

Hayle Area Plan Partnership
HERITAGE, CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT DELIVERY GROUP
Held at Passmore Edwards Institute on 9 February 2009

Present:

John Bennett	Chair
Jane Sharp	HAPP Manager
Claire Casey	HAPP Admin
Georgina Schofield	Archive
Tom E King	
Ian Toy	Towans Partnership
Rosemary Farrar	
John Farrar	Archive

2. Apologies

Mary Bryon Edmond, Jim Chadwick, Mary Chadwick, Mick Hanley

3. Chairman's Welcome

John Bennett welcomed everyone

4. Hayle Town Trail – leaflets and routes

John Bennett introduced the subject of trail leaflets by showing a number already produced for Hayle plus some leaflets from other areas to demonstrate what could be produced, eg

- The historic Hayle Town Trail by Brian Sullivan, 1983 covered the Foundry to Phillack and included the 25 original blue plaques, some of which are no longer there, plus historical buildings such as the Penmare Hotel. The map was not very definitive.
- Hayle Town Trail 2008 incorporating three trails
 - a) Trail 1 Foundry Square and the Quays
 - b) Trail 2 Harvey's Foundry and Carnsew
 - c) Trail 3 Penpol and Copperhouse
- The Hayle Town Guide, recently produced and first 3,000 copies printed free. Some of these have been distributed amongst the holiday parks within Hayle and have been going rapidly.
- Derwent Valley Mills, WHS, with map showing the 17 different areas and buildings of special interest

Those for Hayle varied from being very heavily architecturally based, with historic value and including Georgina's wildlife and nature, or with no history.

John Bennett posed the question of what gave Hayle its Outstanding Universal Value as a WHS – the buildings, the quays or something else. He felt that there was a need to define what this was so that it could be put into a brochure as a focus. He referred to the Derwent leaflet where the OUV is evident. In Hayle many historic buildings were gone, the quays and Copperhouse Pool in bad state of repair, and although there is the Mill Pond and the Foundry buildings, the question is what attracts people to the town. Once the North Quay is developed there is likely to be more passing traffic. At present visitors staying, for example at the Haven, have everything on site and do not need to go anywhere else. They come here for the beaches not for the town.

John Bennett felt that the Townscape Heritage Initiative, Hayle Town Trail, covered Project 21 so was there a need for a further Trail book or leaflet? When Phase 3 of the Harvey's Foundry Trust goes ahead then with an educational and heritage centre plus the beam engine to base trail around. With the present Trail and Town Guide booklets available on the Town Council website for downloading it was decided to take no further action on this for the present time.

It was noted, however, that there is a need for further signs at the A30 roundabout junctions to make sure that the heart of the town is visited from Copperhouse through to Foundry. In John Bennett's view Hayle is not a tourist place but should be concentrating on jobs – a view that was concurred with.

5. Connecting People & Nature Stage 2 bid to "Access to Nature" – introduction & request for letter of support

Jane Sharp outlined the background to the Stage 2 bid being submitted by Cornwall County Council for £500k. She picked out the pertinent points from the paper she handed around (attached) highlighting the areas included within the SIBSNA, the Towans to Gwithian and Navax Point, Hayle, St Erth Area, Lelant Area, including Porth Kidney Sands. Key features are the way people enjoy green places, the need for community ownership, adoption of a more educational nature, and site management. The expectation is for more people to use the neighbourhood. There are 450,000 visitors annually at present but it is hoped that 32,500 more will be encouraged to enjoy the area. It is vital, though, for these to be managed and guided through in different ways and to

encourage visits from schools and universities.

It was agreed that it is vital for good management of the site as heavy use eroded the area particularly around the car parks. The suggestion was made for one access point through Sandy Acres but that this would require some investment to wind down into and through the dunes.

It was felt that local people probably do more damage than visitors, holding the view that it has always been here and always will be here. Motor bikes were also doing a lot of harm.

Finally, it was suggested that the Traffic and Transport delivery team look at car parking for the dunes.

It was agreed that support was given for the application.

6. Any Other Business

Referring to the Minutes of the previous meeting and Item 4, Tom King volunteered as a helper for clearing vegetation etc from the Copperhouse Dock area.

7. Date and Time of the Next meeting

Tuesday 7 April 2009 Jeremy Content to be invited to discuss Copperhouse Dock along with David Clough, Caroline Sargent and Andy Davies, bearing in mind the Cornwall Council will then be in place.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm

ACTIONS

- 1. Traffic and Transport to look at car parking for the Towans**
- 2. PDC Officers to be contacted regarding Copperhouse Dock**