



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 20 April 2023 commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation Session.

PRESENT

Councillors

S. Benney, E. Brown, B. Capper, T. Carey, V. Dinham, A. Groves, J. Lawrenson-Reid, J. Martin, J. Ninnes, AM Rance (Mayor), D. Raymer and V. Tan

Cornwall Council Councillor L.Pascoe

Town Clerk

E. Giggall-Hollis

Committee Clerk

M. Costello

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

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

7.15PM MEETING COMMENCED

267 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor displayed a greetings card that had been had received from King Charles III, thanking the council for its kind words and messages in the Book of Condolence for his mother.

Next, she welcomed new Councillor Alison Groves to Hayle Town Council (HTC).

268 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Gordon.

269 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

270 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 6 APRIL 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 6 April 2023 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

271 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There had not been any members of the public present.

272 GUEST SPEAKER: MATT HODSON OF CELTIC SEA POWER LTD

Matt Hodson thanked the council for the opportunity to speak about Celtic Sea Power Ltd.

A presentation was displayed on the projector (*see attached Appendix B*) During which, he explained about the company:

- Strategic regional development of FLOW in the Celtic Sea
 - Accelerate FLOW development
 - Maximise economic benefit for the region and UK
- Autonomous subsidiary of Cornwall Council
- Based at Marine Renewable Business Park, Hayle, Cornwall and Pembroke, Wales
- Staff of 18 with range of experiences and skills
- Key Projects:
 - Cornwall Flow Accelerator (CFA), ERDF Funded.
 - Pembroke Demonstration Zone (PDZ) / Multi-Connector Offshore Sub-Station
 - Co-founder and board member of the Celtic Sea Cluster
 - Co-founder and member of the Celtic Sea Developers Alliance

He informed Members that floating offshore wind farms have been in the news recently and public consciousness over them has been raised, explaining that they are:

- The combination of industry standard offshore wind turbines and towers with floating foundations.
- Capable of taking advantage of the better wind resources available in deeper water (fixed wind not viable in depths > 50m)

Matt explained about Regional Infrastructure - the chance to create a market, not follow it:

- Industrialised Floating Offshore Wind does not exist anywhere in the world
- Methods, processes, products and systems will be defined by the availability and capability of critical infrastructure
- Infrastructure decisions made now have the potential to influence industrial technology, balance of plant and maintenance design choices in the future

He discussed the Scale up of Regional Industry – Capacity and Capability

- Surveys, consenting, engineering, turbines, towers, floating foundation fabrication, assembly, commissioning, mooring installation, exports cables, offshore substation fabrication/ installation, inter-array cable fabrication/ installation
- Operations & maintenance – turbines, foundations, moorings, cable and offshore substations
- Supporting infrastructure – quays, laydown space, port access, hinterland, logistics connections, onshore substations, vessels, craneage

Members raised the following questions:

- How will the infrastructure be protected?

The sites are monitored but here is always concern over foreign ships and terrorism, for example the recent reports Russian spy ships.

- Would the National Grid have the capacity for storage of this power as Photovoltaic Farms were limited for this reason?

The National Grid cannot be upgraded until there is evidenced demand. Upgrades are already planned. Wind counterbalances peak times of supply and demand.

- What are the employment opportunities for the region and the community of Hayle?

Development company's aim is to use a local workforce to meet the regional activity. They are starting to approach Universities and our company already employs 4 staff from Plymouth/Exeter University. Currently the majority of the work involves surveys, environmental impact assessments etc.

- Will Hayle's port be used to meet your needs?

We have looked at Hayle Harbour and although the channel can be tricky there may be potential for some uses.

- What is the durability of the infrastructure?

At least 25 years. The turbines are designed not to generate during very low or very high winds to minimize damage. This is a huge manufacturing challenge.

Matt informed the council that he was happy for this information to be shared.

The Mayor thanked him for the presentation.

273 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications as listed on Appendix A: [PA23/02145](#) ; [PA23/01968](#)

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

- b) To note the results of previous applications:

There were none.

- c) To note the correspondence from Peter Bainbridge, Cornwall Council Principal Planner, regarding planning application on South Quay, noting in particular that the delivery of Penpol Bridge is not enforceable

Members expressed their disappointment that the proposed bridge to link up the town will not happen. They agreed that this had been promised to Hayle through s106 agreements going back many years relating to applications on South Quay and Foundry Yard areas. Members felt let down by the planning officer and department. They discussed the original trigger points for the s106 agreement which related to a certain number of properties and commercial space being built. However, Members considered the fact that due to the amount of amendments, this figure would never be met and Cornwall Council (CC) has not amended the original s106 to reflect this.

The Clerk agreed to check the CC Local plan to see if there is mention of the bridge.

Councillors discussed whether CC have a duty of care to inform the council/public that the

bridge would not happen, as it had become apparent during the Visioning Process that the public are still expecting the bridge to be installed. They considered the fact that as statutory consultees the council can only express its dissatisfaction. The Mayor considered how to express HTC's concerns either by approaching the ombudsman or by writing, copying in George Eustice MP.

It was resolved that the Mayor will write a strongly worded letter to Phil Mason, Strategic Director for Sustainable Growth and Development at Cornwall Council, copying in the Portfolio Holder and Leader of Cornwall Council, to be published on social media and HTC's website and shared with the press, expressing HTC's discontent over the whole matter and how it has been handled.

274 FOOTPATHS

- a) Maintenance Update

The Clerk was pleased to inform Members that Footpath numbers 43 and 16 are due to be repaired soon. She explained, for the benefit of newer Members that these are the footpaths surrounding Carnsew Pool and that HTC had lobbied for their repair for several years.

275 TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICY DOCUMENTS, IN LINE WITH CURRENT GUIDANCE

- a) Standing Orders, last reviewed 27 January 2022

The Clerk explained to Members that ideally, these documents are updated annually. She told them that this process was especially good for newer Members who had raised some questions following their Code of Conduct training.

The document was displayed on the projector and Members considered changes where these had been made.

It was resolved approve the updated Standing Orders.

(CC Councillor Pascoe left the meeting at 8.45pm).

- b) Financial Regulations, last reviewed 27 January 2022

The document was displayed on the projector and Members considered changes where these had been made.

It was resolved to approve the updated Financial Regulations.

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

The Committee Structure and List Representatives on Other Bodies had been shared with Councillors by email and was displayed on the projector for discussion.

Members considered their preferences for each Committee and group listed.

It was agreed that the Clerk will update the document with Members 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.

It was resolved to create a new Environmental and Sustainability Working Group.

277 TO CONFIRM THE DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2023/2024

It was resolved to confirm the draft schedule of meetings for 2023/2024.

278 TO ELECT THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR DESIGNATE FOR 2023/2024

Councillor Raymer proposed Councillor Rance for Mayor designate and her proposal was seconded by Councillor Lawrenson-Reid.

It was resolved to elect Councillor Rance as Mayor designate for 2023/2024.

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

It was resolved to elect Councillor Lawrenson-Reid as Deputy Mayor designate for 2023/2024.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Town Mayor

Date