



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 5 February 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors E. Brown, B. Capper, T. Carey (Deputy Mayor), R. Heard, J. Martin (Mayor), L. Pascoe, S. Rees, T. Smitheram, V. Tan

ALSO PRESENT

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

7.00PM MEETING COMMENCED

FC105 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Clerk was pleased to share the news that the Facilities and Contracts Manager had been successful in an application to SUEZ for grant funding to resurface the swimming pool surround in resin. Just under £38,000 had been awarded; however, the Council may need to contribute additional funding to complete the works.

The improvements would complement the revised lifeguard hut, accessible facilities and the new hoist, together contributing to a significantly revitalised swimming pool facility.

FC106 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Nannes.

FC107 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.

FC108 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

FC109 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

There were no relevant items on the agenda.

FC110 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (lasting up to 15 minutes in total)

Robin Phillips spoke regarding agenda item 9(b) (*minute FC115 refers*). He discussed the potential location for an outdoor gym and the relevant regulations, advising Members that, in his opinion, the King George V Memorial Walk (KGV MW) would not be a suitable location. He instead indicated an area known as “Black Wall” as being more appropriate. He also reported that he had discussed the proposal with health officials, who supported the benefits an outdoor gym would bring to the community.

FC111 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 15 JANUARY 2026

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 15 January 2026 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

FC112 COMMITTEES

- a) **Minutes For Approval:**
 - i) Planning and Transport Committee Meeting 22 January 2026

It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Resource Committee Meeting on 22 January 2026 so that actions could be carried out.

- ii) Resource Committee Meeting 22 January 2026

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

There were none.

FC113 REPORTS RELATING TO OR FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS/PROJECTS

- a) Library Manager’s Report

The Library Manager’s Report was NOTED with thanks to the staff (*See attached Appendix A*)

- b) To receive an update from Mei Loci on the Masterplan progress work, including survey responses and proposals

This item was DEFERRED until later in the agenda due to travel disruption. (*minute FC115 refers*)

FC114 GUEST PRESENTATION: FRANCESCA PETERSON, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LEAD COORDINATOR

Francesca Peterson addressed members and opened with three questions: who had heard of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), who had a historic memory of it, and how many were currently active members. She explained that NHW was introduced to the UK in the 1980s from the USA, where it was known as Homewatch. The scheme covers issues such as car crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and neighbourliness, and remains Britain's largest voluntary organisation with approximately 90,000 members.

St Erth has traditionally been a close-knit village, with two churches, a school, a pub and a shop, where residents knew one another and looked out for each other. This began to change during the pandemic, when many houses were put up for sale and new housing estates were built, developments that were not universally welcomed.

Over the past 12 months, the village has experienced a significant increase in anti-social behaviour, including graffiti, vandalism, disturbances, dog fouling, littering, speeding motorbikes and drug use. Following vandalism at the new amenity nature reserve, the St Erth Residents' Association was revitalised and a Neighbourhood Watch scheme was established. She described the "broken window" theory, that if damage is left this can lead to greater criminality.

Funding for the scheme was secured through the Community Chest Fund, obtained by Cornwall Councillor Martin, along with a donation from Hayle Pump. The scheme has been working well, and the involvement of PC Magurean has acted as a strong deterrent to ASB. NHW members are able to contact him directly, and he has good knowledge of local hotspots.

Local successes to date include a Speedwatch campaign, an anti-dog fouling initiative, and plans to establish a local police community event.

Francesca agreed to attend a meeting of Hayle Community Action Group (HCAG) and give a similar presentation and be involved in the reinstatement of the Community Safety Plan.

FC115 REPORTS RELATING TO OR FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS/PROJECTS

- b) To receive an update from Mei Loci on the Masterplan progress work, including survey responses and proposals

Graham Prentice introduced himself as the Landscape Architect working for Mei Loci, commissioned by Hayle Town Council (HTC) and HCAG to develop and implement the Masterplan that emerged from earlier visioning work. HCAG had led the decision to focus on the Recreation Ground and the KGVMW as priority projects, following group and Cornwall Council workshops, and as both sites are in the ownership of HTC.

He advised that both sites have been subject to topographical and ecological surveys. Two days of on-site public consultations have been held, alongside an online survey, and workshops have also taken place with HTC maintenance and gardening staff. Options have been analysed for specialist play schemes, a pump track and skate structures, and advice has been sought regarding any potential planning permission requirements.

The existing planting along the KGVMW walk has been surveyed, and a planting palette has been designed to reinvigorate future planting schemes.

The Clerk reminded Members that this work needs to be completed by the end of March in order to utilise the rest of Vitality Grant funding. Mei Loci will be invited back to the Full Council meeting on 5 March for the plans to be considered and approved.

FC116 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (NB representatives of the relevant organisations may be in attendance to present their report and receive questions)

a) Hayle Harbour Update

The Harbourmaster's report was **NOTED**, having been received and circulated in advance of the meeting (*See attached Appendix B*).

The North Quay Development Team update was **NOTED**, having been received and circulated in advance of the meeting (*See attached Appendix C*).

The Mayor advised that Hayle Town Council had commissioned a Tree Survey and a Structural Report on the land at Penpol Sidings, which had been considered at the previous Extraordinary Meeting. He outlined the figures for the high- and medium-priority works required to the bridge and asked whether the lenders could be approached to request that the offer of £5,000, to accompany the transfer of the land, be amended to reflect the estimated repair and ongoing costs of approximately £70,000–£90,000 identified in the report.

Adam Gaymer, Founder and Director of Arpenteur, asked whether the structural report could be shared. He agreed to speak with the administrators and report back to the Council.

He also asked whether Members would agree to meet more frequently to receive updates from the development team, explaining that further planning applications were due to be submitted and would include elements of community benefit.

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

Following a discussion regarding transparency and the importance of keeping discussions in the public domain, it was agreed that, as the reports could be shared at Full Council meetings, there would be no issue.

It was resolved to add a standing item to the agenda of the Planning and Transport Committee meetings to receive updates on meetings between the North Quay Development Team and Hayle Town Council.

FC117 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve the budget in the sum of £1,224,620 for 2026-27

It was resolved to approve the budget in the sum of £1,224,620 for 2026-27.

b) To approve the precept requirement in the sum of £1,101,935 for 2026-27

It was resolved to approve the precept requirement in the sum of £1,101,935 for 2026-27 as listed on Appendix D.

c) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for December 2025

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for December 2025 as listed on Appendix E.

d) To approve the Bank Reconciliation for December 2025

It was resolved to approve the Bank Reconciliation for December 2025 as listed on Appendix F.

e) To note the Budget position, as of December 2025

It was resolved to note the Budget position, as of December 2025 as listed on Appendix G.

FC118 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST, AND TO APPOINT A TOWN COUNCILLOR TO JOIN THE TRUSTEE COMMITTEE AT PASSMORE EDWARDS INSTITUTE, IF APPLICABLE

It was resolved to appoint Councillor Smitheram to join the Trustee Committee at the Passmore Edwards Institute, potentially as an appointee and subject to due diligence in respect of any conflict of interest.

FC119 CONSULTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

a) Cornwall Council Consultation: PSPO Renewal (Alcohol Consumption in Public (Places) 2026

Members NOTED the Cornwall Council Consultation: PSPO Renewal (Alcohol Consumption in Public (Places) 2026 and asked if the new housing estates could be included.

b) To consider the request that the Ukrainian flag be flown to mark the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February

Members were in agreement with the request but asked that as the Ukrainian flag has similar colours to the HTC flag, an educational social media campaign is required around the same time.

It was resolved to approve the request for the Ukrainian flag be flown to mark the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February.

c) To consider concern raised by Bodriggy Patient Participation Group regarding the bus service and the internet provision to the Surgery and agree actions, if appropriate

It was resolved to write in support of Bodriggy Patient Participation Group regarding the bus service.

- d) To consider correspondence received from the Trustees of the Passmore Edwards Institute regarding weather-related damage to the building and agree actions, if appropriate

Councillor Carey shared photographs showing the condition of the roof, taken during a visit carried out at no cost to the Trustees in order to estimate the repairs required. He reported evidence of previous repairs and missing pointing, which were allowing water ingress, rather than defects in the roof covering itself.

He advised that the estimated costs were between £22,000–£32,000 for scaffolding and external repairs, and approximately £15,000–£20,000 for internal repairs.

The Clerk clarified that the Trustees were seeking advice and support, as the organisation was experiencing financial difficulties. Hayle Town Council has previously awarded grants to assist with obtaining professional reports relating to repairs to the building.

The Trustees have also contacted Perran Moon MP and Cornwall Council Councillors for advice and have been directed to approach Cornwall Council and Historic England regarding potential grant funding opportunities.

FC120 CLERKS REPORT/UPDATES/PROJECTS/MEETINGS

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

The Clerk had provided an update on the Swimming Pool project at the beginning of the meeting. An update on the Masterplan work had also been given by Graham Prentice (*Minute FC115(b) refers*).

She explained that feasibility work is progressing using TRIP funding for the Civic and Community Hub project and that, together with the external funding specialist, further funding opportunities are now being explored, including CIL and the Library Fund.

- b) Meetings

Meetings February 2026

5 February	7pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room
9 February	4pm	St Ives Bay Management Group Meeting POSTPONED, SEE BELOW	The Assembly Room
11 February	6.30pm	Hayle Community Action Group (HCAG)	The Passmore Edwards Institute
19 February	6.45pm	Planning and Transport Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room

19 February	7.30pm	Amenities Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room
5 March	7pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room
23 March	4pm	St Ives Bay Management Group Meeting	The Assembly Room
14 May		Annual Council Meeting	14 May

FC120 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE STAFF EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY COUNCIL HR AND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT FOLLOWING THE ADOPTED REVIEW OF THE STAFF STRUCTURE

DEFERRED.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Town Mayor

Date