



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 6 JULY 2023

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 6 July 2023 commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation Session.

PRESENT

Councillors

S. Benney, E. Brown, B. Capper, P. Channon, V. Dinham, A. Groves, J. Lawrenson-Reid (Deputy Mayor), J. Martin, B. Morris, J. Ninnes, AM Rance (Mayor) and D. Raymer

Cornwall Council Councillor L. Pascoe

P. Channon

Town Clerk

E. Giggall-Hollis

Committee Clerk

M. Costello

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Sue Sayer MBE, Founder and Director of the Seal Research Trust explained that the Trust are keen to find innovative solutions to the major impacts posed by climate change across the globe. She said that they favour native, natural solutions such as restoring the kelp forests, ensuring that the salt marsh is healthy and trialing re planting seagrass in the estuary, whereas Planetary Tech's approach is high tech, expensive, ignores the precautionary principle and has the potential to harm the currently thriving local marine ecosystems.

Sue explained that the Trust have a very positive ongoing dialogue with Planetary Tech and have also written 3 letters to the Environment Agency (EA) to help them understand potential impacts and have recently submitted a consultation document to the United Nations Climate Change Panel. She told Members that through the EA, they had made contact with Dr Ian Hendy, a senior lecturer at Portsmouth University, who is a marine restoration/conservation and blue carbon scientific expert, who is happy to come and speak to the council.

Finally, Sue reported that St Ives Fishery Association have reported that St Ives Bay habitat is the best that it has been in 50 years, despite or possibly as a result of the outflow increase. She added that seal numbers in the area are thriving, possibly as a result of the outflow leading to an increase in nutrients.

7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED

27 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor announced the sad passing of Sarah Turk earlier in the year, who had been heavily involved with Hayle Town Council (HTC), Hayle in Bloom and Hayle Pump. A minute's silence was observed.

Next, she told everyone that Hayle in Bloom judging would take place on Thursday 13 July.

Finally, she said that she was personally upset that planning application PA22/07795, for outline planning permission for residential development of up to 60 new residential dwellings and

associated access works at Land West Of Wheal Alfred Road, had been passed unanimously by the planning committee. She explained that despite HTC's objection, which had stated that if Cornwall Council (CC) is minded to approve, HTC will ask Councillor Rance to call this application in to CC's planning committee, unfortunately, neither she, nor Cornwall Councillor Channon had been invited to attend.

28 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Carey and Tan, and also from Tri-Service Officer, Adrian Hart.

29 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Martin declared a potential interest in Agenda Item 5, due to both his previous and current work contracts.

The Mayor advised him that as this presentation was an update, this wouldn't affect his impartiality and so, he was welcome to stay.

30 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 15 JUNE 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting 15 June 2023 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

31 GUEST SPEAKER: AMY PEARCE, OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY FLOOD ACTION PLAN AND GROUP

Amy Pearce introduced herself, and her colleague Amy Richardson from Cornwall Community Flood Warning Group. She reminded councillors that she had met them previously in 2017/2018 trying to get working group set up. She provided some figures for properties at risk of flooding in the town, and told them that the Flood Plan is already written, it just needs volunteers consisting of members of the council and community to form a group consisting of flood watchers and wardens who can be trained to monitor situations and will have more leverage when reporting flooding to CC. She explained the necessity for a local group and that the EA is a government agency responsible for tidal rivers and seas, who no longer have as many officers, whilst CC is responsible for surface water.

The Mayor told Members that former Mayor Polkinghorne had been involved with setting up a group, but this had never got up and running mainly due to COVID. Councillor Capper explained that he is involved with the group at Angarrack, but he said that this is in need of new membership.

A discussion followed about whether HTC or the Hayle Community Action group should take the lead in forming the group. Members felt that this should be more of a Community lead project, whilst the council could promote and support the project. Amy explained the benefits of having a council lead group, or at least one Councillor involved, which would provide some continuity if the membership changed.

Councillor Brown volunteered to represent the council.

CC Councillor Pascoe asked to speak.

It was resolved to allow CC Councillor Pascoe to speak.

CC Councillor Pascoe raised concern over the recent planning application for 90 acres of solar panels on a farm at Gwinear, which could affect the Angarrack area. Amy advised contacting the EA sustainable places team for advice, although she added that the EA has no legal say in the planning system.

The Clerk suggested that a working party is formed, and Amy agreed that she will come and provide training.

It was resolved to support the project, but to let the community lead the project.

32 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

- a) To receive the reports from the Amenities Committee 25 May and 22 June 2023

It was resolved to receive the reports from the Amenities Committee meetings 25 May and 22 June 2023, so that actions could be carried out.

33 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING

PARTIES/EVENTS

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

The report had been circulated by email and was displayed on the projector (*see attached Appendix A*) it included updates on:

- Hayle Community Action Group
- Events, such as the Meeting for Retail, Hospitality and Tourism businesses, Hayle Health and Wellbeing Festival/Community Showcase and More than Words Project
- Funding, Shared Prosperity Fund, Connecting Communities: Community Organisation Fund, Community Ownership Fund and CIL Funding.

The Projects and Events Officer was happy to update Members that the expression of interest for CIL Funding has been passed through to the next stage.

Members raised some questions regarding the funding.

The report was NOTED and the Mayor thanked the Projects and Events Officer for her amazing work.

34 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (NB representatives of the relevant organisations may be in attendance to present their report and receive questions)

- a) Hayle Harbour
- (i) To receive an update and/or note the reports relating to any aspect of the Harbour Operation and Management and/or Development, if any

Alix Mills, Deputy Harbour Master read out the report prepared by the Harbour Master (*see attached Appendix B*), which included updates on:

- South Quay: The collapse of the Quay wall and the proposed method of repair.
- Vandalism: That the primary targets of these vandals have been the life rings located on North Quay. Furthermore, the perpetrators have brazenly entered the locked fisherman's compound, trespassing on private property, vandalizing buildings within, and even taking bait fish from the area, which raises serious concerns regarding public health.

Members asked the following questions:

Has the training been undertaken to impound water at Copperhouse Pool?

There has been no progress, still in talks with the EA.

What has happened about installing the granite lintels to provide a safety barrier at the far end of South Quay by the viaduct?

Unfortunately, the granite lintels were used by the builders at the new Foundry Yard development, there are possible plans to install railings in the historic area.

The footways around Copperhouse Pool are in a poor state of repair, are there plans to repair them?

Yes, the Harbour Office have recently taken on a Maintenance Person, who has already identified this as a Health and Safety issue.

Eve Wright, of Corinthian gave a verbal update on the development site and told Members that the buildings opposite D Block will be apartments. She explained that the car park at Harvey's Towans will be levelled out using the site's own aggregate sand and crushed rock to level it out, and then half rounds will be laid down to allocate parking.

She told Members that the new residents who have moved into D Block are in awe of the Harbour. She said that there is an issue with adolescents climbing on the remaining scaffolding. The development company have installed security cameras to mitigate the risk and are expecting more issues through the summer.

Members asked the following questions:

We understood that planning requirements stated that the car park will be returned to dunes?

Yes, the plans are to restore the area to dunes and there will definitely not be any tarmac laid. I am not sure of the timeframe for this so will check and relay the information to the Committee Clerk.

Is there a connection between the North Quay development site and the former R&J's development site? Lorries have been seen travelling from one to the other.

I am not aware of any connection, will check on this matter.

Will the access road to the chalets at Harvey's Towans remain, even after the dunes are restored. Do they have a legal right of access?

Yes, the access will remain, I will find out further information and report back.

We understand that the areas around the building site are to be reinstated. Can you bring plans back to HTC for us to check if they are appropriate?

Yes, we can do that.

- (ii) To consider any actions arising from the above, if any

There were none.

b) Cornwall Council Update

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

CC Councillor Pascoe reported that he has been asked whether there is an income received from the solar farm at Trannack Lane, and if so, how much per year and what are the criteria required for awarding funds.

The Clerk and the Chair of the Resource Committee responded that the income generated is approximately £3,200 per year, and that the current total is c£20,000, which is both earmarked and ringfenced. The Clerk told Members that one of the actions included in the Action Plan adopted in May, was to create and establish a policy and application process for Community Groups to apply for the Solar Farm grant fund, and to promote and publicise the availability and the criteria. They explained that a formal, constituted body must be set up consisting of a panel of residents from the affected area, members of the council – historically the Mayor and Chair of Resource, and both CC Councillors.

Next, CC Councillor Pascoe explained that he had chaired the recent CC planning committee meeting and had been surprised that no one from HTC had been asked to represent, as the council's objection to the application had led to it being called into committee.

It was resolved to formally protest and register HTC's disgust at CC's approach.

Finally, CC Councillor Pascoe reported that there had recently been a large gathering of around 300 youths on the beach.

CC Councillor Channon had prepared a written report and image which had been shared before the meeting and was displayed on the projector (*See attached Appendix C*). It included updates on:

- The inaugural meeting of the new Community Network Panel in which the new chair/v-chair were appointed and sub groups formed for various tasks, plus a new name has to be agreed, with 'Dynamite Cap' being one of the suggestions.
- Cornwall Housing Ltd has been brought back under CC control.
- Special Planning Committee has refused a huge student park at Mabe.
- Cornwall Lithium regarding financial issues.
- Off Shore windfarm plans increasing
- New Pop Up business started outside at Lloyds site.
- HTC must be prepared to engage independent planning advice to cover their concerns to development without facilities and supporting highways concerns.
- The Harbour situation, both the quay wall and the silting at the entrance (*image*)
- The Carnival
- The former R&J's site

A discussion ensued regarding the Hayle Growth Area (HGA) plan and CC planning policies. The Clerk and Mayor clarified that HTC's initial support for the HGA plan was subject to the necessary infrastructure being in place, and when this fell through the council took a resolution to oppose the HGA plan.

CC Councillor Channon reported that the Hayle Chamber of Commerce had officially closed that week, which had been one of the original consultees in the HGA plan.

CC Councillor Pascoe asked to speak.

It was resolved to allow CC Councillor Pascoe to speak.

CC Councillor Pascoe explained that applications within the HGA are being submitted as separate applications due to the different landowners. He said that the area was originally due to be compulsory purchased.

The Clerk suggested that this matter needs a bigger discussion and should be added to a future agenda, inviting the head of planning at CC, Mark Broomhead and CC Chief Planning Officer Louise Wood.

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

The Tri-Service Officer had sent a report by email.

Members discussed their concern at the lack of a specific Police report. They considered whether crimes in Hayle might be logged in the other areas that the attending police come from.

It was resolved to contact the Police Crime Commission about the lack of updates.

- d) To receive an update and discuss the latest information regarding Planetary Technology's proposals for St Ives Bay and to agree actions, if any

A presentation was displayed on the projector (*see attached Appendix D*)

Jason Vallis, VP of Operations at Planetary Technology introduced himself and Tim Cross, of Environmental Operations. They discussed a recent 2 day dive survey which had been conducted to establish baseline conditions, and work out abundance and diversity of marine life, the results to be analysed by Plymouth Marine Laboratories. They explained that a control station will be set up in the bay, with a sensor unit to continuously monitor water conditions before any trials take place.

They confirmed that they are liaising with Sue Sayer MBE of the Seal Research Trust and will provide regular updates to the Mayor.

(CC Councillor Channon left the meeting at 8.54pm)

35 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for May 2023

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for May 2023 (*as listed on Appendix E*)

36 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To consider the recent request for additional speed restrictions, to determine whether they should be submitted to the Community Network Panel as potential Highway Scheme:
 - i) Lethlean Lane, through Churchtown Lane up towards Mexico Lane, Phillack

Members agreed that the location requires additional speed restrictions.

The Projects and Events Officer reported that travel and TROs are included in the Masterplan

work, and the Clerk informed members that CC is rolling out its “20 is Plenty” scheme, with Hayle targeted for 2024. She said that this area may automatically be covered.

It was resolved to ask CC Highways for the 30mph sign at the junction of Mexico Lane and Churchtown Road to be moved 100-150 yards back along Churchtown Road before the bend, as part of the revised table top scheme.

It was further resolved that if this action is not carried out, to refer the request to the Community Area Partnership as a potential Highway Scheme:

- b) To note the response to this council’s request for support in the call to end the dumping of sewage in our seas, and consider next steps, if appropriate

The report prepared by the Committee Clerk had been circulated by email and included details of the responses received to date. (*See attached Appendix F*)

It was resolved to invite a senior representative of South West Water to a meeting with HTC, and to invite some other council’s who have supported our aim to attend.

- c) To consider the correspondence received from Bodrigny Academy regarding litter and dog’s mess around the town and consider actions, if appropriate

The Clerk informed Members that a teacher from Bodrigny Academy had contacted her regarding the children’s idea to create posters which could be displayed around the town with the hope of reducing the amount of litter and dog mess. She added that Penpol School have also expressed an interest in joining the initiative. She told them that permissions would need to be sought to display posters on any land/street furniture not owned by HTC. She explained that she had approached CC’s Environmental Dept and other officers including the Enforcement Team, Planning and Infrastructure Dept, copying in local action groups such as Roaming for Rubbish and Sustainable Hayle, with the idea of forming a working group, and had received positive responses.

The Projects and Events Officer informed members that this matter was also recently discussed at a meeting of the Hayle Community Action group (HCAG) told Members that she has met with a councillor from Portreath, who discussed how their school have done a similar thing, including holding farm talk to discuss the impact of dog mess on wildlife and have also measured the impact of posters after 2 weeks and had seen an 85% improvement.

The Projects and Events Officer will roll out an art competition, and the Mayor has been invited to judge.

(Councillor Raymer left the meeting room 9.23pm – 9.25pm)

Members discussed whether local businesses could be approached to display the posters, and they asked if free dog waste bags could be offered to try and combat the issue. The Clerk responded that these had been previously available at the council offices and premises, kiosk, and café at the pool but this had not led to any improvement in the issue.

The Clerk informed members that although grant funding may be available, potential cost implications of supporting this initiative would be considered at the next Resource Committee meeting on 27 July.

She also said that to feed into the precept discussions she proposed to discuss the potential employment of a Community Pride Officer during September.

- d) To note and consider the issues raised by Councillor Tan’s social media post, and agree actions, if appropriate

The Clerk explained that she had included this agenda item after Councillor Tan’s well-meaning social media post, in which he had introduced himself and offered to take forward any issues which had generated hundreds of responses. She told members that the post had been taken down and that Councillor Tan had asked her for assistance, so she had responded on behalf of HTC to as many of the comments as possible.

The Clerk said that generally there was nothing new amongst the issues raised which included graffiti, litter, vandalism, toilets, improving the play area etc which are all on the list for action. And she finished by saying that if there is anything Councillor Tan would like to discuss on a future agenda, he should contact either herself or the Committee Clerk.

- e) To consider Charles Hall’s design for the addition to the Mayor’s Chain and agree the associated expenditure

The Clerk displayed the diagram of the new design for the Mayor’s Chain and Centerpiece depicting Godrevy Lighthouse. She informed members of the costs, which would be £375.00 for 10 additional disks plus £37.50 for each additional disk thereafter, plus £275.00 for the medallion.

Whilst Members appreciated the design, which incorporated Godrevy Lighthouse, they felt that it would be more appropriate to have something depicted from within Hayle ie: the Viaduct, Cunaide Stone or a depiction of the Iron Age Hill Fort at the Plantation. They agreed that the costs are not prohibitive under the appropriate budget head.

It was resolved to choose a depiction of either a) the Iron Age Hill Fort at the Plantation for the medallion or b) The Viaduct, subject to final approval.

- f) To approve, sign and seal the lease for the Kiosk at the Recreation Ground (or to retrospectively note these actions)

The Mayor told members that she had met with the new tenant and the lease had been signed and sealed.

It was resolved to NOTE that the lease for the Kiosk at the Recreation Ground had been approved, signed, and sealed.

- g) Meetings

The list of Meetings for July 2023 had been circulated by email.

Meetings and Events Schedule July/August 2023

18/07/2023	9.30am	HTC Staff Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
20/07/2023		Larger Council’s Clerks Briefing	Online
20/07/2023	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

25/07/2023	7pm	HCAG Meeting	Old Foundry Chapel, Hayle
27/07/2023	7.30pm	Resource Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
01/08/2023		CALC Executive Meeting	Online
15/08/2023	9.30am	HTC Staff Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
17/08/2023		Larger Council's Clerks Briefing	Online
17/08/2023	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting – Planning Only (August Recess)	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

h) Incidentals

It was agreed that the list of Incidentals for July 2023 would be circulated by email the following day.

The meeting closed at 9.49pm.

Town Mayor

Date