



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 5 September 2024 commencing at 7.15pm with a Public Participation Session.

PRESENT

Councillors

E. Brown, M. Burrow, B. Capper, T. Carey, P. Channon, C. Hayes, R. Heard, J. Lawrenson-Reid (Mayor), J. Martin (Deputy Mayor), J. Ninnes, D. Raymer, T. Smitheram and V. Tan

ALSO PRESENT

E. Giggall-Hollis, Town Clerk, M. Costello, Deputy Clerk, and Cornwall Councillor L. Pascoe

7.15PM MEETING COMMENCED

52 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor announced that Councillor Victoria Dinham has resigned with immediate effect, leaving to take up employment in London to be near her family. She thanked her for her enthusiasm, particularly with Hayle Youth Project.

Next, she reminded everyone that the Hayle Health and Wellbeing Event takes place on Saturday 14 September at Hayle Recreation Ground, and she called for volunteers to contact Julie Baldwin, the Projects and Events Officer.

Finally, the Mayor gave the date of the Civic and Community Service as Sunday 20 October at 11am. She was pleased to confirm that Heyl Town Band will be accompanying the Parade, as well as the Remembrance Service this year.

53 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Groves, Julie Baldwin, Projects and Events Officer and Adrian Hart, Tri-Service Officer.

54 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

55 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (lasting up to 15 minutes in total)

Mr. Coles asked what can be done about the amount of sand being stolen from Hayle beach. He said that if this continues, houses will fall into the sea and that it is a massive health and

safety risk, with vehicles driving across the beach and no barriers.

Ann Hall, a Trustee, spoke representing the Passmore Edwards Institute in Hayle. She read out a speech prepared in advance:

As Trustee representatives from Passmore Edwards Institute in Hayle we are here to support the submitted proposal to Hayle Town Council to use the Passmore Edwards building as the main offices for the Town Council.

We urge you as Town Council representatives of the people of Hayle to ensure the future of this building. Some years have passed since the town consultation where we believe from searching the Town Council website that Passmore Edwards was not offered or considered in any relocation options

The location, grandeur and heritage of the building lends itself to the equivalent of St Johns Hall and Camborne Passmore Edwards. Both the County Council and their respective Town Councils acknowledged their importance and have invested in their upgrade to meet energy and accessibility requirements. We are aware Camborne received Government funding but with the help of the charitable status of Passmore Edwards we would be happy to work in partnership with the Town Council to apply for funding and consider a long-term lease for the building with a peppercorn rent or other legal agreement.

56 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 18 JULY 2024 AND 15 AUGUST 2024

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 18 July 2024 and 15 August 2024 be taken as true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

57 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

- a) To receive the report from the Resource Committee 26 July 2024

It was resolved to receive the report from the Resource Committee meeting 26 July 2024, so that actions could be carried out.

58 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 prior to the meeting (*see attached Appendix A*) and it included updates on:

- Hayle Community Action Group
- Hayle Health and Wellbeing Festival 2024, on Saturday 14th September
- The Chaos Radio Interview of 30/07/24
- Reflections of Hayle: Telling Our Yarn, Celebrating Our Community Through Art Arts event 5th – 6th October 2024
- Carn to Cove, Upstart Theatre: Red Planet Revolution, on Saturday 9th November, Hayle Academy
- Ellis Park – Urban Green Shoots
- Community and Civic Hub Project (Relocation Project)
- Funding: Community Ownership Fund Full Application and CIL Funding

The Projects and Events Officer's report was NOTED.

59 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

Peter Haddock, Harbour Master, asked if Members had any questions to the reports he had submitted. He displayed an aerial photograph depicting the migration of sand into the estuary and explained that a bank of sand had built up causing groundings and vessels hitting the bank, which resulted in the decision to remove the bank by dredging. He explained that the area has now been widened and is safer for vessels, also that if this work had not been undertaken, Trinity House could have issued a fine for failing to maintain the channel.

More recent images were displayed on the projector, courtesy of Cllr Channon, and the Harbour Master said that these were useful to show that dredging is only carried out for navigational Safety and not for profit, and that as it is an expensive operation, the sand is sold to cover the cost. He explained that sluicing is impractical as it does not work, that years ago, when both sluiceways were in operation, sand in suspension could be flushed out. However, now the existing gate does not generate enough power.

Members asked about the statutory function to maintain safe harbour, and operational details of sluicing.

The Harbour Master explained that sluicing is a manpower intensive operation, only taking place through 5 months of the year due to RSPB restrictions. He said that the Copperhouse Pool gate forms part of the flood defence for Hayle, and the existing mitre gates are not currently working and do not have an operational platform, adding that the costs involved are too prohibitive to install one.

Members asked if the costs for each process could be shared with the council.

Questions were asked regarding the quantity of sand removed what measures are in place for dune replenishment, why operations are carried out during the night and trucks are seen leaving full of sand.

The Harbour Master reminded Members that monthly totals are included in his report to council, each month. With 6,000 tons having been removed since April. He explained that dredging has taken place in the early hours due to concern over the use of machinery during the day during school holidays. On 4 occasions, the contractor agreed to dredge between 4.30am and 9.30am.

Questions were asked protocol for sluicing and dredging in the SSSI area, and whether Natural England have been consulted.

The Harbour Master clarified that permission has been given to sluice, but that as the area being dredged is not in the SSSI, no permission is required.

Questions were raised regarding the details of a dissertation which compares research on sluicing and dredging and their harm to biodiversity and concerns over erosion and details of how previous dredging exposed blue asbestos.

The Harbour Master described the natural cycle of the sand cell in the bay and explained about monthly checks for asbestos.

Mike Grice, Development Director of the Administration Scheme shared a newsletter which had been produced and a copy of Dredging - frequently asked questions and answers. He provided an update on planning, explaining that an addendum has been submitted to the World Heritage Office and ICOMOS, and that they are working with Peter Bainbridge, CC Principal Development Officer.

He reported that the tower removal is now imminent, and work will be undertaken to clear the footpath around the Towans. Also, that work to finish block Y1 should be completed by the end of September. He was pleased to inform Members that Gilbert's was proving popular along with the Toad Café, and the Sauna is due to be delivered today.

And finally, after the success of the recent litter pick, another is planned for the end of the month.

Representatives of Padstow Sea Sand Company, who were invited to attend and speak on this item, described the heckling and abuse that their staff had received whilst working at the harbour, along with threats to damage machinery. They wanted to make it clear that they were employed to undertake work for the Harbour Master and were a local, well respected professional, environmentally friendly business.

- b) Cornwall Council Update
 - i) To receive reports from Cornwall Councillors Channon and Pascoe

CC Councillor Pascoe reported that he had received many calls about sand removal. He briefly discussed a planning application at Angarrack and said that he had also received complaints about deliveries obstructing the Copperhouse and Penpol Terrace areas of the town, explaining that he had emailed Adrian Hart, Tri-Service Officer about this.

CC Councillor Channon had sent a report and images by email prior to the meeting which were displayed on the projector (*see attached Appendix C*) and included updates on:

Cornwall Council Matters:

- A30 Traffic
- Newquay Airport
- Solar Farm applications
- Heartlands Cafe
- H & W Isles of Scilly Service (Cancelled)

Hayle Items:

- A30
- Allotments
- Hayle in Bloom
- Meeting with New MP, Perran Moon
- Harbour Dredging/Sand control, Quay repair (ongoing)
- Hayle Recreation Ground, service & events
- Ellis Park
- North Quay

- Scouts open evening (Scout hut) 18th September
- Barney (RIP)

(Representatives of Padstow Sea Sand and Mike Grice left the meeting at 8.25pm).

(A rest break was held at 8.25pm and the meeting resumed at 8.30pm).

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

There were none.

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

There was no update available, as the Tri-Service Officer had given his apologies.

60 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for June and July 2024

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for June and July 2024 as listed on Appendix D.

61 TO RETROSPECTIVELY NOTE AND APPROVE OF THE RENEWAL OF THE COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICIES (Renewal Date:1 September 2024)

The Clerk reported that the broker had now found additional cover to provide Fidelity Guarantee Insurance to the requisite level. This had not been possible in the previous year.

The renewal of the council insurance policies was NOTED and approved.

62 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS/INCIDENTALS

- a) To consider the request for parking/loading restrictions, to determine whether they should be submitted to the Community Network Panel as potential Highway Scheme:
 - i) Copperhouse, and Penpol Terrace towards Foundry Square

Members reported that delivery vehicles serving several establishments at both ends of the town had been causing problems. The Clerk confirmed that numerous public complaints had been received but that Hayle Town Council (HTC) does not have the power to intervene but can recommend to the local Community Area Partnership (CAP). She did clarify that there were no funds available until the next financial year.

It was resolved to allow Cornwall Council (CC) Councillor Pascoe to speak.

He asked what suggestions Members had to remedy this, perhaps loading bays or restrictions of timing for deliveries, outside of school and students travel times. There was brief discussion regarding the potential provision of loading bays or the introduction of strict time frames for deliveries, but it was felt that ultimately the highways experts would be best placed to review and design a scheme.

It was resolved to submit the request for parking/loading restrictions in Copperhouse, and to the Community Area Partnership as potential Highway Scheme: Penpol Terrace towards Foundry Square, and to ask the Highways Department for their views and potential solutions.

b) To consider and agree a response to the letter received from the Trustees of the Passmore Edwards Institute, re the utilising the Passmore Edwards Institute as the Council Hub an alternative to the library development plans

A discussion ensued around the existing plans to redevelop and combine the library and council offices, which has already been progressed through the relocation plan. Members considered what repairs and alterations would be required to update the historic, listed building, which may be prohibitive, with no room to expand and combine the existing council services into a community hub.

The Clerk reminded them that a decision had already been made, with buyers lined up for the Community Centre building, planning permission obtained, business plans drafted, grant funding received to progress architectural drawings, and a further grant application prepared in readiness. She explained that Members at the time considered the PEI as an option and dismissed it.

Councillors suggested meeting with the trustees to discuss the matter. One highlighted the environmental benefit of using the pre-existing structure and the prohibitive cost of the relocation project.

It was resolved to convene a meeting with the Trustees of the Passmore Edwards Institute to explore the possibility of utilising the Passmore Edwards Institute as the Council Hub an alternative to the library development plans.

c) To determine Hayle Town Council's position on the matter of sand removal following the receipt of emails/enquiries, and agree actions, if appropriate

Members understood the need to maintain a navigable channel and protect the safety of users by dredging, but they questioned the removal process and called for proper assessment and monitoring of any environmental damage. They also discussed obtaining potential costings for repairs to the sluiceways.

It was resolved to:

- i) write to write to Natural England, advising them of the dredging and excessive sand removal activities that are likely to harm the Hayle Estuary and Carrick Gladden SSSI
- ii) write to the Environment Agency to request they meet with us to discuss the replacement of the bearings for the Copperhouse Pool sluiceway, to help to reduce the need for dredging and to reduce the environmental damage inflicted by sand removal. To also ask if they would like to assist with Geomorphology reports and offer their advice
- iii) write to the Marine Management Organisation to ask for their advice on the damage created by dredging and sand removal and seek clarity on whether permissions are required
- iv) write to the North Quay developers asking if they would like to repair some of the damage done by the previous developer and assist with financing the dredging, to change it from dredge and remove regime, to one of dredge and

- v) dune replenishment
 - v) write to the Harbour Master to seek costs for the automation of the Carnsew Mitre gates
 - vi) write to Perran Moon, MP, informing him of the current situation
 - vii) to create an assessment and monitoring timeframe due to the unrest caused
 - viii) discuss responses with the RSPB and EA to form a sustainable sluicing strategy
 - ix) to include with each communication, to ask how and who is assessing current operations and for their recommendations for reaching an acceptable solution for all involved.
- d) To consider the letter received from Collier Planning re: PA20/11368

The letter received from Collier Planning re: PA20/11368 was NOTED.

(Jamie Masters and Peter Haddock left the meeting at 8.59pm).

- e) Meetings

Meetings and Events Schedule September 2024

05/09/2024	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
11/09/2024	7pm	HCAG Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
12/09/2024	7.30pm	Amenities Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre
19/09/2024	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room, Hayle Community Centre

The Meetings and Events Schedule for September 2024 was NOTED, and it was agreed that the Administrative Officer would circulate the list by email.

- f) Incidentals

The list of Incidentals was NOTED, and it was agreed that the Administrative Officer would circulate the list of Incidentals for September 2024 by email.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.

Town Mayor

Date