



# HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 15 January 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillors

E. Brown, T. Carey (Deputy Mayor), J. Martin (Mayor) S. Rees,  
T. Smitheram, V. Tan

**ALSO PRESENT**

E. Giggall-Hollis, Town Clerk and M. Costello, Deputy Clerk

**7.00PM MEETING COMMENCED**

**FC86 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)**

The Mayor thanked those that headed the warnings and stayed in during Storm Goretta and also the many locals who offered support and Cormac and National Grid workforce.

On 12 December he and the Clerk had met with Super Intendent Scott Bradley, along with members of Penzance and St Ives Town Council to discuss shared concerns over the lack of visible policing.

A meeting had been held with Perran Moon MP and the issues raised had included the recent power outages, policing, the harbour wall, the development: Copper Estuary and the upcoming 25yr anniversary of 9/11, Rick Rescorla memorial.

Finally, he reminded Councillors that the official opening of the John Pollard Garden will take place the following day at 1pm.

**FC87 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Capper, Heard and Pascoe.

**FC88 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY RECEIVED OVER THE VALUE OF £50 (FROM A SINGLE SOURCE OVER THE COURSE OF 1 YEAR)**

There were none.

**FC89 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**FC90 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS**

**It was resolved** to exclude the press and public for agenda items 16 a) and 18, (*minutes FC103 and FC104 refer*) in accordance with Standing Order 1c, due to the confidential nature of the business.

**FC91 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (lasting up to 15 minutes in total)

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**FC92 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 4 DECEMBER 2025**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 4 December 2025 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

**FC93 COMMITTEES**

- a) **Minutes For Approval:**
  - i) Resource Committee Meeting 20 November 2025

**It was resolved** to receive the minutes of the Resource Committee Meeting on 20 November 2025 so that actions could be carried out.

- ii) Planning and Transport Committee Meeting 18 December 2025

**It was resolved** to receive the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee Meeting on 18 December 2025 so that actions could be carried out.

- iii) Amenities Committee Meeting 18 December 2025

**It was resolved** to receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting on 18 December 2025 so that actions could be carried out.

- b) **Recommendations from the following meetings**

There were none.

**FC94 REPORTS RELATING TO OR FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS/PROJECTS**

There were none.

## **FC95 GUEST PRESENTATION: CLAIRE GROSVENOR, ASB OFFICER COVERING PENZANCE, HAYLE AND ST IVES**

Claire Grosvenor introduced herself as having previously been based in Penzance as an ASB Officer where she was also paid by the town council to carry out foot patrols. She now covers Falmouth, Helston, Hayle and St Ives, and explained that the purpose of her job is to assist the Neighbourhood Team with housing visits, ASB hotspot locations, problem solving with victims and perpetrators. The position is not a patrolling role, but she does assist if required, due to resources. Monthly ASB meetings are held with invites shared with other agencies.

Claire invited Councillors to contact her direct and encourage people to report incidents, as the more reports received will generate more resources.

Questions were raised as follows:

*Is there any reason why we can't have police carrying out foot patrols of the town?*

There is currently no PCO and the Neighbourhood Team are currently doing the back office work too.

*What can we do – should we support youth centres?*

Youth Projects are historically funded for a short period of time then support may be lost leaving youths hanging around on streets.

Other towns such as Penzance and Falmouth hold Safer Town Meetings which are run by the Cornwall Council (CC) Community Safety Officer and involved Councillors and members of the public. A suggestion was made to include multi-agency drop-ins to the next Health and Wellbeing event.

The Clerk clarified that Hayle was not offered these meetings due to the stats. Although, if they are taken in correlation with the size of the town, there may be a case to hold them. She also informed Claire of the recent additional CCTV coverage and the grant funding from the PCC, and agreed to email a map of the camera locations. Claire was invited to join the Clerk in a tour of the CCTV office in ST Ives, along with PC Magurean in early February.

## **FC96 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (NB representatives of the relevant organisations may be in attendance to present their report and receive questions)**

### **a) Cornwall Council Update**

A report had been received from Cornwall Councillor Channon and was displayed on the projector (*See attached Appendix A*) which was NOTED. There was nothing received from CC Councillor Heslington.

### **b) Hayle Harbour Update**

The Clerk explained that a Harbour report had not been submitted due to the Christmas period.

The Noth Quay Development update has been circulated prior to the meeting, was displayed on the projector (*See attached Appendix B*) and was NOTED.

- c) To consider a) and b) above and agree actions, if any

The Mayor reminded Members of the formal Code of Conduct complaint submitted to CC against CC Cllr Channon, which was upheld with a requirement of an apology to the Clerk, which did not happen within the specified timeframe. He suggested that the council upholds its Civility and Respect Pledge by writing to Cllr Channon and informing him of its intention to remove the invite to attend and provide an update from the agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding Cllr Heslington, and whether exclusion of both CC Cllrs would be of detriment to Hayle Town Council (HTC). An elected County Councillor for Hayle should be actively trying to secure funding for the town, and the council has no confidence in the current Ward Members.

**It was resolved** to remove the Cornwall Council Update from the Standing Agenda Items and write an explanation to Cornwall Councillors Channon and Heslington.

### **FC97 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for November 2025

**It was resolved** to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for November 2025 as listed on Appendix C.

- b) To approve the Bank Reconciliation for November 2025

**It was resolved** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for November 2025 as listed on Appendix D.

- c) To note the Budget position, as of November 2025

**It was resolved** to note the Budget position, as of November 2025, as listed on Appendix E.

### **FC98 TO NOTE THE TRIP FUNDING CONSULTATION REPORT REGARDING THE CIVIC AND COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT**

The Clerk had shared the report by email, and she confirmed that it had been submitted to CC in accordance with part of the condition of funding. She also advised that the RIBA stage 4 drawings had also been completed and submitted.

NOTED.

### **FC99 CONSULTATIONS**

- a) To consider the request to switch-off Phillack lights every night, in line with the rest of Hayle

Following a discussion about safety issues and the reasoning behind the switch off.

**It was resolved** to support the request to switch-off Phillack lights every night, in line with the rest of Hayle.

- b) Cornwall Council: Have your say - Shape the future of tourism in Cornwall

[Businesses invited to help shape new organisation to champion Cornwall's visitor economy - Cornwall Council](#)

The Clerk explained that the survey had now closed and deadline had been missed due to the meeting deferral the previous week.

- c) Cornwall Council: Have your say – The Council Priorities Plan 2026-2030

[Our priorities for Cornwall | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

It was agreed that Councillors would complete the survey individually.

## FC100 CLERKS REPORT/UPDATES/PROJECTS/MEETINGS

- a) To receive the Clerk’s progress report on current projects

The Clerk reported that Mei Loci/Hayle Community Action Group (HCAG) funding for the Masterplan work, is on target to be spent by 31 March, following the public consultations. HTC and HCAG must also support and they are scheduled to attend the Full Council Meeting on 5 February to give an update on the survey responses, which will then be finalised including costings.

We have been notified that the £10,000 grant funding for additional CCTV should be received this week, with work progressing positively.

The Maintenance Team are progressing work at the swimming pool, including the Lifeguards Hut and accessible facilities. Queries relating to the funding bid submitted to Suez for the resin surface have been answered.

Storm Goretta clean-up continues and contractors are working at the Plantation over the next few days.

- b) Meetings

### Meetings January 2026

15 January	7pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room
15 January	6.30pm	Rick Rescorla 25yr Memorial Service Meeting	The Assembly Room
16 January	1pm	Opening Ceremony	John Pollard Garden
21 January	1.30pm	Rural Affordable Housing Forum	Online
22 January	9.30am	CALC- Larger Councils Committee Meeting	St Ives TC
22 January	6.45pm	Planning and Transport Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room
22 January	7.30pm	Resource Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room
5 February	7pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room
9 February	4pm	St Ives Bay Management Group Meeting	The Assembly Room

## **FC101 POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL**

- a) To consider further information from Cornwall Council regarding a cost neutral transfer package

**It was resolved** to add this discussion to agenda item (*minute FC103 refers*) and discuss in closed session.

- b) To consider the offer of Penpol Sidings from Hayle North Quay Developments

Members discussed potential funding options to cover the cost of repairs to the bridge, which is currently closed for safety reasons. They agreed that as the current owners are in administration, CC cannot seek enforcement. However, this will change should the owners change, as they were concerned that the accompanying offer of £5,000 may not be sufficient. They were in favour of proactively securing this walkway for the benefit of the town, subject to obtaining tree reports and a survey on the bridge including costings for repair.

**It was resolved** to a) to ask Hayle North Quay Developments for an extension to the deadline in the absence of reports until after the next meeting on 5 February b) to respond to Hayle North Quay Developments that the council is minded to take on the land between Hayle Terrace and Hayle Station, known as Penpol Sidings, subject to carrying out due diligence by obtaining a Tree Survey and Civil Engineer Report.

## **FC102 TO CONSIDER GRANTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO A FORMALISED MANAGEMENT GROUP WITH THE INTENTION OF SUPPORTING THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE PARCELS OF LAND WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR AUCTION, IN PRINCIPLE**

The Clerk advised Members that the parcels of land in question are around Wilson's Pool and the Jubilee Path (HTC already owns the Black Bridge and footpath). She said that she had attended the recent meeting convened by Andrew George MP and understood that other bodies such as the RSPB were interested in different lots and that St Ives Town Council have put forward £10,000 to help secure and maintain the parcel of land at Lelant.

Members discussed whether a token amount could be offered. They concluded that there is an obligation for an auction. They agreed on the importance of supporting local groups and the Mayor invited Nick Reynolds to speak on behalf of Friends of the Towans.

Nick confirmed that this was a fantastic opportunity for the town and that he was very keen that these parcels of land are secured for the local wildlife and habitat. Friends of the Towans would be very interested in securing them with some financial assistance from the council, confirming that the Trustees would ringfence any money awarded for ongoing maintenance. He added that if successful, there were educational possibilities and the group could potentially hire a ranger and apply for grants. He thanked the council for its support.

Members discussed the annual grant already awarded to Friends of the Towans, and agreed that this could potentially be increased, or a separate budget be created to support interested local groups secure the parcels of land.

**It was resolved** to establish a budget head to provide financial support to help local conservation bodies secure and maintain the parcels of land, should the sites be obtained via auction.

The following agenda item was considered excluding the press and public, agenda Item 16 a) and 18, (*confidential minutes FC103 and FC104 refer*).

**FC103 POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL**

- a) To consider further information from Cornwall Council regarding a cost neutral transfer package

**FC104 TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED STAFF STRUCTURE AND ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY COUNCIL HR AND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT**

**It was resolved** to re-admit the press and public.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

**Town Mayor .....**

**Date .....**