



Hayle Harbour Act 1989

Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee

Wednesday, 10 July 2013, 2PM
Passmore Edwards Institute, Hayle

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Passmore Edwards Institute on Wednesday, 10 July 2013.

PRESENT

Members John Bennett (Chairman), John Coombe (CC), David Flumm (RSPB), Peter Haddock (Harbour Master), Lech Kwiatkowski (Hayle Commercial Boat Owners), Howard Lyons (Hayle Chamber of Commerce), John Pollard (CC), Anne-Marie Rance (SoS), Vaughan Robbins (Natural England), Helen Wilson (Wave Hub)

Others PC Graham Trevorrow (D&C Police)

The meeting commenced at 2pm.

13-001 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Ruth Williams (CWT), Andrew Houghton (EA), Richard Glanville (St Ives TC), Linda Taylor (St Ives TC), Peter Ghey (HFA), Simon Clarke (ING), John Carter (HFA), Mike Collier (MCA)

13-002 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The chairman announced that St Ives Town Council had appointed Cllr. Richard Glanville to the HHAC with Cllr Linda Taylor as alternate. Howard Lyons is now the representative of the Hayle Chamber of Commerce.

It was resolved that the Chairman would write to Georgina Schofield, the previous Chamber representative, to thank her for her service.

13-003 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10 APRIL 2013 AND MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 10 April 2013.

There were no Matters Arising.

Actions

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13-004 HAYLE HARBOUR AUTHORITY LTD. - HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

The Harbour Master presented his report. The Operational Report was accepted without comment. The following comments were made on the Report (by item number):

1. Signage and safety procedures are being reviewed. The outcome of the inquest is awaited.
2. There are two age groups involved. The younger age-group responds to request to desist. The 18-24 age group is argumentative and police assistance has been requested. The Harbour Master wishes his thanks for police support to be recorded.
3. Although there is a Bye-Law prohibiting swimming (52 shown below) in the harbour-defined area, it is not well known that swimming is not permitted in the harbour and estuary. On discussion, it was felt that implementing the ban in all areas was overly strict and that certain areas (such as the beach opposite Lelant Quay) might be appropriate for swimming. Cllr. Pollard asked for a map to be produced indicating the prohibited areas, which would include the estuary and harbour areas where working vessels operate, and also showing areas designated for swimming. It was recommended that the notice advise that it is dangerous to swim in the prohibited areas. Lech Kwiatkowski noted that boat owners could be affected if swimming was allowed where boats are in operation.

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Bathing and fishing prohibited

52. Except in places which shall be clearly designated by the Company, or except with the permission of the harbour master, no person shall bathe in the harbour or fish for marine creatures of any type from the harbour premises.

4. Mr. Kwiatkowski stated that the Commercial Boat Owners were satisfied with the current arrangements regarding Kite Surfing and recognised that occasional issues will occur.
4. (Repeated number) The Harbour Master explained the need for assistance in applying for a grant for pontoons. He is also seeking grant funding to replace the bearings on Copperhouse Pool flood control gates. The HM will liaise with all parties to ensure that grant applications are coordinated. He noted that HHAL is trying to reduce costs as much as possible.
5. PC Trevor reported that crime is low and that the Boat Watch initiative is continuing and well attended. He is aware of the issues of children and youths jumping into the water and is assisting. There have been no reported engine thefts or 'boy racers' recently. He advised that Sgt Simon Dobson was leaving the area and that Sgt Mike Friday would be responsible for Hayle.
6. **The Harbour Master reported on the water samples taken to certify the harbour waters as safe for mussel farming. David Flumm queried the fact that in some samples the values for Pb and TBT appeared to be above the recommended levels (TBT by a factor of ~10). HM to investigate.**

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13-005 COPPERHOUSE POOL WORKING PARTY

Howard Lyons, chair of the working party, presented a report on progress so far. He reported on the long history of pollution and stated that discussions with the various statutory bodies and organisations had been positive and productive. He had met with Andrew Houghton and Nick Ealey of the EA, David Flumm and Jenny Parker of RSPB, the HM and Vaughan Robbins of NE. Anne-Marie Rance and John Bennett were in attendance for some or all of these meetings. **A meeting with Wardell Armstrong, at the suggestion of Exeter University, led to the production of a 'report' (attached) - although the intention of the meeting was to gain an idea of the process and costs of undertaking a detailed survey and a detailed brief was not given.**

In order to proceed, funding is needed to produce the equivalent of a Mine Closure and Reclamation Report, effectively a feasibility study, with detail on processes and costs. This report would be produced in direct cooperation with all affected owners and agencies – not in isolation.

The issue of the need for funding to cover the cost of a Hayle Estuary Management Plan Officer was raised.

In order to proceed, the chairman of the working party sought delegated powers.

It was resolved that the Copperhouse Pool Working Party is authorised to seek and apply for funding related to their work.

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It was resolved that the Copperhouse Pool Working Party is authorised to negotiate with agencies in relation to elements of the project identified and agreed within the Working Party.

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Delegated powers were not given in regard to awarding contracts or disbursing grants. These powers would be retained by the full HHAC with special meetings being called as necessary.

13-006 HAYLE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION/HAYLE COMMERCIAL BOAT OWNERS

The CBO raised these issues:

- Fencing around loading area is not good. HM reported that the ordered has been placed.
- The depth and direction of the channel are problematic. The inside of the harbour is also shallow. HM is expecting the sluicing regime in conjunction with plough dredging (with help from fishermen) will assist. Repair to the Carnsew Sluices could begin by the end of July.
- Gabion baskets could be placed along the channel edge and discussions are under way. (See attachment)
- There could be an issue with pollution and sediment around the Vivier tanks at Carnsew once the sluicing begins. There is currently a large value of catch stored there.

13-007 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

13-008 Date of next meeting

9 October 2013.

Subsequent meetings (2nd Wednesday, January, April, July & October):

8 January 2014, 9 April 2014, 9 July 2014, 8 October 2014

Attachments:

1. Harbour Master's Report
2. Fishing For Litter – Operational Guidelines Hayle
3. Photographs of gabions
4. HHAC Working Party Approved Plan and Recommendations
5. Wardell Armstrong Copperhouse Pool Report

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Minutes: jb