



# HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 21 March 2024 commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation Session.

**PRESENT**

Councillors

E. Brown, B. Capper, T. Carey, P. Channon, A. Groves, J. Lawrenson-Reid (Deputy Mayor), J. Martin, J. Nannes, D. Raymer and V. Tan

**ALSO PRESENT**

E. Giggall-Hollis, Town Clerk, M. Costello, Committee Clerk, J. Baldwin, Projects and Events Officer and Cornwall Councillor L. Pascoe

**7.15PM MEETING COMMENCED**

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

The Deputy Mayor asked Members to hold a minute's silence for Georgina Schofield, who would be remembered for her work as a warden at the Millpond, her contributions to the Hayle Pump, and work at the Hayle Archive.

**188 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Dinham, Hayes, and Rance.

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

There were none.

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

Chloe Pitt, Chartered Town Planner with Laurence Associates, spoke in relation to planning application PA24/00747. She explained that this was a replacement dwelling at 48 Riviere Towans and explained the measures taken to address any concerns over the size and build and she clarified the exact location of the dwelling.

**191 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 7 MARCH 2024**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 7 March 2024 be taken as true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

**192 GUEST SPEAKER: TREVOR SMITHERAM REQUESTING SUPPORT/APPROVAL FOR A BLUE PLAQUE FOR RIVIERA HOUSE AND TO PROMOTE THE SALE OF A MERVYN SULLIVAN PRINT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HAYLE DAY CARE CENTRE**

Trevor Smitheram explained that he was seeking a Blue Plaque for the Grade II Listed, Riviera House in recognition of its importance to Hayle's history. He told Members that it had been built in 1791 for the of the Cornish Copper Company, Mr Carne, who later founded the Batten, Carne and Carne Bank in Penzance. Trevor shared a picture of the laboratory below the building, which was used by Humphry Davy between 1788 -1829, Isambard Kingdom Brunel between 1806 – 1859 and lastly, that the Geologist and Philanthropist Elizabeth Carne had been born at Riviere House in 1817.

Secondly, Trevor announced that he had raised approximately £1,250 towards the purchase, fitting an installation of a new 77-inch Television for the Hayle Day Care Centre (HDCC), by selling postcards depicting a painting given to him by the late Mervyn Sullivan. He invited Members to his fundraising event and talk on "Hayle's Hero" Rick Rescorla, taking place on 10 May at HDCC.

The Clerk told Members that when the Hayle Area Plan Partnership had folded, the council had taken on the responsibility for the Plaques.

**It was resolved** to approve the request for a Blue Plaque at Riviera House.

**193 GUEST SPEAKERS: AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ADMINISTRATORS, FUNDERS AND THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON THE NORTH QUAY DEVELOPMENT**

Adam Gaymer, of Arpenteur.co.uk, explained that he is supporting the Administrators of North Quay, Moorfields. He informed Members that on 31 January 2024, Sennybridge, Hayle went into administration and is now owned by Moorfields. He said that they are working together with the Harbour Master, Cornwall Council (CC), ICOMOS and also hope to work with Hayle Town Council (HTC) to understand the site, learn about the community and deliver the scheme. He explained that they are in discussion with management companies to look after completed builds and work together in Estate Management.

Adam told Members that they will be using a more traditional method of bringing in contractors, who will begin investigation work in April to complete the area known as Block B/ Copperhouse, and that over the next few weeks the cranes will go, in preparation to clear the site ready for work to begin.

He reassured the council that he was aware of the complexity of the site and was hoping to address the main concerns by investigating the car parking issue and bringing back a restaurant, and added that they would be re-branding the site, with new signage.

Peter Haddock, Hayle Harbour Master, updated the council on dredging by explaining that he had engaged the firm Padstow Sea Sand, who have a good reputation in this field. He assured Members that dredging was in the Estuary was purely for navigational safety purposes, and that no sand would be taken from the dunes. He explained that the plan is to separate the harbour from the development, so that it will be responsible for generating its own income.

Alix Mills, Deputy Harbour Master, was thrilled to announce the groundbreaking educational initiative, Harbourwise, a transformative program designed to equip young adults with the knowledge and skills to navigate the coastal landscape responsibly.

She explained that the course would run over 6 weeks, spanning 3 months, with a commitment to shaping responsible coastal citizens, and a comprehensive curriculum addresses key issues that impact the serene beauty of our shores, covering the following topics:

- **Vandalism Awareness:** Exploring the profound impact of vandalism on our coastal environments and understand how simple actions can make a lasting difference. Learn to appreciate the natural beauty that surrounds us and discover how to be part of the solution.
- **Fire Safety by the Sea:** Dive into the essentials of fire safety in coastal areas. Discover best practices for enjoying bonfires safely, ensuring that the warmth of your gatherings never compromises the safety of the environment or your fellow beachgoers.
- **Responsible Beach Socializing:** Uncover the nuances of responsible socializing on the beach. From understanding the implications of alcohol consumption to fostering a sense of community, we'll explore how to make the most of beach days while keeping our shores pristine.
- **RNLI Session - A Day with the Lifesavers:** Experience an exclusive session with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) to gain insights into water safety, rescue operations, and the crucial role they play in safeguarding our coastal communities. This session promises an inspiring and informative encounter with real-life heroes.

The Mayor congratulated the Deputy Harbour Master on this really good initiative.

Members raised the following questions:

*What is the situation with the hole in South Quay Harbour Wall?  
Is the build out guaranteed?*

The Harbour Master explained that he is in discussion with the administrators to apply for listed building status and consent.

*How secure are the leaseholders of Chalets on Harvey's Towans?*

Adam agreed to investigate and report back to the council.

*Are you engaging with local developers?*

Adam considered that this may have been part of the problem in the past and replied that the initial construction company are not local, but they hope to work with local trade where they can for the benefit of the community.

*What will happen to the sand that is dredged?*

Peter replied that the harbour will retain 10% to be used for dune replenishment, the rest will be sold. He explained that he will take photographic evidence of dune replenishment and continue to include the figures for sand removal in his monthly reports to HTC.

*Does Simon Wright, former owner/developer of North Quay, still have any interests in the site?*

Adam confirmed that Simon Wright has no role or involvement in the site and has been removed as a director.

*Will you come to update the council on a regular basis?*

Adam agreed communication and honesty are key, and that they would do their best to either send a representative or a written report.

*(Councillor Channon left the meeting between 7.58pm – 8.01pm)*

**194 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR THE TOWANS TO BE RECOGNISED AS A NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE AND AGREE HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL'S POSITION AND ROLE, IF SUPPORTED  
Martin Rule of Natural England to attend and update/respond to questions.**

Martin Rule provided some background history of the Towans Partnership, which had been formed approximately 20 years ago. He told Members that he had been involved for 10 years as a part time ranger, and more recently works for Natural England (NE), which is the government body responsible for conservation.

He explained that NE is attempting to designate 25 new sites as National Nature Reserves, as part of a scheme known as the King's Series. The Towans area has been found to hold 25% of all species found in Cornwall, much of which is already designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSi) has been suggested for this scheme, to come into effect 2026/2027.

Martin said that existing designations would still apply and that an NNR is a declaration, a protection of nature, connecting people with nature and aiding science and research. He explained that this recognition does not come with funding, and the proposal must be led by a group consisting of landowners and the community who would be helped by NE. He told Members that interested parties such as the RSPB and Gwinear – Gwithian Parish Council are supportive and the Friends of the Towans would be willing to chair and fund the group.

Members raised the following questions:

*Have the landowners been consulted?*

Yes, the conservation bodies are keen but the commercial holiday parks are as yet not all on board with the idea.

*Does a landowner have to take the lead?*

Landownership could aid but HTC could facilitate the group.

*What would be required from HTC?*

Funding is an issue, and applications need to be written.

*Have you consulted with St. Ives Town Council?*

No, as the reserve would mainly be in Hayle.

*Are CC and the Cornwall Wildlife Trust involved/interested in this?*

Yes, they are on board with the idea, but stretched financially.

*(Councillor Carey left the meeting between 8.38pm – 8.39pm)*

**It was resolved** to convene a special council meeting to discuss the pros and cons, inviting Martin Rule, Friends of the Towans, Landowners and Gwinear – Gwithian Parish Council.

The Projects and Events Officer said that she could bring guidance about funding to the Meeting, and suggested that Hayle Community Action Group (HCAG), should be involved as the members could fulfil a variety of roles e.g. marketing, funding, branding and education.

**It was resolved** to allow Cornwall Council Pascoe to speak

CC Councillor Pascoe suggested inviting interested parties to an extraordinary meeting of the Towans Partnership.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Martin for his work on this very special area.

*(Councillor Channon left the meeting at 8.40pm)*

**195 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION OF STAFF TO THE FOLLOWING PERMANENT ROLES**

- a) **Deputy Clerk**
- b) **Responsible Finance Officer**
- c) **Projects and Events Officer**

**It was resolved** to note the appointment/confirmation of staff.

**196 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) To consider Planning Applications: [PA24/00824](#) ; [PA24/00747](#) ; [PA24/00848](#) ; [PA24/01257](#) ; [PA24/01249](#) ; [PA24/01340](#) ; [PA24/01460](#) ; [PA24/01838](#) ; [PA24/01797](#) ; [PA23/10374](#) and [PA24/00830](#)

**It was resolved** to allow Mr Roskilly to speak in objection to planning application PA24/01257. He described the neighbouring proposal as overwhelming, overbearing, with no regard to neighbours, causing a claustrophobic loss of light, change of airflow and lack of privacy.

*(CC Councillor Pascoe left the meeting at 9.05pm)*

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

- b) To note the results of previous applications: [PA23/09011](#) ; [PA23/00731](#)

**It was resolved** to note the results of previous applications.

The meeting closed at 9.09pm.

**Town Mayor .....**

**Date .....**