

Hayle Area Plan Partnership
HERITAGE, CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT DELIVERY GROUP
Held at Passmore Edwards Institute on 14 October 2008

Present:

John Bennett (HAPP), John Coombe (Hayle Town Council), John Pollard (Hayle Town Council), Georgina Schofield (Hayle Archive), Mick Hanley (St Erth Parish Council), Tom King, Ray Wyse, Frank Scott Mance, Nancy Chadwick, Jim Chadwick and Jane Sharp (HAPP Manager).

Guest speaker: Ainsley Cocks (Research & Information Officer for Cornish Mining World Heritage Site team).

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Chairman's welcome

JB welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker.

3. Hayle Small Grants Scheme

John Bennett outlined the Passmore Edwards Institute application for £1,000 towards £9,200 costs for restoring the Billiard Room. The application was endorsed.

4. Cornish Mining World Heritage Site status: why Hayle is included and opportunities for the town

WHS designation happened on 13/7/06.

Aim 1 = preservation (protection and conservation/enhancement);

Aim 2 = social side (increasing awareness, participation and international co-operation).

Altogether the WHS covers 19,700 ha over 10 sites. One of the WHS Areas is the Port of Hayle. The timescale covered by the WHS is nominally 1700-1914 which includes the span of the British industrial revolution.

Harvey's = built highly efficient beam pumping engines. They built the Cruquius Engine for the Netherlands (this was the largest beam pumping engine ever made with a diameter of 144 inches or 3.65 metres) and the Bull type engine (used in London on waterworks sites). They also produced a range of equipment including Cornish shovels and household items.

Copperhouse = the main competitor to Harvey's along with Perran Foundry at Perranarworthal. The former built pumping engines for Kew Pumping Station and Robinson's Shaft, South Crofty (this was the last pumping engine to work on a Cornish metalliferous mine).

Scoria blocks = a byproduct of the copper smelting which took place at Copperhouse. Still seen all over Hayle, they are a visual and distinctive element of the townscape.

WHS Management Plan 2005-2010 = Summary document handed out. Most of the sites are in private sector ownership. Between 1998-2010 about £70 million spent on capital projects. There are £20 million of projects in the pipeline including Hayle Foundry Phase 3, Hayle Harbour conservation and Perran Foundry. For Hayle harbour this is the preservation of the dock and quay facings, monies for this would come from the developer.

WHS Interpretation Strategy = Hayle listed as proposed outdoor site interpretation.

- Branding – identity & logo (logo copyrighted to Cornwall County Council); brand toolkit; and engagement activities and marketing training.
- Product = CMAMA; 3 major gateway centres are to be Geevor, the Heartlands project (CPR area) and Morwellham Quay, on the Tamar; improving standards and cross-promotion are the principal aims of the group.
- Communication = film about the brand; 2006 launch at Paddington station; and on-going research.
- Websites = www.cornishmining.org.uk and www.cornishmining.com
- 'Mine and Yours' campaign in summer 2008 was aimed at young people.

Plays, musicals, dramas and carols =

'Tins & Fishes' by Pauline Sheppard

'The Zigzag Way' by Anita Desai

'Cornish Lads' musical drama

'Below' contemporary dance

Carol project and choral singing workshops

Questions and Answers:

Q1: How are you to measure the universal value against the development of harbours?

A1: It's about the different components and how they relate to each other – e.g. Hayle as a port and Harvey's Foundry & quays. In WHS terms it is essential to retain components of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) for future generations. This doesn't bar development, we see Hayle as a living community that has to develop. The planning arm of CCC has been commenting on ING's proposals for Hayle harbour. The principle role of WHS isn't regeneration or tourism. Our Outstanding Universal Value doesn't relate necessarily to aesthetics, i.e. views, etc. It's actually about retaining the industrial significance of the mining landscapes and the 'components' of this as identified.

Q2: How was the WHS boundary for Hayle agreed?

A2: Each area has to be solid whole, we've defined where the bulk of the housing was up to 1907 and also used rivers, hedges, etc. The WHS Hayle Area includes some modern buildings, as you can't have holes in inscribed Areas, as set out in UNESCO's World Heritage guidelines. The WHS boundaries could, in theory, be altered provided there was a robust case for this which would enhance the Sites international significance overall.

Action: Ainsley Cocks to provide info on who was involved for Hayle.

Q3: Do you have plans for producing any Hayle leaflets?

A3: Not in the near future, but the WHS supports community groups that wish to take a lead in these matters. We can work with you if required.

Q4: What can the WHS team do to put pressure on English Heritage to ensure that the harbour walls are repaired?

A4: Our remit is co-ordinating management of the WHS. We don't have a 'war chest' as such to intervene directly in these matters. By working behind the scenes, we want to achieve a scheme which preserves the OUV of this part of the WHS, and which avoids piecemeal development without harbour wall consolidation.

Q5: ICOMOS UK?

A5: This is the advice arm to DCMS. We have links with them and they have given advice on proposals.

5. Hayle Town Trail and Blue Plaques

There was a discussion about producing blue plaques to replace existing and missing plaques, as well as adding new. It was agreed that B4 was a good size; that blue plaques were preferable to copper. The issue of Listed Building consent needed to be addressed.

New plaques:

- Cornubia Biscuit factory
- Whites warehouse
- Brewery office and brewery site
- Merchant Curnow's quay
- Drill Hall (next to PEI)
- Old dairy, Commercial Road
- Viaduct
- Clock

This made 33 in total – 25 previous and 8 new.

It was agreed that if we had to use all the THI logos, then we should say no to spending £1,000 from the THI budget and find alternative funding.

Action: John Bennett to co-ordinate ordering plaques.

Action: John Bennett to resolve use of THI wording rather than logos.

Action: Mick Hanley to help with font and layout.

Action: Georgina Schofield to help with wording.

Action: Ray Wyse to provide details about fixing plaques.

There was then a discussion about the next stage of producing a leaflet(s).

Action: Focus group to discuss leaflets prior to next meeting.

6. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be 7.30pm on Monday 8 December at PEI. This will discuss the town trail in more detail.

Meeting closed 9.35pm.