



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hayle Community Centre on Thursday 3 September 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

E. Brown. B. Capper, T. Crockett, M. Dobson, R. Heard, T. Judge. J. Martin (Mayor), C. Muskett, J. Ninnes, S. Rees (Deputy Mayor) 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.

FC24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (For Information Only)

The Mayor reminded Members of the Rick Rescorla Memorial Event taking place on the following Friday. Those wishing to participate were asked to assemble at Penpol School at 12.45pm, or alternatively to be in place at the memorial by 1.30pm.

He also reminded Members of the St Ives Bay Management Group meeting scheduled for Monday at 4.00pm, and of the reconvened Swimming Pool Party taking place on Saturday. Members were advised that, following that weekend, the swimming pool would remain open on weekends only until the end of the month.

Finally, the Mayor informed Members of a Veterans' event commencing at 9.30am on Sunday on the King George V Memorial Walk. The event would involve placing one poppy along the walk for each person who lost their life in the events of 9/11. All were welcome to attend and assist.

FC25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Buckland, R. Muskett and Pascoe.

**FC26 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY
RECEIVED OVER THE VALUE OF £50 (FROM A SINGLE SOURCE OVER
THE COURSE OF 1 YEAR)**

There were none.

**FC27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS
RELATING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**FC28 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE
CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS**

There were no relevant items on the agenda.

FC29 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Limited to 15 minutes and agenda items only)

There was no one present.

FC30 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- a) Full Council 2 July 2026

It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 2 July 2026 be taken as a true and accurate record with the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

FC31 COMMITTEES

- a) **To receive the draft minutes of Committee Minutes:**
 - i) Planning and Transport Committee Meeting 16 July 2026

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

- ii) Resource Committee Meeting 16 July 2026

It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Resource Committee Meeting on 16 July 2026 so that action may be carried out.

- iii) Planning and Transport Committee Meeting 20 August 2026

It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee Meeting on 20 August 2026 so that action may be carried out.

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

There were none.

**FC32 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER UPDATES AND REPORTS FROM
REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICERS, GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS AND**

AGREE ACTIONS, IF REQUIRED (NB representatives of the relevant organisations may be in attendance to present their report and receive questions)

- a) Hayle Harbour
- b) North Quay Development Team

An update relating to agenda items 9 a) and b) had been received, and circulated to Members prior to the meeting (*See Attached Appendix A*).

An email had been received from former Councillor Alison Groves and was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the contents of the correspondence. Some Members indicated that they were unfamiliar with Ms Groves and were unclear as to whom she was representing. A query was raised regarding paragraph 8.1, which stated that Councillors were willing to act as consultees on a proposed Community Trust for the harbour. Members noted that no such Trust had been mentioned at either of the two recent meetings concerning the harbour.

It was further noted that the correspondence did not specify whether the reference was to Cornwall Councillors or Town Councillors, and Members felt that clarification was required to avoid any potential misunderstanding. Concerns were also expressed regarding the implications of Councillors serving on such a Trust and what arrangements would apply should those individuals cease to hold office. Members noted that there had previously been discussion regarding Cornwall Council (CC) potentially taking over the running of the harbour. It was also observed that Ms Groves appeared to be politically active within the same political party as the CC Members involved. Concern was expressed that this could be misconstrued as a political initiative and that Hayle Town Council could be perceived as being involved. Members therefore agreed that further clarification should be sought before any conclusions were drawn.

The Clerk advised that she had discussed similar concerns with the Mayor. To her knowledge, a Harbour Trust had previously been established to secure assets for the benefit of the town and had not been constituted to include Council Members. It was understood that those involved at the time happened to be serving Councillors.

She advised that, to her knowledge, the Trust had not met since approximately 2020, although there had been some reports that it may be in the process of being re-established.

Finally, she clarified that she had raised the questions and concerns discussed with Alison Groves in advance of the meeting and had also invited her to attend and address the matter during the public participation section of the meeting. However, no response had been received.

The Mayor informed Members that he when he had asked CC Cllr Peter Channon if CC may look to take on the harbour, the response was no.

The Clerk clarified that Alison Groves had attended a recent meeting between the Council and the Fishermen's Association, along with two other members of the public. She advised that none of the three individuals had been specifically invited to attend, as the meeting had been intended to be a closed meeting.

The Clerk further advised that, when responding to an email received from Ms Groves, she had copied in the Fishermen's Association, as they had not been included in the original correspondence. She confirmed that, in the interests of transparency, she would share the relevant information with both the Fishermen's Association and Members.

Concern was raised that the administrators of North Quay may, at some point, seek to identify a landowner and that the Harbour Trust could potentially be re-established for this purpose. Members discussed whether, in such circumstances, Hayle Town Council would wish to have a say in the matter. It was agreed that, should this be the case, further information, including the Trust's Terms of Reference, would be required before the Council could consider its position.

Councillors agreed that Perran Moon MP should be made aware of the inaccuracies identified prior to the next meeting, which was expected to take place at the end of the month.

It was resolved to clarify Hayle Town Council's position with Perran Moon MP, Angela Eagle MP, Cornwall Council Councillor P. Channon and Cornwall Council Councillor R. Heslington.

c) Councillor Representatives on Committees and Outside Bodies

There were no updates or reports.

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

The Clerk provided a verbal update, advising that July and August had been particularly busy, with a number of matters requiring significant officer time and resulting in some projects being delayed.

She reported that the swimming pool season had been very successful, although the associated workload had required considerable time, including the organisation of meetings with the Fishermen's Association. Work had also progressed on the funding application for CIL funds.

The Clerk advised that an Expression of Interest (EOI) had been submitted for a grant similar to that previously secured for the South Quay Wall. She clarified that this was a different funding stream from community funding and outlined the potential benefits of the funding in relation to the Civic and Community Hub proposal.

It was confirmed that a business plan for the Civic and Community Hub would be completed prior to the next Full Council meeting.

On a positive note, the Clerk reported that two water bottle filling stations had now been installed, one at the Recreation Ground and one on the King George V Memorial

Walk. The installations had been funded through two separate grants and completed an action identified within the Council's Action Plan.

The Clerk advised that a significant amount of officer time had been devoted to preparations for the forthcoming Rick Rescorla Memorial event, building on the excellent work previously undertaken by the organising committee. The Council had taken responsibility for the event administration and associated paperwork, including liaison with the High Sheriff, military representatives and embassies. Due to the level of interest and anticipated attendance, the event had now outgrown the capacity envisaged in the original plans.

The Clerk advised that invitations for the Civic Service had been issued that day and that preparations for the event were underway.

Officers had also been working with Cllr Judge to develop a new website for the Council, with a particular focus on accessibility and ensuring that it was user-friendly.

Cllr Judge had also been working with the Projects Officer on assessing the Council's carbon footprint.

The Projects Officer had received a positive response to the UKPAK scheme and had successfully engaged a number of local businesses to sign up.

The Deputy Clerk was liaising with Perran Moon MP's office to arrange a meeting with National Highways and other relevant stakeholders to discuss issues relating to the A30 and the impact of these on Hayle.

It was resolved to NOTE the report and thanks the Clerk and Team.

FC33 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

It was resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for June and July 2026 as listed on Appendix B.

- b) To approve the Bank Reconciliation for June and July 2026

It was resolved to approve the Bank Reconciliation for June and July 2026 as listed on Appendix C.

- c) To note the Budget position, as of June and July 2026

It was resolved to note the Budget position, as of June and July 2026, as listed on Appendix D.

- d) To note that the Council's insurance policy has been renewed from 1 September 2026 and that a three-year contract has been entered into to manage expenditure.

The Clerk explained that she had been delegated to negotiate between the Council's

existing insurance provider and a new insurer. This proved to be a lengthy process due to matters arising from Cornwall Council's hand back of the King George V Memorial Walk and the need to address and mitigate any potential liabilities associated with the landslip. Following negotiations, the existing insurer agreed to match the lower quotation received, resulting in a saving to the Council over the three-year renewal period.

It was resolved to NOTE that the Council's insurance policy has been renewed from 1 September 2026 and that a three-year contract has been entered into, with thanks to the Clerk and Team.

FC34 MATTERS REQUIRING NOTING, CONSIDERATION AND/OR A DECISION

- a) Dates of forthcoming meetings, events and training opportunities

Meetings September 2026

03/09/26	7pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room
06/09/26	9.30am	Poppies of Remembrance	King George V Memorial Walk
07/09/26	4pm	St Ives Bay Management Group Meeting	The Assembly Room
11/09/26	1pm for the parade 1.30pm for the service	Rick Rescorla Memorial Event	Penpol School/ Penpol Terrace/Ellis Park
17/09/26	7pm	Planning and Transport Committee Meeting	The Assembly Room
17/09/26	7.30pm	Amenities Committee	The Assembly Room
23/09/26	4.00pm	Planning Briefing on Planning Changes and Policy Update	Online - Teams
23or 24/09/26	TBC	Meeting with HFA, North Quay Team and Perran Moon MP	TBC
tbc		Neighbourhood Priorities Statement Working Group Meeting	
01/10/26	7pm	Full Council Meeting	The Assembly Room
04/10/26	10.30am	Civic Service and Parade	Assemble at Hayle Day Care Centre/ St Elwyns Church

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

Town Mayor

Date