



# HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 16 November 2023 commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation Session.

**PRESENT**

Councillors

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

Town Clerk, E. Giggal-Hollis, Committee Clerk, M. Costello, and Cornwall Councillor L. Pascoe

**7.15 PM MEETING COMMENCED**

**110 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)**

There were none.

**111 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Capper and Dinham.

**112 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

**113 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (lasting up to 15 minutes in total)**

Loveday Jenkin explained that she was here in a personal capacity had been asked to get involved back in 2016 to help with Mel Sheridan's issues. She told Members that she had a background in Water Resources and was also the nearest female councillor to the area,

Loveday informed Members that Hayle was not unique, and that lots of town's infrastructure is unmapped. She explained that due to agency changes, some information may not have been passed on and that there needs to be a proper investigation in the Penpol and wider Hayle area as it is not clear who's responsibility the cast iron pipework is.

She suggested that as this affects the community, Hayle Town Council (HTC) could try to get some clarity and pressure South West Water, or Cornwall Council (CC) or even the Government to create a fund to help with these issues.

*(Councillor Tan joined the meeting at 7.21pm)*

Trevor Smitheram shared some photos and maps around the table, depicting the tunnel under the road and pipes going through the old culvert. He explained that he was concerned about the

materials which had been used in the open works.

He was advised by guest speaker, Andy Hoskin, of Cormac, that all Highways works are inspected and tested off by structural engineers.

Mel Sheridan explained the background of the problem in the Foundry area, and with her property in particular. She displayed some maps of pipework and photos on the projector and told Members that some of these were unidentified, lost in time, unknown and unreachable. Mel told Members that she had a water bill of £9,753 and that SWW was not taking her to court because they would have to take authority over this issue. She said that she would like to arrange a meeting with Kate Kennally, Chief Executive of CC.

Members discussed their concern that this issue had been going on for such a long time and that they thought it was clearly down to mismanagement.

**114 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 2 NOVEMBER 2023**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 2 November 2023 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

**115 TO RECIEVE AN UPDATE FROM ANDY HOSKIN, CORMAC, AND DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND ONGOING ROAD WORKS AT PENPOL ROAD, FOUNDRY AND CONSIDER ACTIONS, IF APPROPRIATE**

Andy Hoskin introduced himself as the new Highways Manager for Cormac, Hayle and West Cornwall. He displayed a presentation on the projector (*see attached Appendix A*), which included the following information:

- Historic layout of the area pre 1990
- Current layout post 1990
- Utility Apparatus in the area
- Repaired Section South
- Repaired Section North
- Repaired Cross Section
- Repair to damaged section

Andy described the details included in a map depicting the waterways and another showing the location of other utilities under the highway at Penpol Road. He explained that there is lots of old infrastructure that there is no information about.

He explained that these were not planned works, the repairs were due to the Gas Board going through the culvert when they were installing new pipework.

He explained that all repairs have been designed by competent structural engineers, using formwork supporting pillars over the new gas pipe. He told Members that the majority of the old structure is made from stone and granite, with a minimal amount of Scorrier Block.

He told Members that although silt was recorded in the last inspection, which is carried out by a 2 yearly diving inspection, with the next one due in 2024. He said that following the repairs the surface water should wash away the silt over time.

Andy informed Members that silt cannot be removed by hand, as permission would be required from the Environment Agency due to wildlife and micro-organisms, which can incur a 12 week wait.

Members raised the following questions:

*Can the council have sight of the last Inspection Reports?*

Yes, I'll ask my Structural Engineer to send them to you.

*Has the pipe going through the culvert been sealed to prevent a sinkhole appearing?*

Yes, it has.

*Can you check whether water is egressing from the culvert under properties?*

No, water would generally egress into the tunnel rather than from it.

*The drain hole on Chapel Terrace is blocked, is that due to be cleaned?*

Due to budget constraints and following the Highways Works Manual, any gully's, drains etc that are silted or blocked are cleared reactively and cannot be routinely cleared or fixed unless there is a flooding issue.

The Mayor gave an impassioned speech about how the people of Hayle deserve better.

**It was resolved** to write to the new Environment Minister, and copy in Kate Kennelly, Leader of Cornwall Council, and George Eustice, MP. This situation with Hayle's infrastructure needs to stop now. We demand that the Environment Minister gives Cornwall Council and South West Water the capital funds to pay for our infrastructure to be sorted out for good. This problem is not just exclusive to Hayle but throughout West Cornwall. The people of Hayle deserve better.

As Andy Hoskin had to leave the meeting early, the Mayor asked Members if they would be happy to consider agenda item 9 next.

**It was resolved** to consider agenda item 9 next in the meeting.

## **116 CONSULTATIONS**

a) To consider the recent request for parking restrictions, to determine whether they should be submitted to the Community Network Panel as potential Highway Scheme:

i) Hayle Recreation Ground: TRO 2-hour parking restrictions with no return in 4 hours between the hours of 8am and 8pm

**It was resolved** to submit an application to the Community Network Panel as a potential Highway Scheme, for Hayle Recreation Ground: a TRO 2 hour parking with no return in 4 hours over a 24 hour period.

## **117 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM PLANETARY TECHNOLOGY AND CONSIDER ACTIONS, IF APPROPRIATE**

Pete Chargin introduced himself as working for Planetary Technology in Community and Government Relations, based in California. He displayed a presentation on the projector (*see attached Appendix B*) which included updates on:

- The tests carried out in May
- The project in Halifax, Canada
- The status of the Cornwall project
- Toxicology testing

Members asked the following questions:

*The project in Halifax uses a direct water source, whereas the proposed project in Hayle would operate from the outflow, how can this be regulated?*

The outflow would be tested prior to release.

*The company is founded in Canada, how many sites are there?*

There is one in Halifax, we are in talks for a site in West Canada, Virginia USA and here in Cornwall. We are also looking at Ireland and other sites in the USA.

*Are you sourcing the alkalinity product from China?*

Currently we are using the product from China, depending on if and when the Hayle project begins there may be other sources. The company is looking at potentially using bi-products of other industrial processes, for example: left over kiln dust/cement dust from the manufacture of concrete.

*(Councillor Tan left the meeting at 8.57pm)*

The Mayor told those present that Hayle had led the way in the Industrial Revolution, why doesn't it try and lead the way in this.

Pete told Members that he wished this industry didn't have to exist, and that it formed one part of many different solutions that could all have a positive impact. He said that Planetary Technology would like to re-engage with the community in a constructive way which could benefit the area with carbon removal and employment.

The Clerk suggested that he also liaise with St Ives Town Council and Gwinear - Gwithian Parish Council.

The Mayor thanked Pete for his update and proposed inviting Pip Hosken from CC to discuss Natural Carbon Removal.

*(CC Councillor Pascoe left the meeting at 9.11pm)*

## **118 PLANNING MATTERS**

- To consider Planning Applications: PA23/07046; PA23/06565; PA23/08698; PA23/08819

**For the resolutions on individual planning applications see Appendix C attached.**

- To note the results of previous applications: none

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Town Mayor** .....

**Date** .....