



TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT DELIVERY GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 15 September 2010, 7.00 pm at
Passmore Edwards Institute

PRESENT

Joe Colliver (Chair T & T Delivery Group)
Jim Wright (HAP Delivery Team)
John Pollard (County Councillor)
Jayne Nines (HTC Deputy Mayor)
Graham Coad (HTC)
Eleanor Giggall (HTC Town Clerk)
Chris Driscoll (St Erth PC)
Mick Hanley (St Erth PC)
Angelo Spencer-Smith (St Erth PC)

Peter Airey
Jilly Whitaker
Guy Broughton (WAW Steering Group)
Alistair Beasley (WAW Steering Group)
Janet Kersey (WAW Steering Group)
Amanda Bloomer (Kingsbridge WAW)
Lone Mouritsen (Natural England)
Gemma Baker (Mobilise Project)
Claire Casey (HAP)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Bennett (HTC, Mayor), Anthony Young (Gwinear-Gwithian PC), Ruth Marks (Gwinear-Gwithian PC), Duncan Thurnell-Read (Gwinear-Gwithian PC/WAW Steering Group), Kathy Tilby (St Erth PC), Nick Reynolds/Alison Hayle (Paradise Park), Roger/Sue Lowry (WAW Steering Group), Mark Haynard (WAW Steering Group), Peter Haddock (Hayle Harbour), David Flumm (RSPB), Graham/Sylvia Ronan (PAROW)

2. KINGSBRIDGE WALKERS ARE WELCOME – Presentation by Amanda Bloomer followed by Q & A



Joe Colliver welcomed all present and invited Amanda Bloomer to take the floor.

Amanda spoke enthusiastically on the Kingsbridge Walkers are Welcome model and how this could be adopted by Hayle in whole or part. She emphasised that, although essentially one initiative, not everything has to be geared to walkers and walking. Amanda said that at Kingsbridge they felt it important to involve many sectors of the community and stretch the boundaries. People need not be walkers to be involved but have ideas for incorporation into the scheme which should be as open and accessible as possible.

Kingsbridge Walkers are Welcome Steering Group consists of

- a) A programme manager
- b) Project champions each with specific project responsibility in their own area of interest
- c) Each project champion has created their own project team to manage the project

This structure ensures that the programme goes further into the community.

Points raised during the talk and ensuing Q & A session were:

- 1) One Kingsbridge project being considered has come from discussions with producers at the Farmers Market. A number of these producers are located along

natural walks. Kingsbridge WAW are looking at developing packaging that is WAW branded with a view to encouraging walkers to pre-order a picnic to pick up on their walk.

- 2) The key to maintaining the programme long term is to be innovative, to look outside the walking box and involve the community in initiatives. It is very important not to duplicate what is on the ground. For example Kingsbridge WAW does not have a walking festival as there is an excellent annual South Devon Walking Festival.
- 3) Kingsbridge WAW would not work if it didn't work very closely with other groups such as Walking for Health and the Ramblers.
- 4) Attendance at the WAW Conference, held at Kilsyth this year, is one way to maintain accreditation. One workshop is to be based around how WAW features in areas of renewal and regeneration. WAW has played a significant part in the renewal/regeneration strategy of Kilsyth by utilizing the natural environment. Amanda invited Hayle to participate in this workshop and say how WAW fits into its short term/long term renewal and regeneration programme.
- 5) Kingsbridge WAW have produced and published some routes of their own but they try to look at things differently from other walking groups such as the Ramblers eg using local nature walks along the coast and their own WAW geocaching. They work with the Ramblers who have been pleased with the increase in the number of sales of their 3 walking books.
- 6) Kingsbridge WAW have re-opened and restored the last green area with direct access to foreshore, Brittons Field, as a designated picnic area. Placed half way along the walk to Bowcombe Creek it is the last point from Kingsbridge accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs. WAW branding is evident so everyone knows WAW re-opened it and encourage its use.
- 7) Kingsbridge has no fully accessible trails. There are three walks from the town centre with kissing gates designed for wheelchair and pushchairs. It is proposed to create Cycle Routes in particular one along the estuary path from Kingsbridge to Salcombe where it is not possible to walk or cycle at present. This is a long term project.
- 8) Colour themed boards have been designed one each for wildlife, local history and geology. Geology will not be used until the estuary walk is opened up.

Finally, Amanda said that she had tried to show how open to interpretation the WAW status can be. She added that she had been happy to give assistance and share ideas to help Hayle succeed as a Walkers are Welcome area and would continue to do so.

Joe thanked her for a very interesting talk and wished her a safe journey back to Kingsbridge.

3. WALKING FOR HEALTH – Overview by Lone Mouritsen

Joe invited Lone Mouritsen to talk the floor. Lone explained that she and Gemma Baker (Mobilise) were attending the meeting to raise awareness of the Walking for Health programme and to encourage people to come forward to train as walk leaders. A short and interesting DVD was shown about the Walking for Health initiative run by Natural England in conjunction with health centres/surgeries. The purpose of Walking for Health is to provide short, safe, sociable walks for all but particularly for those with varying health issues eg overweight, high blood pressure, recovering from heart problems.

During the question and answer session it was confirmed that walks:

- 1) Commenced with short, easy, level walks as easy level walks which progressed with people's experience and capabilities
- 2) Were geared to suit the slowest in the group, but that back markers were on hand for all walks
- 3) Mobilise support the group but relies upon volunteers to lead the walks
- 4) Local health authorities know about the project, patients are referred by GPs if necessary (stroke victims etc)
- 5) Funded by lottery fund match funded by primary care
- 6) Advertised as widely as possible but need volunteers for this area to get established
- 7) Walk leaders do not have to know first aid but is of benefit if they do
- 8) The health benefits to participants in the programme were clear
- 9) No special knowledge is required to become a walk leader
- 10) The training required is a free, one day course covering a variety of topics eg basic first aid, risk assessments, how to lead a walk.
- 11) Mobilise will take the initiative and set up with County Council backing

4. CARNSEW POOL – Footpaths 15 and 16

A précis of email comments from the interested parties was circulated outlining the difficulties that would need to be surmounted in order to meet standards required for wheelchair users to access the footpaths around Carnsew Pool.

From the ensuing discussion it was considered and agreed that an alternative might be to upgrade the gold priority footpath, 17 spur 1, down the spit to the point at the weir, the former Lelant ferry terminal. It is wide with plenty of passing places but would need a new surface for wheelchair and pushchair accessibility.

It was felt that, although more wheelchair friendly, it is not possible to see the same variety of birds around Copperhouse Pool as at Carnsew Pool, especially overwintering birds. It was pointed out that the footpaths (15 and 43) at Carnsew are narrow and difficult to negotiate. These should be made more accessible to ordinary walkers and in the long term look for disabled access. It was agreed that it was a pity that both disabled and young families were not able to make use of these public footpaths. There are established widths for footpaths and the owner of the property is legally obliged wherever possible to keep in them good order.

It was suggested that a wheelchair user group be invited to give their opinion as to what they would like and logistical difficulties they foresee eg parking getting into and out of wheelchairs.

5. PROGRESS ON ROUTES – Format for publication to be agreed upon

It was confirmed that a number of routes are being prepared by members of the Steering Group for printing. Existing publications would not be reproduced but would be available for downloading from the Discover Hayle/Hayle Town Council and other websites. The A5 laminated format was accepted with printing kept to both sides of one sheet being preferable.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The application for dog bans to be applied to four RSPB areas in Hayle was debated (Copperhouse Pool, Carnsew Pool, Ryans Field and Lelant Saltings). It was noted that this was to be discussed at the Hayle Town Council meeting the next day. It was agreed that:

- a) It would be difficult to enforce
- b) As SSSI area there are already sufficient powers to deal with irresponsible dog owners
- c) There is no jurisdiction for dogs to be banned from public footpaths
- d) This is not a popular way to proceed

There was no other business and Joe Colliver thanked the speakers and everyone for attending and for the questions and comments.

7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be advised

Meeting closed 8.30 pm