



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2022

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre, on Thursday 10 November 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, J. Lawrenson- Reid

Facilities and Contracts Manager P. Drew
Finance Officer B. Gorau

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM49 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Sophie Johnson and John Pollard

AM50 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Jeremy Martin expressed an interest on item 8.

AM51 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 13 OCTOBER 2022

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

AM52 COMMUNITY CENTRE

- a) **To consider and recommend the 2023/24 budget and to note the revised estimates for 2022/23**

The precept requirement for the forthcoming year is £8,634 as against £3,250 in the current year.

It was resolved to recommend the proposed and revised budgets to the Resource Committee and if approved, onward to full council.

- b) **To receive an update on the removal of Asbestos from Community Centre roof**

Verbal report noted and agreement given for the Facilities and Contracts manager to proceed

with the project to make safe and remove where possible the asbestos within the roof voids at the Community center. The costs are to be taken from General Reserves.

AM53 SWIMMING POOL

- a) To consider and recommend the 2023/24 budget and to note the revised estimates for 2022/23**

Resolved to accept the budget as shown with alteration to the income from £12K to £15K to reflect the proposed increase in the current entry price from £3.00 to £3.50.

The precept requirement for the forthcoming year is £47,573 as against £44,723 in the current year.

It was resolved to recommend the proposed and revised budgets to the Resource Committee and if approved, onward to full council.

AM54 LIBRARY

- a) To consider and recommend the 2023/24 budget and to note the revised estimates for 2022/23**

There was some debate around the excessive electricity bill for the site. The facilities and Contracts Manager explained that the library only had underfloor electrical heating which was installed in the mid 1970's. This was the only means of space heating for the library but due to its age and that of the building, was highly inefficient.

It was resolved that the facilities and Contracts manager would investigate potential methods of space heating that would meet the Council's duty of care whilst being more efficient and cheaper to run than the current system. Further, the thermostats currently used at the library to be checked and if inoperable, have them replaced.

It was also resolved to accept the budget as shown with the inclusion of the extra opening hours on Tuesdays.

The precept requirement for the forthcoming year is £114,550 as against £92,850 in the current year.

It was resolved to recommend the proposed and revised budgets to the Resource Committee and if approved, onward to full council.

- b) To receive a verbal update regarding the solar panel inverters**

The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that, due to external pressures, there was a real shortage of electricians qualified to service solar invertors. The roof void has been made safe and lighting installed, and it is hoped that a suitably qualified engineer would be forthcoming prior to the Resource Committee meeting on 4 December 2022.

AM55 AMENITY SITES

- a) To consider and recommend the 2023/2024 budget and to note the revised estimates for 2022/23**

It was resolved to accept the budget as shown with £9,400 from Vehicles being moved to earmarked reserves to assist the budget set up for replacement vehicles.

There was some discussion around the Open Space maintenance contract and the public toilet cleaning Contract. The Facilities and Contracts Manager stated that the previous company, Savills, were happy to act on our behalf again to set up the paperwork and manage the tendering process. The estimate for their services was in the region of £5K. Councillors were concerned at the cost, stating that the process should be done in-house to save costs. The Facilities and Contracts Manager agreed that, should Council so wish, the process could be done in-house but to consider the amount of work involved with the whole tender process and the impact this would have on staff. After further debate, it was resolved to use Savills to manage the process but to ensure that their quote was sent to The Mayor, The Chair of Resource and the Chair of Amenities for approval.

The precept requirement for the forthcoming year is £321,557 as against £250,067 in the current year.

It was resolved to recommend the proposed and revised budgets to the Resource Committee and if approved, onward to full council.

AM56 TO NOTE THE SECTION 154 ISSUED REGARDING TREE REMOVAL ON CARNSEW ROAD (B3301)

(Councillor Martin left the meeting between 8.30pm and 8.32pm)

There were 2 quotes for the work were considered.

It was resolved to award the contract to Greens Ground Maintenance with the costs put to the Open Spaces (EMR) budget.

AM57 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 12 January 2023

The meeting closed at 20:35