

**M.C.T.I COMMUNITY WELLBEING GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2007 7PM AT HAYLE DAY CARE CENTRE**

**Present:** Sally Newby (PDC), Guy Botterill (PDC), Tracey Williams (PDC), Martyn Curnow (Hayle Judo Kwai), Bob Mims (Architect/Watersports Association), Joy Scott-Mance (Resident), Delia Webb (PDC) Kath Jewell (Hayle and District Bowling Club), John Wallis (Hayle and District Bowling Club), Margaret Tanner (Hayle Churches Together), Neil A. Wilson-Barker (Friends of Ellis Park), Sister Maureen (Convent), Sister Rose (Convent), Viv Lewis, Martin Potter (Both St Ives Sailing Club), Brendon Rowe (Peninsula Sub Aqua Club), Chris Pease (Hayle Canoe Club), William Quick, Jo Harper (Both Hayle Gig Club), Mark Belshaw (Royal Yachting Association), Les Hudson (Hayle Tennis Club), Jenny Croal (Resident), John Coombe (Chairman, Hayle Town Council), D Sims, R Sims, Wesley Smith (all Hayle Canoe Club), Rosemary W (Churches Together Godrevy Team), Robert Saves (Landlord and CRLA), David Clough (PDC), Rob Lello (Hayle Town Council), John Pollard (Hayle Town Council), Len Lockwood.

**1 Apologies:** Tatia Mitchell (PDC)

**2 Someone to take the minutes:** As there were no volunteers from the group it was agreed that Guy Botterill (PDC) would take the notes for this meeting and forward to Roger who would then distribute. It was confirmed that Guy would not be able to fulfil this role at every meeting and those present were encouraged to volunteer where possible in the future.

**2a Watersports Centre Proposal by Bob Mims (Architect and Watersports Association)**

Bob started by giving some information about existing plans for the proposed build for which they gained planning permission in 2004. The build is on Hayle Town Council land located next to the Hayle Outdoor Swimming Pool.

The need for the facility was established through the Hayle Watersports Association. This group was made up from Hayle Gig Club, Hayle Canoe Club, Sailing Club and independent members. All the members of the association highlighted the need for storage of equipment, changing/toilet facilities, meeting room and somewhere based close to the water. At present all the members are in makeshift accommodation that doesn't fulfill basic requirements such as changing/toilet facilities. Also the Gig Club mentioned that the two boats that they own have been vandalised due to lack of security at their present location, Foundry Farm. The combination of all the above factors in tern, limits the development of the clubs in attracting/accommodating new members. This was ratified by both the Gig Club and the Sailing Club.

Present plans for the Watersports centre would include (as explained by Bob):

- A 2 storey building
- Ground floor that accommodated all storage of equipment for Watersports members
- Ground floor would have toilet/changing facilities
- Ground floor would have an area for washing and maintaining equipment
- 1<sup>st</sup> floor would be a community space with a capacity of 150-200
- 1<sup>st</sup> floor would have a cafe that was open to the community
- 1<sup>st</sup> floor would have a balcony that over looked Copperhouse Pool
- The long term proposal also incorporated a roof that would cover the Outdoor Pool, with aspirations for making it an indoor heated pool.

Bob went on to explain that to pay for the day to day running, member clubs would have to pay an annual amount to the Watersports Association and also introduce charges for use of community space/cafe. He also suggested that there would be a need to employ 2 people; a Manager, an Administrator/Cleaner. Bob also

explained that all aspects of the Disability Act were applied at the time the plans were put together. Brendon Rowe from Peninsula Sub Aqua suggested that he would be very keen to get involved with the project.

A question was asked about availability of adequate Car Parking and Bob suggested that is was considered as part of the planning process.

Questions were raised regarding business plan & sustainability and it was agreed that this could be considered in more detail as the proposal progressed.

## **2b Community Centre – Carew House by Rob Lello (Hayle Town Council)**

Rob started by stating that the Town Council are fully supportive of the watersports facility proposal and have been so for many years. As well as the other proposals such as the Hayle Activity Centre who were unfortunately unable to attend.

Rob highlighted that the Community Centre as it stands now is fully sustainable and is a result of many years hard work from the community and Town Council. Rob went on to say that the centre can be used for most things that the community could want. At present it is used for training (IT etc), meeting rooms, health advice to name but a few.

The Town Council own the building and the land and would like to add an extension to the building that would include a large meeting/conference room with a capacity of around 200-250. This room would also be used for whatever the community demands are and would be designed to be multi use. It is also intended that the extension would be acoustically viable for choirs/concerts. Its use would be for the community, and although sports clubs are welcome the specification & proposals were designed not to compete with aspirations for sports facilities at the school.

Rob also put an idea forward to suggest that one 'community facilities manager' could be employed to look after all Town Council Facilities (Carew House, Passmore Edwards, possibly Watersports Facility etc).

A question was raised regarding the need for two meeting rooms, one in the watersports proposal and one at Carew House. Those presenting the proposals suggested that the two facilities were complimentary.

## **2c Hayle Community School Consultation Report by Delia Webb (Penwith District Council):**

In Autumn 2006, Friends of Ellis Park and Churches Together approached Penwith District Council (PDC) for advice in connection with their ideas for some local,community-based projects. These projects were aimed at supporting young people living in, and around, the Hayle and St Erth areas. After some initial discussions with members of Penwith District Council's Community Regeneration Team both groups were keen to formally canvass the opinions of local young people in an effort to assess the need for youth activities and equipment. It was decided that a formal consultation which allowed the young people to express their views both verbally and in writing via 'graffiti boards' would be the best way forward taking into consideration the advice and experience of PDC officers, and the contents of PDC's recently published 'Consultation Toolkit'

Perhaps the most common need highlighted by students (male and female) was a very simple one -i.e safe, warm, dry, and affordable places for them to go to 'hang out' with their friends. The idea of a youth cafe, or club was extremely popular. This was reinforced by the 'tick voting' boards and discussions around the suggested facilities 'youth cafe', 'youth club' 'youth shelter' and 'outdoor fitness equipment'. There was a fairly

even, positive vote for cafes and clubs, and a slightly lower one (but still positive) for shelters and fitness equipment. There would seem to be a huge support for these types of provisions across many local communities. As far as any gender preference is concerned, the female students (in general) seemed to favour unstructured places to meet to chat with friends (either indoor venues or outdoor shelters) whilst the male students were keen to meet up with friends and be able participate in sporting or recreational activities if possible.

Clearly this consultation has demonstrated the need for further work to be carried out to explore the possibilities of extending both availability of access, and the range of current youth provision and equipment locally. This work will achieve maximum benefit to young people if it is carried out by existing agencies (eg. Cornwall Youth Service, Penwith District Council, Hayle Community School etc) and local community groups/organisations (such as 'Friends of Ellis Park', 'Churches Together in Hayle' , and 'Hayle Market and Coastal Town Initiative' ) working in partnership.

**3 Appointment of Vice Chairman of the group:** Bob Mims (Architect and Watersports Association) volunteered for the post and was elected.

**4 AOB:**

- Les Hudson (Hayle Tennis Club) outlined what was on offer at Hayle Tennis Club and informed of an open Day planned for May.
- John Wallis (Hayle and District Bowling Club) made the group aware that they are in the process of trying to find some funding for the club to build a clubhouse
- A question was raised regarding allotments and it was confirmed that requests should be sent to the Town Council for consideration.
- Affordable Housing from Robert Saves (Landlord and CRLA) was requested as a future agenda item.
- Tracey Williams (Penwith District Council) enquired if it were possible to get confirmation regarding the schools proposals for sports facilities as part of the MCTI process?
- It was mentioned that a BMX proposal existed located on Hayle Rec. It was also confirmed that possibilities had been mentioned at the St Erth site. It was agreed that this could form a future agenda item.

**5 Discussion Topics for Next Meeting:**

- Hayle Activity Centre Proposals
- Hayle Day Care Centre

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007, 19:15 at the Hayle Day Care Centre

The meeting ended at 9.10pm