



Hayle Harbour Act 1989

Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee

Wednesday, 13 April 2016, 2PM
Passmore Edwards Institute, Hayle

MINUTES

Minutes of the quarterly meeting of the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee held at the Passmore Edwards Institute.

PRESENT

Members Robb Lello (HHUA), John Carter (HFA), Mike Collier (MCA-retired), David Flumm (RSPB), Peter Haddock (HM), Lech Kwiatowski (HFA/HCBO), Bob Mims (Hayle Chamber of Commerce), John Munday (IFCA), Vaughan Robbins (Natural England), Helen Wilson-Prowse (Wave Hub).

Guests Malcolm Gilbert, Cornwall Federation of Sea Anglers.

The meeting commenced at 2pm.

16-011 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Cllr John Bennett (Chairman), Cllr Graham Coad (HTC), Cllr John Coombe (Cornwall Council), Sgt. Mike Friday (DC Police), Rob Jewell (Hayle Chamber of Commerce), Peter Ghey (HFA), Cllr Richard Glanville (St Ives TC), Andrew Houghton (EA), Vanessa Luckwell (Cornwall Council), Cllr John Pollard (CC), Corinthian Land Ltd., Anne-Marie Rance (SoS),

16-012 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.

16-013 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 13 JANUARY 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising: None.

16-014 HAYLE HARBOUR AUTHORITY LTD. - HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

The Harbour Master presented his report.

Additional notes & comments:

The fishermen and commercial users were extremely concerned about the navigability of the harbour. There is a reduction in depth of about 50cm in parts of the harbour since February. The future viability of Hayle as a support port for the Wave Hub was questioned by Helen Wilson-Prowse. She was also concerned for the future of the Marine Renewables Business Park which is unlikely to be successful without a usable port.

There was a lengthy discussion on the issue and many questions on the position of the harbour owners regarding starting dredging and other other clearance operations.

It was RESOLVED unanimously (the HM abstained due to conflict of interest) to write a strongly worded letter to the harbour owners, Cornwall Council, Trinity House, the MMO and George Eustice, Minister of State for Farming, Food and the Marine Environment, describing:

- the continued decline in the navigable depth affecting commercial operations and safety
- reduction in the tidal window for harbour operations
- future viability of the port
- harm to the viability of the Marine Renewables Business Park and harbour

16-015 COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM UPDATE

Bob Mims reported on a CCT meeting attended by George Eustice. George agreed to assist with funding streams for sand removal in the harbour.

The CCT report was welcomed and felt to be a good basis for future funding.

16-016 POLICE REPORT

None.

16-017 HARBOUR OWNERSHIP UPDATE

There were no updates.

16-018 WAVE HUB AND MARINE RENEWABLES BUSINESS PARK UPDATE

Helen Wilson-Prowse reported that underwater work had been done on the hub in preparation for connecting the device which is currently at Falmouth.

16-019 HAYLE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION/HAYLE COMMERCIAL BOAT OWNERS

See comments under HM's report.

JB

16-020 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- None

Date of next meeting

13 July 2016

Subsequent meetings (2nd Wednesday, January, April, July & October):

12 October 2016, 11 January 2017 (AGM), 12 April 2017

Attachments:

1. HM Report

Minutes: rl/jb