

**Hayle Area Plan Partnership  
COMMUNITY WELLBEING DELIVERY GROUP  
Held at Passmore Edwards Institute on 15 September 2009**

**PRESENT**

John Coombe (Chair), Jane Sharp (HAPP Manager), Claire Casey (HAPP), Jackie Bowden (Hayle Runners), Valerie Burstow (Hayle Netball Club), Alan Conquest (Countrymen Volleyball Club) Clive Polkinghorne (Hayle Cricket Club), Graham William, Dave Parker (Hayle Surf Life Saving Club), Guy Botterill (Cornwall Council), Richard Allen (Cornwall Council), John Wallis (Hayle & District Bowling Club), Malcolm Stephens (Hayle Activity Centre), Bob Mims (Watersports Association and Hayle Residents Association)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Harry Blakeley, Brian Capper, Don McGeorge, John Pollard, David Raymer and Maxine Hardy.

**2. Chairman's Welcome**

John Coombe opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He expressed concern over not being able to use Copperhouse Pool more than 13 times/year between March-October for insurance reasons and ING restrictions. Between October-March, water cannot be kept in the Pool as birds are feeding and activities would disturb them.

**3. Priorities for Sports and Leisure facilities - Continued discussion from the July meeting**

John Coombe stressed the need to look at the way forward including getting everything together in one building. Hayle had 8,500/9,000 residents who have to go elsewhere to use sports facilities. For example, Hayle Netball Club have to go to Penzance and the cricket go to Carn Brea for indoor net practice. There is not another similar sized town with a lack of facilities in the county.

**a) Update from Cornwall Council**

Richard Allen gave the following update on progress since the last meeting.

*Swimming Pool* – Cornwall Council West is covered by Guy Botterill, Ceri Harvey and Amelia Kitchen. Ceri is involved with plans for developing Hayle Pool. There was free swimming last weekend and she is involved with other events and has ideas for next year.

*Rurality Bid* – We had hoped to know the Stage 1 application results by now. This is the funding we are seeking for a Water sports Development Officer. Sport England was overwhelmed with applications, so we won't know until late September. If the application gets through Stage 2, then this 3-year project would start in April 2010. This work will link with aspirations to enhance the swimming pool and encourage a longer season with more schools access. The idea is to join the various projects in Hayle together as one project.

**b) Feedback from sports clubs**

John Coombe opened the discussion to the table.

*Hayle Activity Centre.* Malcolm Stephens spoke of the difficulty in obtaining a copy of the result of the Cornwall Council Audit on sports facilities which Richard Allen had

spoken of at the previous meeting. This would not be available until January 2010. He also expressed concern that Hayle Community School would be providing facilities that could also be used by the community, just because the school has 'community' in its title, it did not follow that the community would be able to access sports facilities. That said, for Health and Safety reasons people could not just walk into a school.

John Coombe pointed out that the School has facilities, but charges £60/evening. It was agreed that £60 a night for a small club is far too much. Valerie Burstow added that 14 years ago, the school had said they were planning to build a sports hall and it hasn't happened.

Malcolm stressed the need for a purpose-built combined multi-sports centre, community hall and social centre. During the day, it could be used by both the schools and the community. When asked about the land for the centre, Malcolm replied the ground had been tied up and that the present owners were putting together a scheme with Cornwall Council, Penpol School and others to get access sorted. He added that there is a lot more to the facility than a sports hall, there would be room for exhibitions, music, events, etc. A conventional leisure centre costs at least 5 times more than a multi-sports hall to run. The HAC would have an 8 court covered area with changing rooms. It could be used many to raise income, including tourists, the over 50s club and social events.

Clive Polkinghorne pointed out that a hall might not suit everyone. The floor surface needs for different sports was varied - some might need a sprung floor, but not cricket. This might cause conflicts between parties using it. In response, Malcolm said that he had looked at 300 sports halls and the aim would be to have different flooring for different needs. When questioned about running costs, Malcolm stated he was looking to put in a climbing centre that would be leased to Marines who are fully qualified and would run it as a separate company. Another party would like to build a gym. These would bring in revenue and provide two new companies. Local sponsorship would be sought to help towards the running costs. Discounts would be given for staff and their families. The health centre has expressed a wish for facilities for exercise area for treating medical problems.

Malcolm asked why, after about 5 years and 3 different sites, is the multi sports hall not getting support. He felt that there has to be a reason as not one letter of support had been received from Hayle Town Council, Penwith District Council or Cornwall Council. We have the land, but without funding cannot move forward without the support of the Council.

Richard Allen pointed out that in order to obtain a letter of support Cornwall Council would need to see the business plan. The "business plan" was clarified as being not a full business plan at this stage, but more of a feasibility report with details showing need for the project, costs (build and running costs), location options and evidence that it would be sustainable. Richard added they would also need to examine the possibility of a shared school-community facilities. Hayle Community School is near the top of the list for having new facilities and there should be joint use with the community. Working with schools would achieve far more than working in isolation.

Malcolm reiterated he needed to know whether Cornwall Council going to approve in principal an activity centre in Hayle. If the answer was no, then he did not want to lead the land owners on any further.

John Coombe suggested that Malcolm write to HAPP/Cornwall Council asking for

support, this letter would need to be accompanied by a feasibility report.

### **c) Sports Club Questionnaire and sports grants**

Jane Sharp tabled responses to a questionnaire. This had been sent to all the sports clubs in the Hayle area since the last meeting. The aim was to get a feeling of where each was at and where they might need some help. About 75% had responded. The front page summarised what the clubs needed. All present were invited to see if there was anything to add or any errors made.

The only comment was from Alan Conquest. He said the Volleyball Club had received £200, but was now not getting anything. About 4 sets of beach nets were required, each set costing £212 so around £900 was needed.

Guy Botterill then handed out a list of available sports funding. He highlighted several funds which could provide funding for the items listed in the questionnaire results. The reason for picked out particular grants was because they were the easiest to get hold of and had a quick turnaround. Those grants he highlighted were:

#### ***Sports England Small Grants Programme***

A very simple form to fill out – turnaround time about 8 weeks. This could be used for almost anything and was a main funding source for clubs.

#### ***Sports England Sportsmatch***

If a local company supported a club for say £1,000, then this could fund match that amount pound for pound.

#### ***Cash 4 Clubs***

This is a relatively new scheme with 3 tiers of grants. Applications can be submitted at any time with a turnaround of 6–8 weeks.

#### ***Grassroots Grants (Cornwall Community Foundation)***

This has two grant options available.

#### ***Our Money Your Dream***

The money has to be used for the benefit of young people aged 13-19. Young people have to make the application with support and guidance from within their club. The decision whether to offer funding is made by a body of young people with officers acting in a support role. It can go towards coaching and competing costs.

#### ***Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme***

This fund helps talented individuals, such as a young talented athletes.

#### ***Advice***

If help or guidance was needed to help with wording and what to include in the application, then clubs should contact Guy or Ceri who can advise on the phone or arrange a meeting. Their details are:

Guy Botterill: tel 01209 615629 or email [guy.botterill@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:guy.botterill@cornwall.gov.uk))

Ceri Harvey: tel 01209 614348 or email [ceri.harvey@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:ceri.harvey@cornwall.gov.uk))

John Coombe thanked Jane Sharp and Guy Botterill for all the information.

### **d) Other points raised in general discussion**

*Hayle Cricket Club Accreditation.* Clive Polkinghorne was pleased to announce that the Cricket Club had achieved their Clubmark. This process had been supported by HAPP via a grant from the Hayle Small Grants Scheme. Congratulations!

*Independent Safeguarding Association proposals.* Clive raised concerns over the new checks which would cripple all clubs if there was no funding to help. Richard Allen said that the Government had asked the Agency to rethink.

*Water sports clubs.* Jane Sharp wondered whether the pool could join with other clubs and share the changing facilities. Richard Allen thought that it would be very productive if the various water sports clubs could form a group to work together with either himself or Guy Botterill. This would be very timely as it would support the Rurality Stage 2 bid. The 2 reasons why support is needed are that (i) the future of the Pool needs to be secured; and (ii) there is a need for this type of facility in the Hayle area for the schools.

John Coombe asked if anyone else had any comments to make.

Bob Mims reminded everyone that historically the Water Sports Association had been very active and all clubs pulled together for a centre incorporating the swimming pool. However Sports England would not support a roof over the pool, although at that time the Association could finance their side of it. Although interest was lost, plans are still available, but it needs all the clubs to work together.

*Storage.* Clive Polkinghorne said that the Cricket Club storage was not in use during winter and so if any club wanted to make use of it they could contact the club and would be considered.

#### **4. Date and time of next meeting**

John Coombe thanked everyone for coming. The next meetings are:

17 November 2009: topic to be confirmed

19 January 2010: sports and leisure facilities, including update on Rurality bids.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm

#### **ACTIONS**

**Sports clubs to contact Guy Botterill/Ceri Harvey if they need help/advice on securing funding for equipment or other sports development work.**

**Malcolm Stephens to write a letter to Cornwall Council/HAPP outlining his proposal, together with a "business plan" requesting a letter of support.**

**Richard Allen/Guy Botterill to set up a meeting with waters ports clubs to discuss storage and other facilities, plus joint working in connection with the Stage 2 Rurality bid for a Water sports Development Officer.**

**Sports clubs requiring storage can contact Hayle Cricket Club, who have limited over-winter storage space available.**