

Minutes of the Heritage, Culture and Environment Delivery Group meeting.  
Held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at the Passmore Edwards Institute.

Those present were: - Harry Blakely, David Clough (PDC), Georgina Schofield, Bob Mimms, Jim & Nancy Chadwick, Pauline Barnes, Sam Lawley, John & Rosemary Farrar, Joe Colliver, John Pollard, Mary Bryon-Edmonds, Tom King, Frank Scott-Mance.

Apologies for absence were received from: -Doreen Nicholas, Ian Toy, John Whear.

The meeting approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

Matter arising from the previous minutes.

Nothing had been received from CWS. It was agreed that another letter would be written to CWS, Manchester.

Re. The Towans Partnership. No date had been fixed for a meeting to discuss parking, access. A sub-committee is to be formed at a later date.

It was stated that Claire Williams is involved with the Business & Enterprise Group to utilise buildings for e.g. paintball, quad biking etc. A proper entrance has to be built plus a two-story building for conferences, workshops etc. Temporary plans are available. Another sub-committee will be formed. This will be discussed at the next meeting with officers from PDC. John Nunn of English Nature is happy with the plans, which include a 300-space car park plus toilets. This will also include easier access to the beach. Claire Williams will deal with all environmental enquiries. Public opinion will be sought through the planning department. Sam Lawley objected to a parking fee for regular users.

The state of the quay is to be taken up by Hayle Advisory Committee (Louise Dale). The harbour master has recommended that boulders be installed.

Save Our Sands. This is a possible project for Joe Colliver and Bob Mimms. ING own the land and must be involved in all discussions. John Pollard said that the Town Council is responsible for sluicing but the gate is not designed for sluicing. The Environmental Agency will only allow the water to be kept in during the summer for 10-12 weekends and have refused to add extra time to this. JC and BM suggested that commerce could return to the harbour if sluicing was properly controlled. The sluice gates built at both ends have been there for many years. It was suggested to ING that a hard base be put into the channel and may be incorporated into their plans. Cheaper electricity could be obtained by controlling the water. There may be a full report of this at the next meeting.

Mosquitoes. Mosquitoes have been found in the pool causing a mild form of malaria to some residents of Hayle but more evidence is needed for this.

Poo bins. Sam Lawley said that poo bins need to be changed more regularly on the Towans and also that it is cheaper to install bins but more expensive to have them emptied. Hayle Harbour Management is to be approached on this subject. There are no bins on the harbour at present.

Pathway sub-committee. Due to the closure of some paths on the Towans it was suggested a sub-committee be formed to have a group within the group. This will be a better way of going about this. The Ramblers are keen to be involved which is a Parish problem. Volunteers have been asked to come forward from the Ramblers Association. Cycle paths tie into this with footpaths. Dave Clark from P.D.C. said that money is available for this project. No one has volunteered.

Dave Scott, at the previous meeting, suggested that all committees share the facilities on offer e.g. the PA system. The Triathlon did not take place but could be started again. Swimming was the problem because of the pool having no water in it. It was stated that the Marazion Triathlon was very successful and we could learn from them. The Carnival was not very successful and the lights at Christmas are short of volunteers. I people are not willing to support these projects, more promotion is needed. Bob Mimms said that the Lions do a lot of work towards this and should be co-ordinated with the Rotary.

It was stated that the millpond project still has money in the kitty, around £6,000. The amphitheatre lacks a temporary cover; security lights and more seats need to be installed. The cover for weather protection could be removed when not in use. Georgina Schofield spent two hours with P.D.C. explaining what has to be done. Jim Chadwick suggested that a co-ordinating officer is needed starting with knowledge of demand before commencing. John Pollard agreed. The audience should be covered. Meetings should take place three times a year to organise the use of the theatre. The Town Clerk should be involved with this as a diary is kept of dates to prevent clashing with other events. John Pollard suggested that a meeting be called in mid-November with an agenda set for the meeting.

Tom King is to meet with others to check the Town signs. Frank Scott-Mance will see Sara on this occasion, as G.S. is busy with other issues at present.

Sluicing. Valves may be placed to control sluicing without erosion. This is on the agenda for the next meeting also a proposal for a small fee for using the Towans towards their upkeep.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007.