



Hayle Harbour Act 1989

## Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee

Wednesday, 8 January 2014, 2PM

Passmore Edwards Institute, Hayle

### MINUTES

Minutes of the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Passmore Edwards Institute on Wednesday, 8 January 2014.

#### PRESENT

Members Cllr John Bennett (Chairman), Jenny Christie (CC Maritime Officer), Mike Collier (MCA), John Coombe (CC), David Flumm (RSPB), Peter Ghey (HFA), Cllr Richard Glanville (St Ives TC), Peter Haddock (Harbour Master), Simon Jeffery (EA Coastal Risk Management), Cllr Robb Lello (HHUA), Cllr Howard Lyons (Hayle Chamber of Commerce), Cllr Pete Mitchell CC (CIFCA), John Pollard (CC), Vaughan Robbins (Natural England)

Others Martin Rule (Towans Partnership), Rob Jewell (Hayle Chamber of Commerce)

**The meeting commenced at 2pm.**

#### 14-001 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

**Apologies** were received from:

John Carter (HFA), Simon Clarke (ING), Claire Gibson (Wave Hub), Andrew Houghton (EA), Lech Kwiatkowski (Hayle Commercial Boat Owners), Cllr Jayne Nannes (Hayle Mayor), Cllr Anne-Marie Rance (SoS), Ruth Williams (CWT), Simon Clarke (ING), Claire Gibson and Helen Wilson (Wave Hub), PC Graham Trevorrow (D&C Police)

#### 14-002 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The chairman welcomed Cllr Pete Mitchell CC who replaces Colin Pringle as the CIFCA representative.

#### 14-003 AGM – SEE SEPARATE DOCUMENTS

#### 14-004 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 9 OCTOBER 2013 AND MATTERS ARISING

**It was resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 9 October 2013.

Matters Arising:

#### Actions

- The chairman has been invited to attend the next meeting regarding the St Ives – Hayle water taxi (9/1/2014)
- The HM advised that he is still pursuing the release of his paper on operation of the sluice gates
- The EA advised that work is still in progress on assessing the possibility of additional ‘open gate’ periods at Copperhouse Pool
- The HM is investigating grants to replace the bearings on the Copperhouse Pool gates
- The HM advised that the HHUA could proceed with financing replacement mooring chains

#### **14-005 HAYLE HARBOUR AUTHORITY LTD. - HARBOUR MASTER’S REPORT**

The Harbour Master presented his report. The Operational Report was accepted without comment. Also there were no comments on the HM Report.

The HM added:

1. He is now an honorary agent for the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen and is the local point of contact for fishermen and their families in need.
2. He advised that the hayleharbourauthority.com email addresses may cease operation and the preferred addresses are: peter.haddock@btconnect.com and kennethroutledge@btconnect.com.
3. HM staff will be taking over the web site in due course.
4. The HM has a small grant to assist with channel maintenance

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#### **14-006 POLICE REPORT**

None received.

#### **14-007 COPPERHOUSE POOL WORKING PARTY**

The working party awaits the input of the Environment Agency.

EA

A letter was received from Hayle Town Clerk offering support for efforts to improve the channel. Hayle Chamber of Commerce clarified that this was not an initiative they were leading but fully supported it. The chairman will respond to the Town Clerk.

JB

#### **14-008 TOWANS PARTNERSHIP RANGER PROJECT**

Martin Rule outlined his role in preparing a report on sustainable funding of a Towans Ranger – due around October 2015. The chairman mentioned there may be some possibility of combining the ranger role with an Estuary Manager to support the Hayle Estuary Management Plan.

#### **14-009 HAYLE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION/HAYLE COMMERCIAL BOAT OWNERS**

The HFA has received a FLAG grant to provide a 6,000l diesel fuel bunker for commercial vessels. This is red diesel and not available to leisure vessels.

The October/November mackerel season was unsuccessful.

#### **14-010 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Simon Jeffrey (EA) asked for reports of flooding or other issues resulting from the recent bad weather. Hayle had not suffered any significant flooding. It was noted that Wilson's Pool was inundated at one stage but Mr Jeffrey stated that this was within normal parameters.

He promised to provide details of water levels over the recent bad weather period.

The question of water levels in the Millpond was again raised and the EA advised that adding another plank to raise the level was not possible and dredging was the preferred solution.

EA

#### **14-011 Date of next meeting**

9 April 2014

Subsequent meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, January, April, July & October):

9 July 2014, 8 October 2014, 14 January 2015 (AGM), 9 April 2015

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#### **Attachments:**

1. Harbour Master's Report

Minutes: jb



## HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT TO HHAC January 2014

### 1 Operational report

#### October

- A number of vessels were lifted out to dry berth on East Quay.
- All vessels moved from South Quay and Carnsew Quay to enable the contractors to secure the site.
- It was not deemed to be necessary to have a second external audit this year.
- Mark Capon's role as Designated Person a requirement of the PMSC has been terminated. This role is being undertaken by Capt Rob Atkinson, Padstow Harbour Master.
- The navigation light on the first pole failed, new light ordered, Notice to Mariners issued.
- The Barge *Thyvalna* entered Hayle to shelter from the poor weather.
- Complaint from a commercial fishermen that youths were seen to be climbing onto the North Cardinal Buoy. Incident report completed.
- South West Ports Meeting.
- Vessels from St Ives took shelter in Hayle during adverse weather conditions
- A mooring holder reported the theft of his new moorings.
- Survitec on site to test Fishermen's landing davits.
- Trinity House conducted a spot check of the navigational aids documentation.
- A mooring holder tripped at the top of his ladder due to the change in quayside level at the quay edge. Incident report completed.
- Navigational Channel inspected weekly.

#### November

- Cornwall Port Health Authority took a second batch of mussels to test for lead content.
- A mooring holder was given a verbal warning for exceeding the 5knt restriction in the harbour.
- Sunken vessel on Penpol bank moorings. This has been ongoing for several weeks as the owner has failed to maintain the vessel in a seaworthy condition. He has now been instructed to remove it from the harbour.
- Harvey Towans litter bags emptied.
- The Cocklebank navigation light failed. New light ordered. Notice to mariners issued.
- Vessel *Life's to Short* entered Hayle for dry berthing.
- Additional fence panels fitted at the fishermen's compound.
- Gates fitted at the two entry points to the fishermen's compound.
- PMSC updated to reflect changes to the Harbour Board and Designated Person.

#### December

- A harbour user reported a suspect vehicle. Police informed.
- South West Ports meeting.
- HHT & the HM met with FLAG re funding for Harbour improvements on East Quay.

- Harbour office repainted.
- New ground floor windows ordered for the harbour office.
- A local roofing contractor has been asked to provide a quote to replace the garage roofs at the Harbour office.
- Cornwall Port Health Authority chased for mussel sampling results
- Harbour users have complained about dog fouling on the Quays. Better signage has been ordered.
- Availability of Navigational Aids report sent to Trinity House.

## **HM Report**

### **1 Channel**

Time line photography and visual weekly inspections indicate that the channel would appear to have stabilised somewhat after migrating to the East, much of the siltation which occurred at posts 2 and 3 has dispersed, but the Channel location and depth continues to be subject to variation especially following inclement weather.

Following a conversation with Andy Robinson of Engineered Earth Ltd, prior to Christmas, I am hopeful that a trial can be conducted with gabion baskets to better define the Eastern channel edge later this year.

### **2 Designated Person**

Mark Capon's role as designated person for HHAL was terminated last October and Rob Atkinson the Padstow HM has taken over the role and is expected to meet with the Harbour board later this month. The SMS has been updated to reflect the change and I would expect an external audit to be conducted in the near future.

### **3 Harbour Board**

Following the departure of key personnel from ING RED (UK), the Harbour Board now consists of Hein Brandt, David Alker and Russell Coetzee,

### **4 Hayle Harbour Rentals**

The role of HHRL has been terminated. As of January 10<sup>th</sup>, HHAL will become responsible for all leasing and the collection of estate rents.

### **5 Water Taxi**

The managers from the local holiday parks have expressed their support for the proposed ferry service between Hayle and St. Ives and have agreed to meet with the Service provider, John Johnson, St. Ives Rib Rides on January 9th. ING has agreed to the use of the old HHRL office as a ticket office for the duration of the 2014 trail period.

### **6 Wave Hub**

There has been some interest from two companies: Glosten Associates (wind turbines) and Seatricity (wave buoy) who are looking at the possibilities of basing small service / maintenance vessels at Hayle. I am hopeful that this can be progressed providing additional income for the Authority.

### **7 Fuelling Facilities**

The Hayle Fishermen's Association has been successful with their grant application for the provision of fuelling facilities in the harbour. The system they will purchase will

be a self contained banded tank and fuelling hose that complies with the regulations applicable to this type of equipment.

**8 Sluice**

Fishermen who store shell fish on the pontoon directly in line with the sluice are concerned about water contamination during the period of works. I have spoken with Simon Humphrey of Bowmer & Kirkland who assures me he will work closely with the Fishermen and informs me that he has already spoken with some regarding the intended works.

**9 Mussels**

There will be a requirement to remove all of the mussel growth from the Sluice tunnels to enable inspection and necessary repair work to be carried out. There has been a delay with the testing programme as test results from the initial sampling indicated lead levels to be very slightly above the acceptable standard, necessitating a further test. The results of that test should be available shortly but, so as not to delay the works, I have permission from Natural England and also the Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority for the contractors to move the mussels into a temporary bed inside the Carnsew sluice.

END OF REPORT