

Meeting of the Heritage, Culture and Environment Delivery Group

Tuesday, 20 November 2007

Present:

John and Rosemary Farrar; Tom King; David Clough; Nancy and Jim Chadwick; Tim Hocking; Roger Winterburn; Mary Bryon-Edmond; John Bennett; Pauline Barnes; Jackie Head and Sam Lawley.

Apologies for Absence were received from :-

Doreen Nicholas; Frank Scott-Mance; Georgina Schofield; Brian Capper; Ian Toy.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, John Farrar, took the Chair.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

CWS have not relied to any correspondence thus far and Jim Chadwick said that any pathway on the CWS site (If it is there site) is linked to the Daniel's site. The Daniel's plans have now been withdrawn and Clive Polkinghorne has no knowledge of the site. It was stated that people have used the path in the past and that someone should be contacted re. the trail. ING may have much to do with this and may own but residents are not in agreement with this. ING own the towpath. Each plot was offered to buy for £500.00 but no one took up the offer. ING have not shown any plans for development on this land. Caroline Sergeant may know more on this. There is no more money for any projects and this includes the front of the cinema.

Mosquitoes. Mosquitoes and not necessarily the Millpond area as stated in the press are bothering people living in the Phillack hill area. John Bennett said that Paul Sadler, of the Environment Agency, would give a presentation to all interested parties at a meeting soon.

John Bennett said that there is no money for the façade of the cinema and no one knows what will be done now but councillors are applying pressure. 10s of thousands of Pounds are needed for the restoration.

The Hawkins site: The Town Council had been invited to look at a development in Teignmouth of affordable housing for design purposes. These would be more suitable for the harbour than the Hawkins site. Affordable houses are needed in the right place. 700 people are looking for property in Hayle either to buy or rent. A letter could be sent in support of affordable housing. After a show of hands it was agreed that a letter should be written to the Town Council re. Hawkins site. It is recorded that John Bennett, Jackie Head and Roger Winterburn did not vote.

Update re. development on the Towans by Claire Williams. The Chairman read notes from F. Scott-Mance. No plans have been submitted yet. Better access and protection for this part of the Towans has been discussed at a meeting with Penwith D.C. Jackie Head said that Claire Williams wants sensible access to the Towans and parking. Parking is also required for local people during the winter.

Tourism. John Bennett said that a 32 page Town Guide will be produced which will attract business as well as tourists. People are invited to write something and give it to John Bennett for inclusion if they wish. Funding to move the beam engine from the clay pits at St. Austell to Hayle is now almost available. The engine will be situated opposite Jewsons. The clay company

will pay for the removal of the engine and house in order to gain access to the underlying geology. Harvey's Foundry Trust is dealing with this. It was stated that we couldn't rely on the history of the Town alone to attract visitors. Water sports, wind surfing etc. must be encouraged to bring people to the area and also for locals. Information can be found in magazines and websites. Jackie Head said she has visitors especially for the water sports. Walking groups could be attracted. John Bennett asked if we still need a Tourist Information Centre because many bookings are made on the Internet. Jackie Head said that the info. is still needed for trains, buses and accommodation.

Blue Plaques. A note from F. Scott-Mance was read which states that two types of finish are being considered. 3rd December is the next meeting of the Tourist group when this will be discussed and a decision could be made. Jackie Head described the chosen design.

Hayle Trail. J.F. read a note from F. S-M re. the Hayle Trail.

Save our Sands. Tim Hocking spoke on the sluice gate and that Hayle Town Council would take over the floodgate. John Bennett had had a meeting with D. Turner. Hayle in Bloom would like the water in Copperhouse Pool to be full during the summer. There is new agreement that there should be 13 employments per year and that the water needed for activities is 6.5m. Environment Agency is not opposed to others operating the gate and they have no problem with a legal agreement with H.T.C. for operating purposes. A need for local control is considered necessary by H.T.C. rather the Harbour Commission. It is not possible to dredge Copperhouse Pool because of pollution from mine waste. Toxic waste would have to be driven 200 miles to be dumped and this would very expensive. Wilson's Pool is the most polluted. Fishermen need the harbour dredged now but deep down it may have the same sludge as Copperhouse Pool.

Loggan's Mill: J.B. said that a company was looking at the site and that the scaffolding has been up for 600 days. A proposal has been submitted for housing and a café but the H.T.C. want it to be a commercial site with housing and more windows would be needed. No affordable housing is planned as the cost is too high and the extreme sports centre would not be practical. The Montgomery Group wants it to be developed for business.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will be on 15 January 2008.