

Meeting of the Heritage, Culture and Environment Delivery Group

Tuesday, 15th January 2008

Present:

John and Rosemary Farrar; Tom King; Nancy and Jim Chadwick; Tim Hocking; Roger Winterburn; Mary Bryon-Edmond; John Bennett; Sam Lawley, Pete Jamieson; Rosemary Wickremasinghe, Bob Mimms, Georgina Schofield, Jim Wright, Frank Scott-Mance.

Apologies for Absence were received from:-

Ian Toy.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

The Cinema.

A reduction on the amount being given by the Brewery will now be given to the Cinema and another project. It is only a small amount but should be sufficient for Mr Badcock to go ahead with his work.

Save Our Sand.

Copperhouse Pool. Hayle Town Council is willing to take on Hayle Harbour. Problems have not been resolved and three councils are now involved – Penwith District Council, English Nature and Cornwall C.C. There are rules for impoundment involved. Hayle Harbour Management are not in agreement to proceed. Save Our Sand want spring tides to be kept out of the Pool and need volunteers to operate the gate at sometimes of the year. Open gate policy is needed for the Winter. Mosquitoes would be present because of the higher tide level, now would be the time to clear it.

Many ducklings were lost last year because of lack of time for cleaning. Winter gates and Summer gates will operate, flushes will help with mosquito control. If there is any risk of flooding, volunteers will close the gates but there is little chance of this and the meeting was asked to back this. The Council is not forthcoming re the mosquito control and flooding.

P.D.C. have requested larva for testing. Requests made by SOS may help solve the mosquito problem. Penwith DC is forming a group to look into this problem. Hayle's problem is the gate is kept shut, SOS would like the Town Council to operate the gates. Paul Sadler is calling a meeting to cover the whole area to discuss this, the meeting will include the RSPB and all working groups involved. Bob Mimms had received an email from Paul Sadler regarding this and we are now waiting for a date for this meeting.

Tim Hocking of SOS wants this group to back the Town Council on the opening and closing of the gate. T.H. proposed, seconded by Jim Chadwick that this group is to back this and to ask the Council to urgently reconsider operation of the gate, by volunteers. The Environment Agency is to say when the gate should close. 10 members voted in favour of the proposal. John Carter was originally responsible for operating the gate. It was agreed

that a letter be sent and also a representative. SOS have already done this therefore someone from H.H. group should attend a meeting and get a reaction of the MCTI. It was suggested that TH also attend the meeting with a copy of the letter.

The beam engine is now available. HFT are having problems with funding but ING will be including the engine in their plans.

Hayle Town Guide.

J.B. is helping to produce this for HTC. It will be free of charge – funded by money from advertising as in the Penzance Guide. 24 pages of editorial have been produced so far. A cover photograph has been provided by Peter Channon. The Guide will include a walk around Hayle providing some history. A guide for tourists, residents and people wishing to move to the area. Also for businesses, transport, twinning. Things to do like sports, skate park, beaches, walking etc. S.L. is able to offer help re. sporting activities such as running, life saving etc.

Hayle Trail.

F S-M has mapped out a circular route to include the 3 car parks. We have a cycle trail and other trails. Each of the car parks will provide a starting place for the walk which will include the Mill Pond, Foundry area, King George V walk, Skate Park and returning past Copperhouse and the Library.

Any other business.

Beach Safety Management. From Hayle to Godrevy control is necessary on the beach for safety. If this group is interested in getting involved contact Sarah Byham. The RNLI will be in charge of policing the beach. A number of people own aprts of the beach and rules vary regarding horse riding etc. The owners must now have meetings to solve the problems caused by the various activities. Some of these are allowed out of season. F S-M will follow this up. Best times for activities on the beach are out of the summer season. Land owners are responsible should accidents occur.

Save Our Sand.

Dredging the harbour. 50% of sand is to be sold. SOS think all sand must go back otherwise it will be gone for good. The reason for defraying the licence is the decision about where the sand will be put. Finance is also required as none is available. Some sand will be sold. More will be said about this at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on 19th February, 2008