



Hayle Harbour Act 1989

Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee

Wednesday, 8 October 2014, 2PM

Passmore Edwards Institute, Hayle

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Members Cllr John Bennett (Chairman), Cllr Graham Coad (HTC), Mike Collier MCA-retired), David Flumm (RSPB), Andrew Houghton (EA), Lech Kwiatowski (HFA/HCBO), Cllr Robb Lello (HHUA), Cllr Howard Lyons (Hayle Chamber of Commerce), Vaughan Robbins (Natural England), Helen Wilson-Prowse (Wave Hub).

The meeting commenced at 2pm.

<p>14-032 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Stephen Bassett (St Ives HM), Simon Clarke (ING), Jennie Christie (CC Maritime Environment), Cllr John Coombe CC, Cllr Richard Glanville (St Ives TC), Peter Haddock (Harbour Master), Simon Jeffery (EA), Rob Jewell (Hayle Chamber of Commerce), Jenny Parker (RSPB), Capt. Rob Atkinson (Designated Person), Cllr John Pollard CC, Cllr Anne-Marie Rance (SOS), Sylvia Ronan (Ramblers), Ruth Williams (CWT), Claire Gibson (Wave Hub), PC Graham Trevorrow (D&C Police)</p> <p>14-033 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p> <p>The chairman announced that PC Graham Trevorrow would be leaving the force at the beginning of November.</p> <p>It was resolved that the chairman would send a letter thanking him for his service to the harbour and the community.</p> <p>14-034 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 9 JULY 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 9 July 2014.</p> <p>Matters Arising: None noted.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
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<p>14-035 HAYLE HARBOUR AUTHORITY LTD. - HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT</p>	
<p>The Harbour Master was unable to be present and the chairman read his report. The Report was accepted without comment.</p>	
<p>14-036 POLICE REPORT</p>	
<p>PC Trevorrow reported by phone that the ASDA site had not been properly secured and that he was able to enter and investigate a light without difficulty or challenge. He had easy access to tools and other items that could have been stolen. The security guard did not appear to have been patrolling.</p>	ALL
<p>14-037 COPPERHOUSE POOL WORKING PARTY</p>	
<p>Howard Lyons advised that there was nothing to report at present.</p>	
<p>Andrew Houghton of the EA advised that funding had been found to repair the Copperhouse Pool gate, specifically the guide rails. The work will take place during neap tides probably starting 27 October until 10 November and continuing during neap tides until December.</p>	
<p>The RSPB and NE engaged Andrew about allowing higher levels into Copperhouse Pool so that Wilson's Pool can be inundated more frequently to assist in maintaining its threatened salt-water marshes. <u>Andrew was asked for data on Pool levels during storm surges.</u> Andrew advised that the current operating regime provides a balance between flood control and habitat. Members recognised this but pressed for a technical review to see if the safety margin is set higher than necessary and could be relaxed to allow a higher level in the Pool under certain circumstances.</p>	EA
<p>Since replacing the gate bearings to allow operation against a head of water and adding the originally planned remote control could add to safety and allow more subtle control <u>Andrew was asked to locate the estimates for the cost of doing this work.</u> Grants could be sought.</p>	EA
<p>14-038 HAYLE HARBOUR OWNERSHIP UPDATE</p>	
<p>The Chairman advised that ING is required to conduct a public consultation prior to handing over the harbour to the community. This is expected to take place within the next few weeks.</p>	
<p>14-039 HAYLE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION/HAYLE COMMERCIAL BOAT OWNERS</p>	
<p>No items were raised that had not already been addressed by the Harbour Master.</p>	

14-040 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Wave Hub has visited the HM to discuss what improvements could be made to the Harbour to support marine renewable activities and those of all other harbour users. As increasing the depth of the harbour and improving access has been identified as a priority, WH suggested Plymouth and Exeter Universities may be able to help with the monitoring issues related to sluicing and have made the relevant introductions. WH also reported that a port study is being commissioned by Cornwall Development Company to look at what is needed to support the offshore renewable energy sector and Hayle would be included in this study.
2. Natural England was concerned that, following the breakthrough of the new sluice gates, there is not much life left in Carnsew Pool. RSPB advised that turbidity levels were high. Bowmer & Kirkland stated that they expected this situation to last for a couple of months. It is believed that the MMO have issued a stop work notice. The EA's Elizabeth Miller inspected the sediment curtains – later removed. Lech reported that fishermen were not consulted and that the sediment curtain did not extend to the estuary floor. £150 of crab and lobster was lost but this was not a lot higher than normal losses. NE cannot approve sluicing until a sediment study is completed.
3. Howard Lyons drew attention to the loss of Police front desks and that there is currently an under-publicised consultation in progress.

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14-041 Date of next meeting

14 January 2015 (AGM)

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

8 April 2015, 8 July 2015, 14 October 2015, 13 January 2016 (AGM), 13 April 2016, 13 July 2016, 12 October 2016.

Attachments:

1. Harbour Master's Report

Minutes: jb