



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 7 May 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

E. Brown, B. Capper, R. Heard, J. Martin (Mayor), C. Muskett, J. Ninnes, L. Pascoe, S. Rees and T. Smitheram.

ALSO PRESENT

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

7.00PM MEETING COMMENCED

FC151 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor reminded Councillors to confirm numbers and dietary requirements with the office for the Annual Council Meeting on 21 May, which will be held at Hayle Day Care Centre.

The Mayor also advised that the Outdoor Swimming Pool opening event will take place on Saturday 23 May; invitations will be sent out in due course.

FC152 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were none.

FC153 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.

FC154 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

FC155 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

There were no relevant items on the agenda.

FC156 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (lasting up to 15 minutes in total)

There was nobody present who wished to speak.

FC157 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- a) Full Council Meeting 9 April 2026

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 9 April 2026 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

FC158 COMMITTEES

- a) Minutes For Approval:

- i) Planning and Transport Committee Meeting 16 April 2026

An attendance error had been highlighted, which will be corrected before the minutes are presented for approval at the next meeting.

It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee Meeting on 16 April 2026 so that actions may be carried out.

- ii) Resource Committee Meeting 23 April 2026

It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting on 23 April 2026 so that actions may be carried out.

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

There were none.

FC159 REPORTS RELATING TO OR FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS/PROJECTS

There were none.

FC160 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (NB representatives of the relevant organisations may be in attendance to present their report and receive questions)

(Councillor Brown joined the meeting at 7.03pm).

- a) Hayle Harbour Update

The Hayle Harbour update had been circulated prior to the meeting (*See attached Appendix A*)

Peter Haddock, Harbour Master informed Members that following the recent break-in, security measures had been improved.

The Hayle Harbour update was NOTED.

Councillor Pascoe informed Members that, following the last meeting, he had met with Adam Gaymer of Arpenteur, Hayle North Quay, together with Lee Carter and other fishermen, to discuss concerns regarding the Fishermen's Quay area. He was pleased to report that all parties appeared satisfied and supportive of the proposals.

The Hayle North Quay update had been circulated prior to the meeting (*See attached Appendix B*).

Adam Gaymer also commented on the recent break-ins at the site. He confirmed that the recent planning application for Zone 1B had been approved and thanked Members for their support. He advised that forthcoming applications for Zones 2, 3 and 6 would include proposals for Zone 10, involving amendments to the design code to provide more family-friendly two, three and four-bedroom housing, and invited any questions from Members.

He further advised that demolition work had commenced to make way for the spine road. He was also pleased to report that all 12 apartments at Chy Kober had now been let to local residents. In addition, he noted that Gilbert's was performing well with the additional seating provision.

Mr Gaymer advised that he had met with the Gig Club and Hayle Surf Life Saving Club and would be meeting with the Canoe Club the following day to discuss proposals for a permanent base, which now had support from the bank.

He explained that the Fishermen's Quay area had been tracked for clear entry and exit and confirmed the Mayor's query regarding Cornwall Council's (CC) involvement in the planning process for this area.

Sarah Wardle of Cavendish Consulting informed Members that they had supported a litter-picking initiative at Gilbert's, whereby participants using the equipment to help tidy the beach would be entered into a prize draw or offered a complimentary soft drink.

The Mayor allowed Annette Eatock, of Sustainable Hayle to ask about signage at the Harvey's [Towans car park, as there was concern over pedestrians causing further erosion.

Sarah agreed that signage could be installed, while CC is consulted along with the South West Coast Path Association. There are designated walkways being created around Gilberts.

The Hayle North Quay update was NOTED.

- (i) To note the communication from Matthew Brown of Cornwall Council re. the awarding of £300,000 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding to the owners of North Quay company

Councillor Rees said that she was confused as to how Community benefit is going to a multi national company. She quoted CC's own publicity, that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is for supporting Community and not for profit organisations with funds of between £20,000 and £100,000, which begs the question why a private harbour company has received £300,000, albeit with their own match funding.

The Mayor said that he was interested in understanding the legal basis for awarding CIL to a

private company.

He quoted Cornwall Council's own CIL fund publicity, which describes the fund as supporting community groups, town/parish councils and not-for-profit organisations, with awards generally between £20,000 and £100,000 in the current round.

If a private harbour company has received £300,000, Cornwall Council should be able to explain:

- Why this recipient was eligible
- Why £300,000 was justified when normal public-facing CIL grants appear capped much lower
- What public asset, right of access, or infrastructure output the public receives in return, above and beyond that which it previously had

Given the likely questions people might have for Cornwall Council and the fact that so many had applied, I would expect them to talk us through

- The full CIL application for this case
- The scoring matrix and decision report
- The legal basis for awarding CIL to a private company

The Mayor ended by explaining that he is pleased that action will be taken to repair the harbour wall, just disappointed by the mechanism.

- b) To consider the above and agree any actions if any

It was resolved to write to CC, requesting their attendance at a meeting with the council, in order to explain and respond to the questions that have been raised.

FC161 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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

- b) To approve the Bank Reconciliation for March 2026

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

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

FC162 CONSULTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Consultation: Cornwall Council – Draft Seascape Character Appraisal

It was resolved to respond individually.

(Councillor Brown left the meeting 7.20pm).

b) Consultation: Cornwall Council regarding the use of Glyphosate on Public Realm Areas and to consider other related correspondence

Councillor Rees informed Members that she had contacted CC Highways and South West Water to enquire where the water from the town's drains ultimately discharges. She was advised that it drains into Copperhouse Pool. She noted that this area is a special and unique environment, designated both as an RSPB Nature Reserve and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). While there is no specific information available regarding the effects of compound pollution in this context, she expressed concern that such pollution could only have a negative impact on local wildlife and biodiversity.

The Clerk displayed on the projector a letter that had just been received from CC regarding weed management in Public Realm areas. The letter outlined CC's intention to withdraw the use of chemical treatments until a sustainable alternative can be developed. It referred specifically to CC's own planned weed treatment programme for the current year and clarified that Town and Parish Councils are not prevented from continuing with their existing weed treatment contracts and arrangements.

She explained that Hayle Town Council (HTC) has a contract with CORMAC which includes footpaths and weed management of certain streets/public realm areas.. HTC has adopted a weed management strategy for its sites and has agreed to use a thermal lance, with the use of Glyphosate restricted to pathways or carefully administered areas where essential, such as for the treatment of Japanese Knotweed.

Members discussed ideas such as encouraging residents to take pride in their own streets through community civic pride days and litter-picking events. They agreed that this could be a project for the new staff members to promote.

Annette Eatock, of Sustainable Hayle, informed Members that this issue had been discussed nationally, as the licence for Glyphosate is due for renewal in December. She noted that it has already been banned in many European countries.

It was agreed to consider adding a review of the services that HTC pays CC to a future agenda and also to review the weed management strategy in the next Amenities Committee meeting.

It was resolved to NOTE and thank CC for their retraction, and to strongly advocate that they seek alternative methods in collaboration with the CC Nature Recovery Team.

(Councillor Brown returned to the meeting at 7.41pm).

**FC163 TO ELECT THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR DESIGNATE FOR
2026/2027**

It was unanimously resolved to elect Councillor Jeremy Martin as Mayor Designate and Councillor Sarah Rees as Deputy Mayor Designate.

**FC164 TO REVIEW THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND LIST OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES IN PREPARATION FOR
ANNUAL COUNCIL**

Members agreed to keep the current Committee Structure and List of Representatives on other Bodies as it is until the newly co-opted Councillors have been consulted.

FC165 TO CONFIRM THE DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2026/2027

It was agreed that meetings should commence at 7pm.

FC166 CLERKS REPORT/UPDATES/PROJECTS/MEETINGS

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

The Clerk reported that the whole team has worked really hard to complete the refurbishment and new website in time for the opening of Outdoor Swimming Pool on the 23 May. She invited Members to attend the official opening.

Hayle Community Action Group had adopted the Masterplan and submitted the final claim for release of the Vitality Funding of £50,000 to cover the cost of the process. A meeting with Mei Loci had been held to identify funding and delivery opportunities. They are confident in progressing the work with the help of additional officers and are keen to support the whole project.

The final claim has been submitted for the new CCTV cameras.

Other projects include preparations for the Rick Rescorla Memorial Day, which would be supported by the new Events Officer. Councillor Smitheram thanked all officers for their help with this project.

- b) To note and retrospectively approve of the changes to the contracted hours for the Communications and Engagement Officer and the Reception and Administration Officer roles.

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- d) To note that, although a petition was submitted to Cornwall Council to trigger a by-election for the vacant Central Ward seat, no candidates came forward and the process will therefore be re-run.

The Clerk informed Members that an election was forced for the seat in the Central Ward. This was due to 10 members of the public residing in that Ward requesting an election. Subsequently, no one put forward their name to stand. She explained that this process is not only time consuming for the council but comes at a cost. The vacant seat will be advertised once again, in due course.

It was resolved to NOTE that despite a petition for a by-election, no candidates came forward and the process will therefore be re-run.

e) Meetings

Meetings May 2026

7 May	6.30pm	Extraordinary Meeting	The Assembly Room
7 May	7pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room
14 May	6.45pm	Planning and Transport Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room
14 May	7.30pm	Amenities Committee DEFERRED (18 June)	The Assembly Room
19 May	10am -1pm	Shortlisting for Reception Vacancy Personnel, Mayor	The Assembly Room
21 May	7.30pm	Annual Council and Mayor Choosing	Hayle Day Care Centre
27 May	TBC	Interviews for Reception Vacancy Personnel, Mayor	The Assembly Room

The Clerk asked if Members of the Personnel Committee were available to assist with shortlisting for the current vacancy of Reception and Administration Officer and also Interviews to comply with HTC Recruitment Policy.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Town Mayor

Date