



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2020

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 5 March 2020 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor	C Polkinghorne (Mayor)
Councillors	S Benney, B Capper, G Coad, D Cocks, S Johnson, A Rance, A Roden, B Mims, and J Pollard
Facilities Manager	P Drew
Acting Asst. Clerk	M Costello

7.15 PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Karen Seagrove introduced herself and her mother, explaining that she was acting as executor for her late father. She told councillors that she had brought a copy of the deeds to their property which included the land at Parc-an-Dix which is on the agenda for discussion later. She hoped that as she had proof of legal ownership no further action would be taken by Hayle Town Council (HTC) to consider registering the this land.

John Bennett spoke next to display maps that showed the piece of land as unregistered but deeded to HTC under two transfers of ownership in 1936.

Karen Seagrove responded to this by expressing her surprise that no one had thought to consult her family who had deeds of ownership dating back to 1868.

The Mayor thanked them for speaking and agreed to move the agenda item forward to allow the Seagrove's to leave the meeting early.

7. 22 PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

191 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Mayor informed councillors that the Facilities Manager has completed an excellent risk assessment on the impact of COVID-19. He explained that hand dispensers of 60% alcohol had been installed in the public areas of the Community Centre and Library.

The Mayor further explained that the Clerk was signed off sick until the middle of the next week.

192 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Farrar and Nidds.

193 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

194 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 20 FEBRUARY 2020 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING 30 JANUARY 2020

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 20 February 2020 and the Special Meeting 30 January 2020 be taken as a true and accurate record, the mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

195 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 20 FEBRUARY 2020

There were no matters raised.

196 TO RECEIVE A GENERAL UPDATE FROM TRI-SERVICE SAFETY OFFICER ADRIAN HART

This item has been postponed to a later date due to the Tri-Service Safety Officer not been present due to ill health.

The Mayor asked councillors to approve a change of the following agenda item to 11 b) to allow the members of the public present to hear the discussion and then leave should they wish to.

It was resolved to approve the change of agenda item.

197 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS/ INCIDENTALS

b) To consider the registration of land at the bottom of Parc-an-Dix

A copy of Ms Seagrove's deeds were circulated and the details noted by members.

It was resolved that HTC takes no action on this matter.

The Mayor proposed to return to agenda item 7

It was resolved to approve the return to agenda item 7.

198 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES FOR APPROVAL

There was nothing to report.

199 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS

Councillor's Benney and Rance told members that they had attended the most recent Hayle Climate Action Group (HCAG) and explained that the group was doing good work but may lack direction and confidence with the overwhelming task ahead.

The discussion moved on to the fact that Hayle is far down the list on recycling and that the public are not fully engaged. The fact that the recycling point is to be removed from Commercial Road car park was considered as a loss as this will increase the carbon footprint if the nearest recycling point is at St Erth.

It was resolved to write to Cornwall Council and explain that they are contradicting their Climate Action plan.

The Mayor and Councillor Rance had attended the recent Developer's Stakeholders Workshop regarding further development at Hayle Harbour as observers only.

The Mayor had also attended a Great Western Railways (GWR) Meeting at Exeter which he had found very useful and had arranged that HTC would in future receive an invitation to attend their six monthly meetings. It was felt that GWR were in breach of their contract as future timetables had not been published.

200 ACCOUNTS

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for January 2020 as listed on Appendix B

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for January 2020 as listed on Appendix B.

201 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Hayle Harbour Update
 - i) Representatives of the North Quay development team, if available, to present an update regarding North Quay

There were no representatives present, however it was reported that Lower Quay had been kept open for pedestrians but concern was raised about the gates being installed surrounding Hilltop Car Park as this would prevent the freedom to roam over the Towans and could be blocking off rights of access.

- b) Cornwall Council Update

There was nothing to report from Hayle South.

A press release had been issued about the Forest for Cornwall with planting proposals for Hayle which members were minded not to accept as they impinged on valuable open space.

It was further reported that the Marker Stone at Black Cliff had been moved by Hayle Old Cornwall Society who were to be applauded for their initiative.

- c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

There was nothing to report.

d) Cornwall Community Governance Review

The Deputy Mayor told members that he had attended on behalf of HTC, the Community Governance Review Public Meeting held in Penzance on 20 February and that he had reiterated HTC's decision. He added that no other representation had been made that impacted on Hayle, however consultation does not close until 24 March.

202 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS/

- a) To consider the letter received from a member of the public drawing attention to the condition of Wilson's Pool, Copperhouse Pool and the quantity of sand accumulating at the harbour entrance

Members discussed the details of the letter and agreed that there is indeed a massive quantity of sand but that this is not anything to do with HTC although we support his views. The council has in the past contacted the Environment Agency requesting to restrict the flow of water coming into Copperhouse Pool. This would allow more water into Wilson's Pool which is at present turning into a salt marsh. It was felt that sluicing arrangements would benefit the issue but not please the RSPB or Natural England.

- b) To consider the registration of land at the bottom of Parc-an-Dix

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting. (*see minute 197 b*))

- c) Incidentals

The list of Incidentals was displayed on the projector.

- d) Meetings

MEETINGS

MARCH 2020

09/03/2020	3pm – 7pm	Cornwall Council Drop-in session for residents of Clifton Terrace	Upstairs at the Harbour Office
16/03/2020	6.30pm	Community Network Panel	Room 7
19/03/2020	7.15pm	Full Council Meeting	Assembly Room

The table of Meetings was displayed on the projector.

The Mayor proposed an emergency agenda item to be added to the agenda for discussion, the decision to be ratified at the next full council meeting.

It was resolved to exclude the press and public for the following item, in accordance with Standing Order 1c, due to the confidential nature of the business.

Concern was raised that since Councillor Marks had resigned, the Personnel Committee had been left with only two members and therefore not quorate and unable to hold meetings or make decisions.

It was explained that following advice from the Cornwall Association of Local Clerks (CALC) it would be possible to appoint a temporary member of the Committee, further to this the recommendation was to increase Committee members to five at the forthcoming Annual Council and to appoint two nominees as reserves.

It was resolved to appoint Councillor Pollard as the temporary Personnel Committee member, the decision to be ratified at the next full council meeting.

It was resolved to re-admit the press and public at this point.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 19 March 2020

Town Mayor

Date