



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

### AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre, on Thursday 14 September 2023 at 7.30pm.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillors	S. Benney, V. Dinham, J. Lawrenson- Reid (Deputy Mayor) J. Martin, B. Morris, and D. Raymer
Reserves	B. Capper

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

#### **7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED**

#### **AM20 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Rance.

#### **AM21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

#### **AM22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 22 JUNE 2023**

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes of 22 June 2023 and be taken as a true and accurate record with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

#### **AM23 FORMER HAWKINS MOTORS SITE UPDATE**

- a) To receive a progress update

The Facilities and Contracts Manager informed members that a revised plan has been submitted by the Cornwall Planning Group, following concern raised by the Environment Agency regarding flood risk, and that they had suggested the creation of 65 cubic meters of water storage should be implemented to offset the plans. He added that the glass viewing panels and raised beds have had to be removed from the plan, and a final decision is awaited.

## **AM24 COMMUNITY BUILDINGS**

### a) Maintenance Update

The Facilities and Contracts Manager reported that he is still waiting to hear from West Cornwall Plastics about when they will carry out the agreed contract to replace the Fire Doors in the entrance and Room 3 at the Community Centre. He reminded Members that this contract had been agreed in March/April and although confirmed, he had heard nothing further. He asked Members to consider re-tendering the work, due to the timescale.

**It was resolved** to re-tender the work if the council does not hear from West Cornwall Plastics regarding a start date, within 2 weeks. The Facilities and Contracts Manager will inform the company of this decision by email the following day.

- b) To note that quotes have been sought to undertake a visual structural survey as a first step to show our 2 main structures (Community Centre and Library) are clear of RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)

The Facilities and Contracts Manager explained that following DFE guidance, quotes had been sought and had come in at £750.00 to visit the sites and inspect.

Members NOTED this action with thanks.

## **AM25 ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERY**

- a) To receive an update on the new allotment site

The Facilities and Contracts Manager told Members that 44 plots had been made available, leaving a 3 metre buffer next to the treated knotweed area, following guidance. He explained that the Diocese will include a clause confirming that Hayle Town Council (HTC) will not be liable for further Knotweed issues as it has treated the site at cost.

## **AM26 RECREATION GROUND**

- a) To discuss the status of the graffiti boards

The Chairman reported that one of the boards was vandalised shortly after they were installed. He told Members that they had not been used as had been hoped.

**It was resolved** with disappointment to remove the boards and re-use the materials.

- b) To note the request from the tenant at the Kiosk

Members agreed that the tenant has a good appreciation of the area and issues with the existing toilets and is prepared to cover the cost for initial works, but they would like to see the design for the proposal to indicate size and location.

**It was resolved** to support the proposal and to ask for further information.

- c) To consider the Facilities and Contract Managers report on the costs involved with the continuous vandalism

Members discussed the report and agreed that HTC cannot continue to try and combat the vandalism financially. They asked how other council's deal with this problem and also what is

happening with the CCTV service and whether coverage could be extended. Members also questioned why the figures for this vandalism do not show up in Police crime reports.

#### **AM27 FOOTPATHS**

- a) Maintenance update
- b) To discuss additional cuts to Footpath no 102/42 at Angarrack

It was agreed to consider items a) and b) together.

Members discussed the unsatisfactory condition of the footpath at Angarrack.

The Facilities and Contracts Manager reported that Footpath number 102/42 at Angarrack and 102/9/2 at the Millpond, leading up to Mellanear Road, are down to one cut per year. He asked Members to consider whether HTC pays for an additional cut.

**It was resolved** to include some additional finds for Footpaths in the precept.

**AM28 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 9 November 2023

**It was resolved** that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 9 November 2023

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.