



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 4 June 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

B. Capper, T. Crockett, J. Martin (Mayor), J. Ninnes, S. Rees and T. Smitheram and V. Tan

ALSO PRESENT

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

7.00PM MEETING COMMENCED

The Mayor reminded Members to raise their hand if they wish to speak.

FC1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor displayed a small statue and book that had been presented as gifts following the Twinning Association's visit to Pordic in May.

He was pleased to report that, together with the Deputy Mayor, he had attended a number of Mayor Choosing Ceremonies, including those held in Marazion, St Austell, Truro, Penzance and St Ives. They are also looking forward to attending future civic events.

FC2 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor's Buckland, Dobson, Heard, C and R Muskett and Pascoe.

FC3 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY RECEIVED OVER THE VAUE OF £50 (FROM A SINGLE SOURCE OVER THE COURSE OF 1 YEAR)

There were none.

FC4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

FC5 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

There were no relevant items on the agenda.

FC6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Limited to 15 minutes maximum and agenda items only)

There was no one present.

FC7 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- a) Full Council Meeting 7 May 2026

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 7 May 2026 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

- b) Annual Council 21 May 2026

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting on 21 May 2026 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

FC8 COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a) **To receive and consider the draft minutes of Committee meetings as reports:**
 - i) Planning and Transport Committee Meeting 14 May 2026

It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee Meeting on 14 May 2026 so that actions may be carried out.

- b) **Recommendations following the meetings requiring Full Council decision**

There were none.

FC9 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER UPDATES AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICERS, GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS (NB representatives of the relevant organisations may be in attendance to present their report and receive questions)

- a) Hayle Harbour

The Mayor queried the report, dated May, see attached Appendix A, it was agreed to contact the Harbour Office to see if a duplication had been made,

- b) North Quay Development Team

There were no representatives of Hayle North Quay present. An update had been circulated prior to the meeting, see attached Appendix B. No questions were raised and the report was noted.

c) Councillor Representatives on Committees and Outside Bodies

Councillor Tan spoke in his capacity as a member of the Twinning Association. He provided a brief history of the association, which was established in 1997 at the initiative of the then Mayor, Charlie Allen. The twinning arrangement began through rugby exchanges between Hayle and Pordic and has gradually evolved into annual reciprocal visits between the two towns, usually taking place each May. The association's aim is to foster friendship, understanding and respect for each other's culture and values.

He explained that each visit is organised and funded by the visiting group, including transport and travel costs. Once in the host town, accommodation, meals, visits and events are provided by local hosts. During the Association's visit to Pordic in May, members were welcomed by the Mayor of Pordic and the Chair of the Pordic Twinning Association. Councillor Tan reported that he had delivered the Mayor's speech in French. The visit also included a reception, social events, visits to local attractions, weekly markets, a picnic, and visits to a museum, nursing home and school. He added that there are hopes of establishing links between schools in Pordic and Hayle.

Councillor Tan advised that membership of the Association has declined since the Covid-19 pandemic and that new members are actively being sought. He encouraged volunteers to come forward to host visiting members and assist in promoting the Association's activities.

Finally, Councillor Tan reported that some members of the Association felt undervalued by the Council and had indicated that they did not always receive invitations to civic events. In response, the Clerk advised that the Association has been, and continues to be, invited to such events.

Councillor Rees, speaking as a member of Sustainable Hayle, informed Members of the group's recent activities, including a "Soil Rave" event. She was pleased to report that the forthcoming screening of *People's Emergency Briefing* at Hayle Cricket Club had sold out. The screening would be followed by a number of discussion groups to enable attendees to explore the issues raised in greater detail.

d) Town Clerk – to update officers' progress on projects and decisions of the Council

The Clerk had prepared a written report which was displayed on the projector, see attached Appendix C.

FC10 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for April 2026

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for April 2026 as listed on Appendix D.

b) To approve the Bank Reconciliation for April 2026

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Appendix E.

- c) To note the Budget position, as of April 2026

It was resolved to note the Budget position, as of April 2026 as listed on Appendix F.

- d) Annual Governance Accountability Return (AGAR)
 - i) To read out, approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026 (Section 1 AGAR)

It was resolved to approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026 (Section 1 AGAR).

- ii) To approve the Annual Accounting Statements and sign the Annual Return 2025/2026 (Section 2 AGAR)

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- iii) To confirm there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP (Appointed External Auditor) and sign

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- iv) To note the content of the Internal Auditor's End of Year Report for 2025/26 and to determine actions, if any

It was resolved to note the content of the Internal Auditor's End of Year Report for 2025/26 and to determine actions, if any (none).

- v) To confirm the period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations Monday 7 June 2026 to Friday 17 July 2026 inclusive

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- e) To note the Annual Community Infrastructure Levy Report 2025/2026; income of £14,817.16, expenditure of £7,083.70 and the year-end balance of £16,287.90

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- f) Internal Audit Provision
 - i) To consider the internal auditor's independence and competence and to reappoint Steve Hudson, Hudson Accounting, as the

internal auditor for 2026-2027

It was resolved to confirm the internal auditor's independence and competence and to reappoint Steve Hudson, Hudson Accounting, as the internal auditor for 2026-2027.

- ii) To note the letter of engagement for Internal Audit services between Hudson Accounting Ltd and Hayle Town Council and approve the audit proposal and associated fees for the next 3 financial years

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- g) To resolve the virement of the annual Mayors' allowance to the Rick Rescorla Memorial Day fund for 2026-27

It was resolved to approve the virement of the annual Mayors' allowance to the Rick Rescorla Memorial Day fund for 2026-27.

FC11 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

The Committee Structure and Representatives on other bodies was displayed on the projector and those Members present volunteered to fill vacancies where possible. The Clerk's office would update contact other Members to seek their preferences.

FC12 MATTERS REQUIRING NOTING, CONSIDERATION AND/OR A DECISION

Including consultations, correspondence and issues raised by councillors and/or members of the community

- a) To note the result of the recent insurance claim relating to the Millpond, following the court hearing on 30 April 2026

The Clerk reported that, following an incident at the Millpond which resulted in a claim being made against the Council, the Council's insurers and solicitors had successfully defended the case. Evidence provided by the Council's contractors, Cormac, demonstrated that the claim was invalid, and this position was subsequently upheld by the Court.

Members noted the outcome of the insurance claim relating to the Millpond following the court hearing held on 30 April 2026.

- b) To consider taking a vote of no confidence in South West Water following receipt of correspondence and raised by Councillor Martin

Members were advised that the draft letter had been received as part of a cross-party campaign established by Cornish local councillors who believe that South West Water has, over the past 36 years, failed to demonstrate that it can manage Cornwall's sewage network effectively.

Councillor Martin reported that 25 councils had already voted to support the campaign and sign the letter. Following discussion, it was agreed that the letter would be published and that details of the motion would also be shared via the Council's social media channels.

This Council notes with grave concern the systemic failure of South West Water to manage the sewage system in Cornwall. Despite record bills and government intervention, raw sewage continues to impact our environment and public health.

Therefore, **it was resolved:**

1. To formally declare a Vote of No Confidence in South West Water.
2. To sign the collective letter to the Secretary of State demanding the removal of South West Water's management through a Special Administration Order.

- c) To receive an update on the Cash UK (Banking Hub) service currently operating from the Passmore Edwards Institute – Councillor Martin

Councillor Martin informed Members that he had contacted the office manager of MP Perran Moon, Matthew Brown, to express concerns regarding Cash UK's intention to withdraw the banking hub service currently operating from the Passmore Edwards Institute.

He advised that it had since been reported that the service would continue to operate from the Institute on a temporary basis. Councillor Martin sought the Council's support in requesting that Matthew Brown open a dialogue with Cash UK with a view to securing the Institute as a permanent location for the service.

It was resolved to support the aim to secure the Passmore Edwards Institute as a permanent location for Cash UK.

- d) To consider the impact of the reduction of Pharmacy services in Hayle and consider options – Councillor Martin

Councillor Martin spoke regarding the recent closure of the Copperhouse Pharmacy which has now merged with Bodriggy Pharmacy. How customers are experiencing poor service, long queues or being turned away and parking issues.

Members discussed how the decision must have been made based on cost and has been handled abysmally, resulting in an unsatisfactory service. They considered alternative options, such as using an online service or choosing an alternative location

It was resolved to write to the owners, asking for an explanation regarding the closure of Copperhouse Pharmacy, explaining the impact caused and how they will improve the current service for the people of Hayle.

- e) To note receipt of the Notice under section 27 of the Landlord and Tenant Act from Cornwall Council in relation to King George V Memorial Walk and the subsequent actions of the Clerk

The Clerk provided background information regarding King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW). She explained that HTC owns the site but had leased the walk, together with several other areas, to Cornwall Council (CC), originally through Penwith District Council before the lease transferred to CC in 2013.

Following the commencement of devolution arrangements for some sites, CC approached HTC to indicate that it did not wish to renew the lease. KGVMW was the last site remaining under the lease. However, the first landslip occurred, followed by further incidents, with the most recent significant landslip taking place in 2018.

The Clerk advised that Cornwall Councillors at the time had lobbied at county level on behalf of HTC and that CC had never pressed the issue of transferring responsibility back to HTC, as efforts were being made to identify solutions to stabilise the bank. These included potential re-vegetation of the slope, improvements to drainage, and addressing unofficial parking at Clifton Terrace, where some residents have claimed rights over the land.

CC installed its own safety barriers at the site and is now seeking to withdraw from any responsibility for the area. HTC has consistently maintained that it is not prepared to take the land back until the outstanding issues have been resolved. Historically, HTC has undertaken tree management works and addressed previous landslips. The Clerk reported that CC now maintains that the slope is effectively “no man's land” and intends to hand KGVMW back to HTC.

The first recent crack appeared in March and was reported to the Amenities Committee. The Committee authorised the Clerk to seek legal advice to investigate whether the Council could require CC to resolve the outstanding issues. The Clerk confirmed that legal costs incurred to date amount to £2,500 for the initial report. The Clerk informed Members that she would not enter into any further correspondence with Cornwall Council officers regarding this matter.

The receipt of the Notice under section 27 of the Landlord and Tenant Act from Cornwall Council in relation to King George V Memorial Walk and the subsequent actions of the Clerk was noted.

f) Dates of forthcoming meetings, events and training opportunities

Meetings June 2026

04/06/26	7pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room
05/06/26	6.30pm	People’s Emergency Briefing	Hayle Cricket Club
16/06/26	Pm	Visit from the Strategic Director of Community and Wellbeing (Localism) to Hayle – Clerk to	

		give tour and briefing on key issues and projects	
17/06/26	7pm- 8.30pm	Penwith CAP Police Liaison	Teams
18/06/26	7pm	Planning and Transport Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room
18/06/26	7.30pm	Amenities Committee (Deferred from 14 May)	The Assembly Room
22/06/26	4.00pm	CAP Children and Young People Working Goup	*Teams
20/06/26		CAP Meeting	Kresen Kernow, Redruth or Teams

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Town Mayor

Date