



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

### AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre, on Thursday 19 March 2026 at 7.30pm.

#### **PRESENT**

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

Facilities and Contracts Manager B. Walters  
Deputy Clerk M. Costello

#### **7.30PM MEETING COMMENCED**

#### **AM48 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown and Ninnes.

#### **AM49 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

#### **AM50 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS**

There were no relevant agenda items.

#### **AM51 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 19 FEBRUARY 2026**

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes of 19 February 2025 and be taken as a true and accurate record with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

#### **AM52 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Limited to 15 minutes maximum and agenda items only)**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **AM53 SWIMMING POOL**

- a) To receive an update on the refurbishment progress

The Facilities and Contracts Manager provided a verbal update in which he informed Members that diggers were currently on site carrying out groundworks in preparation for the recycled resin surface surrounding the pool, due to be laid at the end of the following week. The Maintenance Officers have finished the Lifeguard building which is looking really good and the disabled changing facility is nearly finished. He was pleased to inform Members that

Cornwall Planning Group had donated some money which had been used to purchase 4 new picnic benches and that everything should be complete by mid April. Finally, he explained that he is currently working on the new website and booking system ready to go live on 23 May.

Members congratulated the Facilities and Contracts Manager and team.

- b) To consider the proposal and quotes to replace the perimeter fence, and agree next actions if appropriate

The Facilities and Contracts Manager recommended that 62 metres of fence need replacing following the damage caused by Storm Goretta. The three quotes he had obtained were displayed on the projector. Members opted for the cheapest option, time dependent.

**It was resolved** to accept quote 1: Fal Fencing, with the proviso that the works must be completed by the end of April. Should the timeframe not be confirmed, to offer to either of the other firms who had supplied a quote, as the timescale is most important deciding factor.

- c) To note the management arrangements for the swimming pool season 2026

The Facilities and Contracts Manager had prepared a report which included this season's proposed opening times and recommendations for the Lifeguard's hourly rate.

Opening Times:

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May = 9 days  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June = 2 days  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June = 2 days  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June = 2 days  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> = 72 days  
Total 87 Days

**It was resolved** to approve the swimming pool opening times and the recommended hourly rates for Lifeguards (SP4) and Head Lifeguard (SP6).

#### **AM54 KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL WALK**

- a) To receive an update on the potential landslip

The Facilities and Contracts Manager advised that there were ongoing discussions with Cornwall Council regarding responsibility and that an email had been received just prior to the meeting. He summarised this by quoting the Highway & Environment Contracts Manager agreeing that responsibilities have been unclear and advising of a formal hand back of King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW) to Hayle Town Council (HTC) within 10 days. Responsibilities for Clifton Terrace itself are clear: it is adopted highway and is maintained by CC. Responsibility for the parking spaces and the land between Clifton Terrace and the slope is not clear. Neither CC nor HTC owns this land; there is no proven owner. Following discussion with residents, CC intend to install a post-and-rail fence in this area to reduce loading on the slope from parked vehicles and to reduce general risk. These works will be undertaken without prejudice to ownership. Area in the middle – The slope itself is also not the responsibility of CC or HTC, and again there is no proven owner. CC does hold some statutory powers, but they are discretionary and can only be used when it is expedient and in the wider

public interest.

Members were in agreement that HTC would not accept the hand over at this time. They agreed that Ward Members should be contacted and residents of Clifton Terrace should be alerted to the risks.

**It was resolved** to seek legal advice regarding the proposed hand back of KGVMW.

b) Greenhouse repair update

The Facilities and Contracts Manager reported that the structure has been made safe by boarding up the defective windows and rooflight. He consulted the Cornwall Planning Group, who advised that planning permission would be required for a replacement structure. They provided a quotation of approximately £6,000 in professional fees to prepare drawings and structural calculations. The estimated cost of constructing a new structure is between £20,000 and £30,000.

Alternatively, a quotation of approximately £6,000 has been obtained for repairs to the existing greenhouse. The Facilities and Contracts Manager recommended proceeding with this lower-cost option, noting that an additional £2,500 would be required to repaint the whole greenhouse to bring up to the required standard.

**It was resolved** to accept the recommendation to repair the existing greenhouse and to add a budget head next year to set aside money for future repairs.

**AM55 TO CONSIDER WEED MANAGEMENT OPTIONS AND AGREE NEXT ACTIONS**

The Facilities and Contracts Manager had circulated a report outlining the current agreement with Cormac Solutions and the available options for weed management across HTC sites. Members agreed to adopt the Integrated Weed Management Plan, which recommended use of a low-concentration chemical applied via an inconspicuous handheld applicator during early growth stages. This approach will target only those weeds that cannot be removed by hand or with tools. Treating plants before flowering reduces the risk to pollinators and minimises any visible impact of chemical use. The method has been devised and approved by Cormac's ecologist and will be applied as discreetly and sparingly as possible.

**It was resolved** to choose an Integrated Weed Management Plan.

**AM56 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

To be confirmed.

The Deputy Clerk advised that the date of the next scheduled meeting would need to be changed due to the Annual Council Meeting now being held on Thursday 21 May.

The meeting closed at 8.21pm.

**Committee Chair** .....

**Date** .....

DRAFT