be required.

The Facilities Manager informed them that the total number of tickets sold during the 2022 season was 8,645, perhaps in part owing to the exceptional weather and also to the increased popularity of cold water swimming.

- b) To note the financial report for the 2022 season

It was resolved to NOTE the end of season report.

- c) To consider the quotations received for the swimming pool slide repair and agree next steps and associated expenditure (if any)

The Facilities Manager discussed the 2 options included in the quote. He explained that he had researched some alternative options and concluded that refurbishment was good value, should members decide on this option.

He advised them that he felt option 2 was good value as it seems to cover all aspects required to make the slide safe and secure. He added that another option would be to remove the slide altogether, but that on an average day it is in continuous use and that now the filters had been replaced, the pool should open sooner to recoup some costs.

Members considered whether inviting sponsorship by way of advertising could be used to raise some of the money, although it was acknowledged that this might not be appropriate.

It was resolved to a) increase the entry ticket price by 50p to £3.50 b) ask the Resource Committee to identify a budget head for the cost of the repair and c) accept the quote for Option 2.

AM41 HAYLE RECREATION GROUND

- a) To consider the quotations received for the skate bowl resurfacing and agree next steps and associated expenditure (if any)

The Facilities Manager informed members that he had gone out to all known contractors asking for a quote to resurface. To date the only response has been from Mavericks, who refused to quote for repair as they don't think this is suitable and have advised rebuilding the whole structure. He has heard about a local contractor and is waiting for him to respond.

He reminded members that the decision was made to try and make the existing surface safe, whilst waiting for the possible Plaza Project to get underway. He advised them that there were funds available for the work, in the form of s106 money and that the council was currently making a case for Levelling Up funding.

Members asked if the reluctance to quote is due to resurfacing no being a suitable option, they asked if it was worth repairing and whether any funding could be secured from, for example, Sports England. The Chairman invited a member of the public to speak.

Josh Rogers introduced himself as working at St. Ives Skatepark. He informed members that Mavericks had installed the St Ives facility. He said that he knew they liked to start projects from scratch and were currently creating new Skateparks throughout the county. Josh said that the Hayle Bowl had not aged well and most average skaters wouldn't use it due to its size, scale and its current dangerous condition.

He offered his services and would assist with contacts within the industry.

Members agreed to continue with the decision to repair in the short term but look to replace eventually.

It was resolved to DEFER the matter.

- b) To note the position with the operation and lease of the recreation ground and agree actions, if any

The Facilities Manager gave brief explanation and clarified that under the terms of the lease, the current tenant of the Kiosk could not assign the lease, which was for a term of 5 years until 31/12/24 and that there was a period of 3 months' notice required to terminate the lease.

It was resolved to NOTE position with the operation and lease of the recreation ground kiosk.

AM42 TO CONSIDER OUTSOURCING THE PROCUREMENT WORK FOR THE MAJOR TENDER OPPORTUNITIES IN RELATION TO THE AMENITIES SITES GROUNDS MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC TOILETS CLEANSING CONTRACT AND THE REFUSE CONTRACTS, AND APPROVE THE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE AND IDENTIFY BUDGET HEAD, IF APPROPRIATE

The Facilities Manager advised members that the current contracts are due for re-tender to start 1 April 2023. He explained that the previous contracts had been arranged by using the agents, Savills and that due to the timescale it may be suitable to appoint them again. He provided information on the amount the committee could spend using delegated powers under the heading of specialised services.

Members were concerned that there was no figure available for the service.

It was resolved to find out the costs for appointing the agents Savills to undertake the procurement work for the tenders and to defer the decision to the Resource Committee.

AM43 LIBRARY

- a) To note that Cornwall Council has withdrawn from the contract with the RVS for the delivery of library books to individuals and will pass this service, and associated costs, to the Town Council (CC to forward briefing notes)

The available details were discussed and the recently received CC briefing notes were displayed on the projector. It was agreed to circulate these following the meeting.

The Senior Support Officer explained to the Committee that out of the regular volunteers at the Library, there are only 2 from the RVS and the cost of their delivery services had been worked at approximately £15.00 per month.

Members were keen to let the Library know that it appreciates everything the existing volunteers do.

The Facilities Manager expressed his concern over the Health & Safety implications for volunteers.

It was resolved to defer the matter until the next Amenities Committee Meeting.

- b) To receive a brief update regarding the solar panel invertors and to reconsider whether it is viable at this time to upgrade/repair

The Facilities Manager explained that the inverters are located in the roof of the Library and that access is difficult due to the size of the loft hatch and the fact that it is not boarded out. He told members that contractors are happy to do the work if the ceiling is boarded out, but this has not been carried out as it due to the Relocation Project.

Members discussed their concern that this was a lost opportunity for HTC to earn money, especially throughout the exceptional summer weather. They questioned the costs involved and asked about the amounts the council receives per kilowatt.

It was resolved to look at the time period involved and cost implications of boarding out the ceiling and repairing the solar panel invertors and it was agreed to prepare the figures showing the amount received and to bring the matter back to the next Amenities Committee Meeting.

AM44 FORMER HAWKINS MOTORS SITE UPDATE

- a) To note that the £30,000 agreed as part of the s106 transfer arrangement was received by Hayle Town Council during week commencing 3 October 2022 and that the formal transfer Land Registry documents are anticipated imminently

It was resolved to NOTE that the £30,000 agreed as part of the s106 transfer arrangement was received by Hayle Town Council

- b) To note project progress

The Facilities Manager explained that HTC is waiting for the Heras fencing left in place by Hawkins to be removed before we install our own, and that the Maintenance Team have strimmed and tidied up the site. He informed members that HTC is waiting for a decision to come back from CC regarding the adjacent toilet block and that there is some concern over the listed wall between the two sites.

It was resolved to NOTE that the £30,000 agreed as part of the s106 transfer arrangement was received by Hayle Town Council

AM45 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)**

AM46 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL RELOCATION PROJECT

A detailed, confidential minute is available separately.

AM47 TO RESOLVE TO RE-ADMIT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

AM48 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.57pm