

BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE & ECONOMY DELIVERY GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 23 November 2009 at Passmore Edwards Institute

PRESENT

Harry Blakeley, Brenda Blakeley, Bob Mims, Shirley Mims, Rob Jewell, Georgina Schofield, Bob Amos, Malcolm Stephens, Derek Elliott, J Daniel, Nigel Eden, Paul Birch, Keith Letchford, Rob Ellis, Graham Coad, John Pollard, John Nunn, Richard Horwell, Mike Refford, Richard Polley, Peter Resewarne, Alastair Styles, James Cook, Jim Wright, Clive Polkinghorne, Claire Casey and 2 others

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

John Nunn opened the meeting and explained that there was just one item on the agenda a presentation by Harry Blakeley and Bob Amos of the Residents Association on a proposal for a museum/tourist attraction.

3. MAIN POINT

Harry Blakeley welcomed and thanked all for taking the time to attend the meeting and the Business Delivery Group for allowing the Residents Association to present their proposal. He briefly outlined the development of the Hayle Area Plan and the main aspirations defined after consultation with the residents, visitors and businesses, of a cinema, long term employment opportunities for the town's people, a community hall, an all-weather tourist attraction and a greater footfall of visitors through Hayle. He then handed over to Bob Amos to give the presentation.

Bob Amos said that he had a couple of things to mention first

- 1 As a member of Hayle Town Council he felt it pertinent to state that the views he expressed during the evening were his own and not those of Hayle Town Council but would like to think that Hayle Town Council would endorse some or all of the scheme
- 2 There is initiative by HAPP to improve the branding of Hayle and it was felt that it was appropriate for the Hayle Logo to be made available for use in the public domain. It is now available for businesses and organisations to download from Hayle Town Council web site with a choice of 4 straplines: It's happening, 3 Miles of Golden Sand, Good for Business, and Hayle Welcomes You. There is also a suggestion for a fifth: Powerhouse of the Industrial Revolution.
- 3 On Saturday 5 December there will be an auction to raise funds for the upkeep of the Passmore Edwards Institute and any donations either monetary or auctionable would be much appreciated as the wonderful building relies on people's generosity and grants. Donations please to Esme Jelbert at Passmore Edwards Institute.

With regard to the presentation Bob Amos asked for questions to be left until the "cinema intermission". He then pointed out that at present it is purely a concept and that no decisions have been made. The idea of a museum referred to as "R3" from the words "Revolution, Railways and Renewable" is being looked at, the project must be sustainable and the concept has the collective name at present of Pioneer Place. He stressed that to increase footfall in Hayle it had to be in Hayle.

After welcoming Nigel Eden, engineer and Richard Trevithick historian, and Rob Ellis of Bookers, Bob Amos gave the comprehensive presentation at the end of the which there was a general discussion and points raised were as follows:

- Whilst the concept was agreed with in principle one thought it raised was that supermarkets pay little to get into the town and this was a great opportunity for Hayle to get support through a partnership with a supermarket. This was agreed to be a very valid point . Supermarkets do bring employment but money goes to back to the corporation. They could and should play an important part in the funding.
- A question was raised as to whether it would be easier to get planning for this project without Penwith District Council. It was felt that the hoops would be exactly the same as with Penwith. Cornwall Council planners have a target of 90% for delegated powers but use the same criteria as had been with Penwith.
- A copy of the presentation may obtained from Bob Amos either emailed or on disk, and viewed at http://hayleareaplan.org.uk/documents/pioneer_place_presentation_v1.pdf .
- It was queried whether HMS Plymouth still had a place in the future of Hayle or not. It was confirmed that as ING were not willing to give their permission for the berthing of HMS Plymouth on Penpol Creek it was now in abeyance. It was an idea that deserved to be explored as a business venture in the town. It now has historic ship status and is probably going to be berthed at Malden.
- John Nunn believed that it was a very exciting proposal and felt there was a consensus that it should be taken forward. He concluded with the information that Kingsley Rickard, Vice Chairman of Trevithick Society, gave his support to the proposal 100% and wanted to be kept informed of progress.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Nunn said that it would be good to have an update at the meeting in March and thanked everyone for coming.

5. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting January at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

ACTION

- **To be item on Agenda for March 2010 meeting.**
- **Kingsley Rickard to be kept informed of progress.**