



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2026

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre, on Thursday 18 June 2026 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors E. Brown, T. Crockett, M. Dobson, R. Heard, J. Martin
(Mayor), C. Muskett, L. Pascoe, T. Smitheram.

Non-voting Councillors B. Capper and F. Buckland.

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

7.42PM MEETING COMMENCED

AM1 TO ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2026-27

It was resolved to appoint Councillor Heard as Chair and Councillor Rees as Vice-Chair for the Civic Year 2026-27.

AM2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Rees.

AM3 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

AM4 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

There were no relevant agenda items.

AM5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Limited to 15 minutes maximum and agenda items only)

There were no members of the public present.

AM6 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

a) Amenities Committee Meeting 19 March 2026

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 19 March 2026 and be taken as a true and accurate record with the Chair to sign each page before placing them in the record book.

AM7 MATTERS REQUIRING NOTING, CONSIDERATION AND/OR A DECISION

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

- a) To consider the request for the council to take responsibility for Hayle Christmas Lights, and agree next actions, if appropriate

Members considered the request and asked the following questions:

- What are the financial implications for the council?
- Are they asking for council staff to take on the responsibility or Councillors?
- What exactly do they need help with – are they seeking volunteers with specific skills
- Concern about Health and Safety implications

They acknowledged that many local groups are seeking volunteers and are affected by increasing costs, including Angarrack Christmas Lights.

The Facilities and Contracts Manager asked Members to decide whether they would like to invite the group to discuss further. He informed them that Penzance and St Ives Councils have BID groups funding their Christmas Lights. St Ives Harbour Lights have been in touch and are keen to potentially take on Hayle.

It was resolved to write to local businesses asking if they can support the group, to run a social media campaign on the group's behalf, seeking volunteers and tasked the Facilities and Contracts Manager with gaining further information from Hayle Christmas Lights and researching costings.

- b) To consider quotes for tree work at the Plantation, and agree next actions, if appropriate

The Facilities and Contracts Manager had circulated a report which included costings and his recommendations for the 12 trees which require action. (*See attached Appendix A*).

Members discussed the implications of removing all of the dead and damaged trees, including the impact on residents, the environment and wildlife.

The Committee were divided in their opinion Chair held the deciding vote and **It was resolved** to contact neighbouring residents explaining why the work is necessary and what their preference would be for replacement planting.

- c) To receive a verbal update regarding the swimming pool season to date

The Facilities and Contracts Manager reported that the pool season had had an amazing start following the successful opening event. He informed Members that during the half-term week, there had been over two thousand visits, with £10,000 income recorded to date and 15 season tickets sold. He was also pleased to report that the new website and booking system had been performing well.

The new accessible hoist and changing room facility recently received a 5-star review in Euan's Guide – a platform for sharing reviews of venues and locations. The Facilities

and Contracts Manager explained that the pool was becoming a health and wellness hub, promoting other activities including Lottery funded free sessions run by Tracy Waite held every fortnight and Yoga classes on the lawn, starting soon. There are also hopes for aqua aerobics classes. He explained that he is hoping to launch school holiday passes, subsidized for locals, once costs are explored. Tom's Holidays are also keen to work in partnership and finally, future plans include a possible sauna and additional upgrades to the changing rooms.

The verbal update regarding the swimming pool season to date was noted with thanks to the The Facilities and Contracts Manager and the Maintenance and Garden Team.

- d) To consider the proposal to install CCTV cameras at Hayle Outdoor Swimming Pool, and agree next actions and expenditure, if appropriate

The Facilities and Contracts Manager had circulated a report (*See attached Appendix B*). He explained that cables were installed when the new building was installed. He proposed a stand-alone reactive 24 hour system rather than live feed. He clarified that due diligence would be carried out in securing a monitoring firm

It was resolved to accept the recommendation that quotes are obtained from approved and registered third party security firms to carryout the management and installation of the CCTV at the swimming pool.

AM8 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 September 2026

The meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Committee Chair

Date