



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 25 MAY 2023

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre, on Thursday 25 May 2023 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors E. Brown, V. Dinham, J. Lawrenson- Reid (Deputy Mayor) J. Martin, AM Rance (Mayor), and D. Raymer
Reserve B. Capper

Facilities and Contracts Manager P. Drew
Committee Clerk M. Costello

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Benney.

AM2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 9 MARCH 2023

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 9 March 2023 and be taken as a true and accurate record with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

AM4 COMMUNITY CENTRE

a) Maintenance Update

The Facilities and Contracts Manager reported tiling issues on the slate roof which he told Members he was monitoring. He explained that the most important issues in the building were the fire doors, particularly the second set in the reception area, leading to rooms 7 and 8, which do not close properly. He told them that the engineer had highlighted this and found that most of the doors in the building do not meet current safety standards, although there may be some dispensations due to the age of the building. The Facilities and Contracts Manager said that he will arrange for a fire officer to come and inspect the building.

- b) To receive an update following a meeting with the partners of Bodriggy Surgery and to agree potential arrangements for additional car parking spaces

The Facilities and Contracts Manager informed Members that he had attended the last meeting and the options discussed. He explained that the offer to the Surgery had been to install grass mats and the rear of the Community Centre, which would potentially create 12 – 15 spaces, with separate access to these from the left hand side of the building, the funding for this would come from the NHS, but any rental amount was not discussed. He told Members that this had been well received but they had heard nothing further.

- c) To note the final stage of asbestos removal

The Facilities and Contracts Manager reported that the asbestos had now been removed from the building, and that any small areas remaining had now been made safe.

It was resolved to NOTE the final stage of asbestos removal.

- d) To note that the NHS tenants of the Community Centre will be installing and maintaining a picnic bench at the rear of the building

The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that the NHS tenants would like to install a picnic bench on the hardstanding at the rear of the building once they have the funding.

It was resolved to NOTE that the NHS tenants of the Community Centre will be installing and maintaining a picnic bench at the rear of the building.

AM5 SWIMMING POOL

- a) To note is that the slide has been refurbished and returned to site

The Facilities and Contracts Manager told Members that the slide which has been refurbished is now installed, the water is connected, and it is looking really good.

It was resolved to NOTE that the slide has been refurbished and returned to site.

AM6 ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERY

- a) To receive an update on the provision of additional allotments

The Facilities and Contracts Manager provided an update, explaining that the field is ploughed and harrowed, but that the installation of posts to mark out the plots has been on hold due to Japanese Knotweed on site. He told them that this has been sprayed and treated and the area set out for plots should now be able to progress and be let out by mid/end of the summer. He also clarified that no rent will be paid to the landowners until the Knotweed issue is dealt with, as they wouldn't cover the cost.

The Facilities and Contracts Manager informed Members that there are currently 88 people on the waiting list. He explained that the plots would all be the same size: 6 x 10ft. He also told them that there had been talk of offering the existing tenants of the Garden Plots (these plots were given short term leases as the land may at some point be needed to extend the Cemetery site), the option to move to a new plot with a long-term lease, this was not deemed to be necessary.

- b) To consider the request for a Community Allotment, and if supported, agree terms and conditions

The Facilities and Contracts Manager suggested that there is a suitable plot which could be offered for Community use by the road, which has an adjoining space that could potentially be used for planting trees. He told Member that Jennie Atkinson of Sustainable Hayle was happy to manage the plot and that this would tick boxes for Hayle Town Council's (HTC) sustainability goals.

It was resolved to approve the request for a Community Allotment and offer it rent free.

- c) To consider installing more ornate Cemetery Gates, and agree budget head, if appropriate

The Facilities and Contracts Manager informed Members that although the Cemetery itself looks lovely, the existing gates are old fashioned and decrepit. He suggested obtaining designs and quotes for the replacement of these, which could potentially take place in a forthcoming year if necessary.

Members agreed that new gates would befit the amount of work that has gone into the site and discussed whether the new gates could be opened by a member of the Royal family and named after them. They suggested that funds from the current internments could go towards the cost.

It was resolved to obtain designs and quotes.

AM7 RECREATION GROUND

- a) To confirm the recommendation from the working party for the tender for the tenancy at the Kiosk has been awarded

It was resolved to confirm the decision of the working party and to award the tender for the tenancy at the kiosk to Nathan Thomas.

- b) To discuss the provision of Street Art Boards, agree next steps, and approve any associated expenditure (if any)

The Chairman explained that following a discussion about graffiti at a meeting of the Hayle Community Action Group, he had a discussion with Josh Rogers, Community Youth Worker, about the situation in Hayle. He had been advised that installing re paintable boards in the Recreation ground would appeal to those people looking for somewhere to spray paint legally and might help to dissipate the graffiti in town.

Members considered the location and construction of the boards; they were keen to build on the success of the recent art project at the Railway Station but they were concerned that they may be unsightly to residents and might be hazardous in high winds. The Facilities and Contracts Manager suggested installing 2 boards measuring 8 x 4ft with concrete pads in the ground with steel fixings for the posts to go into, and to locate the boards along the side nearest to the gates, which would form a natural windbreak and be out of the view of residents.

It was resolved to contact the police and inform them that HTC is installing the boards. The budget head is to be determined at a later date.

- c) To note that double yellow lines have been installed along the whole length of the table top speed ramp at the Recreation Ground.

Members were concerned about the speed restriction signage on the road coming from Phillack. The Facilities and Contracts Manager agreed to check all aspects of the scheme.

The installation of yellow lines along the whole length of the table top speed ramp was NOTED.

- d) To consider the quote from Topan Fencing for the replacement of the old wood post and rail fence alongside Brookway

The Facilities and Contracts Manager informed Committee Members that the council has already invested heavily in this type of fencing around the recreation Ground. He explained that the existing fencing fails safety inspections and that s106 funds could potentially be utilized for the project, subject to an application.

It was resolved to accept the quote, and to apply to Cornwall Council to utilize the £13,000 s106 funds.

AM8 TO CONSIDER THE DESIGN OF THE FORMER HAWKINS MOTORS SITE

The designs were displayed on the projector and Members discussed the pros and cons of the designs and quotes.

Members were keen that the project would deliver something special for the people of Hayle.

The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that he had obtained flood risk assessments and had to submit a planning application to Cornwall Council, which had yet to be decided, so the timeframe would be subject to that.

It was resolved to recommend to Full Council, that the project is offered to Glenn Humphries, utilizing the £30,000 s106 funds and the other Ear Marked Reserves allocated to the Hawkins site.

AM9 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 22 June 2023

It was resolved that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 22 June 2023

The meeting closed at 8.30pm