

# HAYLE HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Dear Sirs,

At the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee meeting on 13 April 2011 it was unanimously resolved that I write to you to express the extreme disappointment of the committee regarding the decision of the Hayle Harbour Authority Ltd. board to withhold the report on dredging prepared by the Harbour Master, Capt. Mark Capon.

The Harbour Master had promised a report on this extremely important matter at the HHAC meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. Because planning applications were due to be heard by Cornwall Council in January, I acceded to the request to defer the presentation of the report until an extraordinary meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. I also agreed that this meeting would exclude the press and public so that a full and frank discussion could take place. This meeting was cancelled by the Harbour Master on the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. No further information was forthcoming at our regular meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

The HHAC understands the financial constraints under which the HHAL is operating and is willing to work in a supportive and partnership role to assist in solving problems in operating the harbour – subject to any constraints of the 1989 Hayle Harbour Act. It is totally unsatisfactory, therefore, that your board should prevent the HHAC from undertaking its role by preventing members from reading the Harbour Master's report.

On behalf of the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee, I request that you immediately authorise the Harbour Master to release his dredging report to members of the committee and be prepared to answer members' questions at our next meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr. John Bennett

Chairman, HHAC

CC: Russell Coetzee, David Alker, Sven Mathijssen, Guy Parker.