

**MINUTES
HAYLE HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
13 October 2010**

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1.	Present		
	John Bennett (Chairman) – please see attached attendance list. A member of the public was also present.		
2.	Apologies		
	PC G Trevorrow, Mr D Flumm (RSPB), Tim Armstead (ING Real Estate (UK) (Ltd), Miss E Giggall (Hayle Town Clerk) and John Coombe (Cornwall Council)		
3.	Minutes and Matters Arising		
	The minutes were approved without amendment. Matters arising: In the previous Minutes it was stated that a swan was suffering from lead poisoning. This is no longer believed to be true. ING had an action to write to non-executive members – this was still pending. There was an Action for All to look at the current constitution – the Three Council’s Agreement is outdated as none of the Councils exist anymore. It is not expected that there will be fundamental changes. This will be put on the next Agenda. The police reported that the problems with youths had been resolved. ING was to look at whether a HRO is needed in order to do sluicing – this was in hand. The EA is seeking funding. ING reported that the primary concern is the need for the land owner’s agreement. The issue is that if the pool is flooded it could disturb contaminants and release them into the harbour. The EA would have to monitor this and set the constraints.		Chairman ING
4.	Election of Deputy Chairman		
	Rob Lello was proposed and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.		
5.	Hayle Harbour Authority Ltd - Report		
	The Harbour Master presented his report. The first section of the Report dealt with the operational review. The deputy Harbour Master said that the RNLI had placed a container on site to house a small inflatable rescue craft. This facilitated four rescues, four assists, seventy minor first aid incidents and three major first aid incidents. The RNLI had thanked ING for allowing the placement of this container on their land. The Police have now stopped youngsters “tomb stoning” off the harbour and off vessels. The Harbour Master reported on his Dredging Review. Since the last meeting he had met with seven Dredging Contractors, some local, some international and asked them to give propose their recommended methodology. Each company had a different approach, and the Harbour Master was now		

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	<p>evaluating. He concluded that Hayle harbour had worked in the past and could continue to do so.</p> <p>The most recent dredging operation was objected to by some stakeholders. The Harbour Master observed that the suction dredging had been conducted on a flood tide and this washed stirred-up sediment further up the estuary. If suction dredging is the way forward, it should be done on an ebb tide.</p> <p>He felt, however, that there are strong indications that injection dredging to float sand into the water stream was a more successful, cost effective and least damaging method. He noted, however, that the harbour authority has no reserves and only a small annual income from harbour dues insufficient to cover the costs of dredging, so that either sand is sold or funds are sourced from ING. The Harbour Master and ING are putting together a business case to go to present to ING management but, if this approach is unsuccessful, the sale of sand is likely.</p> <p>Members expressed the need to debate the selling of sand. It was recognised that harbour users are very keen for the entrance to the harbour to be kept open and safe. Given that there may have been mismanagement of the previous dredging operation, there is a need for a protocol to be agreed in advance before dredging and sale of sand recommences. It was felt that community support could be obtained if people understood how much sand is to be taken and how it is to be monitored.</p> <p>It was agreed that stakeholders would be consulted and it was noted that the residents of Lelant Quay were also considered stakeholders.</p> <p>The issue of erosion on the beach from Godrevy to Porth Kidney Sands was raised further emphasizing the need for an agreed protocol.</p> <p>ING is hoping to receive some grant funding but they expect that some sand sales will be necessary.</p> <p>The Harbour Users would support sluicing and pre-agreed sand sales. The possibility of using some of the S106 funding from the harbour development was suggested.</p> <p>The Harbour Master stated that the dredging review will be ready for the next HHAC.</p> <p><u>Status of entrance channel</u></p> <p>The Harbour Master has observed a worsening of the entrance channel to the harbour and has issued a local Notice to Mariners. He noted that it is the duty of all mariners to plan their voyages to minimise risks and this applies to all vessels. The Notice has been sent to the Department of Transport Ports Division.</p> <p>It was noted that if funding to keep the channel safe was not forthcoming, eventually the harbour would become unusable. It would require an Act of</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HM</p>	

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	<p>Parliament to de-regulate the harbour. The MMO will give priority to an application for a dredging licence.</p> <p><u>Funding for Fisherman's facilities</u></p> <p>The Harbour Master advised that there is currently no funding available but a bid made next year for access for funding. He is dealing with Steve Bailey from the MMO in association with the European Fisheries Fund. 3.2 million has been granted to various harbours with fishing in the UK, one in Southwold a small fishing harbour in Suffolk and it is hoped that Hayle would also qualify.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding the mackerel boats that take passengers out from St Ives on trips and the long running dispute of them being laid up in Lelant on the saltings out of season, and whether harbour dues were payable or not. This dispute between the mackerel boat owners and Hayle Harbour escalated and lawyers got involved. The Harbour Master stated that all harbour users should contribute to running costs, but it is accepted that whilst boats are laid up they are not operating commercially. He proposed that these vessels should be subject to the same dues which are levied on leisure vessels meaning that the financial impact would be about half.</p> <p>It was resolved that the vessels moored at Lelant be charged as leisure vessels. (The vote was carried unanimously).</p> <p>It was resolved that the fees would be backdated to the 1st of October. (The vote was carried unanimously).</p> <p>It was further suggested that the Harbour Master should write to St. Ives Town Council to explain his decision (and its spirit of compromise) and the unanimous support of the HHAC and to seek their support.</p> <p><u>Harbour Master's Surgeries</u></p> <p>These surgeries had run for the last few months and had been well attended. The next one is scheduled for the 3 November.</p> <p><u>Kite Surfing</u></p> <p>The agreement to restart kite surfing under agreed conditions seemed to work well throughout the summer, though the weather and wind had not been good for kite surfing. There had been no incident reports linked with the regime under which kite surf was authorised. A meeting was booked with reps from kite surfing for the 8 December. The regime will continue for 6 months then a decision would be made whether it stays the same, is enlarged or reduced.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Harbour Master had made a good impression and was thanked for his professional management of the harbour.</p>	HM
(6)	Hayle Estuary Management Plan	
	After a discussion it was agreed that the document would be a live document and the Committee would go with it as it stands and reviewed as necessary.	

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	<p>It was resolved that the Hayle Estuary Management Plan would be adopted. (The vote was carried unanimously).</p> <p>This matter would always be on the Agenda and the Committee will review one part of the plan at each meeting. Thanks were given to Amy Brock-Morgan for the preparation of the document.</p>	Chairman
(7)	Dredging Update	
	Dredging was covered in the Harbour Master's report. There was brief additional discussion marram grass and lorry movements to move sand from Lelant Quay.	
(8)	AOB	
	There was a question regarding the footpath at the back of Dynamite Quay.	
	It was discussed whether now all the works had finished has access at Lelant Quay to the quay been given back to the public? Concerns were raised by a couple of residents about emergency access. The Assistant Harbour Master said that the residents should liaise with them regarding this.	
	There was a question regarding dismantling the structure on Lelant Quay. ING was advised to leave it in situ as it is a then a brownfield site from a planning perspective.	
	The Harbour Master said that he had an enquiry from a BSc Ocean Science student who would like to talk to a local fisherman about seals. The Harbour Users Association will assist.	
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at Passmore Edwards Institute on Wednesday 12th January 2010 at 2 pm.</p>	