



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2026

Minutes of the Annual Hayle Town Council Meeting held at Hayle Day Care Centre, Hayle, commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors E. Brown, F. Buckland, B. Capper, T. Crockett, M. Dobson, R. Heard, J. Martin, C. Muskett, R. Muskett, J. Ninnes, L. Pascoe, S. Rees, T. Smitheram and V. Tan

Town Clerk E Giggall-Hollis
Deputy Clerk M Costello

Approximately 80 invited guests.

The Clerk gave a short Health and Safety speech, identifying emergency exits to those present and then asked the company to stand while the Mayoral Party entered the room.

7.30PM THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED

ACM1 TO ELECT THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2026-2027

The Clerk invited Councillor Heard to nominate a councillor for Hayle Town Mayor. She nominated Councillor Martin giving a short speech as follows:

“It’s a privilege and a pleasure to stand before you today to propose that Councillor Jeremy Martin continues in office for the coming year as Mayor of Hayle.

Jeremy has demonstrated a deep and genuine commitment to this town. Having grown up in Hayle, his connection to the community is personal, meaningful, and enduring. He understands our town not simply as a place on a map, but as a living, thriving community shaped by its people, its history, and its future aspirations.

Over the past year, he has dedicated an immense amount of time and energy to ensuring that Hayle continues to grow and prosper. His approach has always been thoughtful and considered, with a clear focus on what is best for the town as a whole. Whether engaging with local residents, supporting community initiatives, or working to represent Hayle at a wider level, he consistently demonstrates integrity, openness, and a strong sense of responsibility.

He has worked tirelessly to listen to concerns, champion opportunities, and ensure that decisions are made with the long-term interests of the town in mind. His willingness to give his time so generously, often behind the scenes, speaks volumes about his dedication.

In a role that demands both commitment and care, he has shown himself to be not only capable but deeply invested in the wellbeing of our community. Continuity in leadership is vital, and I have every confidence that by continuing in this role, he will build on the strong foundations already laid.

For these reasons, and with great respect and admiration, I am proud to propose that he continues to serve as Mayor for the next year”.

This was seconded by Councillor Ninnes who spoke of Councillor Martin as a local lad with a deep knowledge and understanding of the town, its history, and its challenges.

As Mayor for the past 12 months, he has led the council in making decisions in the very best interests of the residents of Hayle.

I’m delighted to second the nominations of Councillor Jeremy Martin as Hayle Town Mayor for the year 2026 – 2027.

There were no other nominations, and **it was resolved** unanimously that Councillor Martin be elected Hayle Town Mayor for the year 2026/2027.

ACM2 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR’S ADDRESS, INCLUDING THE STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE & CONFIRMATION OF CONSORT

The Clerk placed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which included an undertaking to abide by the council’s adopted Code of Conduct, in front of the Mayor who read and signed it before passing it back to the Clerk for her signature (*See attached Appendix A*).

The Mayor announced that his consort would be his wife, Tracy Martin, and gave his acceptance speech (*See attached Appendix B*).

ACM3 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2026/2027

The Clerk invited Councillor Smitheram to nominate a councillor for the role of Hayle Deputy Town Mayor. Councillor Smitheram proposed Councillor Rees, commending her to the Council in a short speech. He expressed his pleasure in nominating Councillor Rees and acknowledged the considerable amount of work she undertakes for the Church and at the Recreation Ground. He also noted that she was among the first to offer assistance to the Old Cornwall Society in preparation for the upcoming 25th anniversary memorial event for Rick Rescorla.

The nomination was seconded by Councillor Martin who said:

Since joining the Council, Councillor Rees has joined many community groups, from Rec Youth to Sustainable Hayle. Pushing Hayle Community Action Group forward or giving lessons on cooking meals from scratch to help others. All alongside being very active in the Council. Therefore, it gives me enormous pleasure to second the proposal.

There were no other nominations, and **it was resolved** unanimously that Councillor Rees be elected Hayle Town Deputy Mayor for the year 2026/2027.

ACM4 TO RECEIVE THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S ADDRESS, INCLUDING THE STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE & CONFIRMATION OF CONSORT

The Clerk placed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which included an undertaking to abide by the council's adopted Code of Conduct, in front of the Deputy Mayor who read and signed it before passing it back to the clerk for her signature (*see Appendix C*).

The Deputy Mayor addressed those present:

"Thank you, Mr Mayor, and thank you to colleagues for the nomination and the very kind words. I am honoured to accept the role of Deputy Mayor of Hayle and grateful for the confidence placed in me. Hayle is a town shaped by its working harbour and industrial heritage, but sustained by a strong, inter-generational community. I look forward to supporting the Mayor and this Council in creating opportunities, equipping our young people for the future, and working together to build a sustainable future for Hayle one that respects our past while preparing confidently for what lies ahead. Thank you very much".

ACM5 TO PRESENT THE MAYOR'S ANNUAL AWARDS

The Mayor began by presenting replica trophies to the previous winners:

Organisation of the Year 2025: Hayle Youth Project
Citizen of the Year 2025: Nick Reynolds
Young Person of the Year 2025: Elsie Berriman

Moving to the current year's awards, the Mayor choose:

Organisation of the Year 2026: Hayle Cricket Club

The club plays an important role in developing their sport in the town, providing opportunities for people of all ages, male & female, to get involved and providing coaching for up to 100 youth members. They not only have a first and second team, but a third as well.

The club also deserves enormous credit for the community events and activities it organises throughout the year, the Easter duck race and Fireworks show in November.

This year they have shown how resilient they are too, after an electrical surge created a fire in club house during Storm Goretti, key members of the club got stuck in to raise

awareness in the press and looking at how they would get the club house back in a fit state.

The Mayor presented the award to Mr Chris Lello representing Hayle Cricket Club.

Citizen of the Year 2026: Angela Berry

Hayle in Bloom makes our town look fantastic, year after year and always win many awards at the South West in Bloom.

This is only possible with their volunteers consistently putting in hours and hours of hard work.

Angela devotes many hours to cleaning, planting and maintaining the larger planters and pavement pots in Copperhouse and Copper Terrace.

I did notice that those planters in Copperhouse were still looking great well into December last year!

Last year, Angela was also awarded Community Champion at South West in Bloom.

The Mayor presented Angela Berry

Young Person of the Year 2026: Ellawyn Stephens

Ellawyn's best friend was diagnosed with a serious illness last year, Ellawyn, is a keen member of Hayle surf life saving club and decided she wanted to raise some money to help support her friend and her family.

This was entirely Ellawyn's idea and planning. She decided she was going to organize a fund-raising board paddle, swim and run.

She paddled on her surf lifesaving board 4KM from Hayle beach to Gwithian. She then swam 1.5km to Godrevy beach and then changed into her running gear and ran the 4.5km back to the start at Hayle beach.

She didn't just do this once, she did it on three consecutive days. A huge 30km over three days!

All of this was just a week after competing for three days at the national surf lifesaving championships in Weymouth.

In total Ellawyn raised just over £11,000 for her friend and her family.

The Mayor presented the award to Ellawyn Stephens

ACM6 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk read out a list of apologies.

ACM7 TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE OF THE CIVIC EVENT – 4 OCTOBER 2026

It was resolved to note the date of the Civic Event – 4 October 2026

**AMC8 TO CONFIRM THAT THE COUNCIL CONTINUES TO MEET THE
CRITERIA FOR AND TO RE-ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF
COMPETENCE**

The Clerk confirmed that the criteria continue to be met.

It was resolved to re-adopt the General Power of Competence.

ACM9 TO RE-ADOPT THE CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

It was resolved to re-adopt the Civility and Respect Pledge.

ACM10 TO NOTE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2025-26

It was resolved to note the meetings schedule for 2026/2027 (*see attached Appendix D*).

ACM11 TO NOTE THE PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

It was resolved to note the Annual Report (*see attached Appendix E*).

**ACM12 TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S CADET FOR 2026-2027 –SERGEANT
NATHAN BARR, 1900 (WEST CORNWALL) SQUADRON, ATC**

The Mayor was delighted to confirm that the Mayor's Cadet for 2026/2027 was Sergeant Nathan Barr of 1900 (West Cornwall) Squadron, ATC and awarded the certificate to Squadron Leader Simon Jose, collecting on his behalf.

**ACM13 TO ADJOURN BUSINESS TO THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING, 4
JUNE 2026**

It was resolved to adjourn business to full council on Thursday 4 June 2026.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

The Mayor then invited Councillors and guests to the Civic Reception.

Approved by the council as a true record.

Town Mayor.....Date.....