HCAG notes Last meeting: Tuesday 5th December 2023

Chaired by Cath Hayes.

WELCOME

The aim of the meeting was to explore ideas for KGVMW using the masterplan as a starting point. The masterplan is based on ideas from the public consultations carried out to create the Vision for Hayle in Autumn 2022. The masterplan was used to generate discussion and the document helps us to demonstrate to funders what our intentions are.

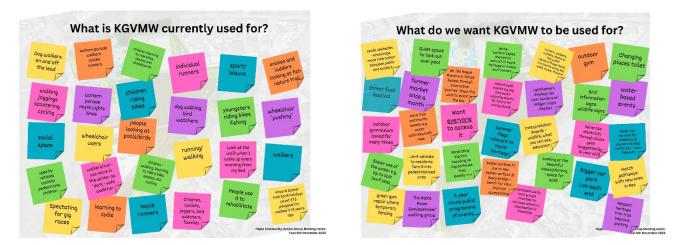
King George V Memorial Walk

Graham talked through the ideas for King George V Memorial Walk in the Masterplan and how the concept is that KGVMW should become more of a linear park. It is already a much-loved asset in the town and the plan would be to improve it and make the most of it. He asked the group how we can make the space look more like a park. He explained that part of this could be in the choice of materials for resurfacing work, such as changing the colour of the surface or use a resin bound aggregate so that it looks less like a road, including things that break up the space, e.g. equipment and seating in certain places.

The group did suggest that it may be appropriate for there to be a one-way system for residents and maintenance vehicles. The group focused their discussion on accessibility and inclusivity.

The group were asked to write down their responses to the following questions:

- What is KGVMW currently used for?
- What do we want it to be used for?



The following points were made about how the group would like KGVMW to be used in the future:

- Street food festival
- The Waite Room Gym/exercise/walking group
- green gym/repair where temporary fencing
- skate obstacles encourage more interaction between public and skaters
- More free community events e.g. water activities/raft race
- Easier use of the water e.g. sip to Salt (surf skis)
- outdoor gymnasium asked for many times
- A year round public programme of events
- Limit vehicles to residents/ Turn it into pedestrianised area

- Generating electric/ Kayaking on Copperhouse Pool/ Events +++
- Bit like Rogue Theatre in Tehidy Access through interactive 'journey' down the walk to event in the Rec
- Want everyone to access it
- Bigger car park + Loo each end
- outdoor gym
- Generate electricity through sluice gate (suggested by 16 year old!)
- Bird information signs/wildlife signs
- water based events
- Changing places toilet
- Respect heritage, Trim Trail, Improve parking
- Radar key barriers for residents & couriers to keep traffic low like in Falmouth
- Quiet space to look out over pool
- farmer market once a month
- Match pathways with new ones in Rec
- Increased use by local groups/ Charities to increase activity & socialisation or friendship
- Better surface to link to Rec Better surface @ Black Bridge + bench for view Improve accessibility
- Summer flags relevant to Hayle heritage
- Nature audit events e.g. Big birdwatch Learning events ID nature for young people
- Winter 'Lantern' Lights themed on nature? or Hayle Heritage or Unique environment
- Interpretation Boards wildlife, what you can see, education
- Looking at the beautiful views/planting space for quiet
- runners, walkers, cyclists, boats on the water herbs in flower beds live events along the walk, music, theatre
- Light/lantern displays like Lost Gardens of Heligan\night display

Robin shared his research about outdoor gym equipment including support from Bodriggy GP Practice. He explained the importance of placing any outdoor equipment in a space that offers privacy for users.

The group was then asked:

• What do we need to do with KGVMW to make these ideas a reality? What do you think should be developed from the masterplan? Please refer to page 30 – 31 of the masterplan.

Each group came up with the following priorities:

Group 1 priorities:

The group felt that all of the projects were important but the following need to be done first and are linked together.

- 1. Remove the speed bumps
- 2. Place barrier at one end to show that it is access only and works as more of a gateway to KGVMW
- 3. Resurface KGVMW to change perceptions of what the space is for and show the range of users and uses. Change associations
- 4. Changing Places facility at the swimming pool end (A Changing Place Toilet has more space and the right equipment, including a height adjustable changing bench, a peninsular toilet and a celling hoist for people with disabilities to be able to access a toilet in safety and comfort. You can find out more information here: https://www.changing-places.org/#)

This group has also added skateable objects to the list of changes and said that the barrier that is used needs to be carefully considered as it should feel like a gateway to the area. The group also asked if the swimming pool toilets could be made useable for users of KGVMW?

The group felt it was important to unify the zones within the town and link spaces together through materials used and so on, e.g. the Recreation Ground should be linked to KGVMW as a space for health and wellbeing and cultural activities.

Group 2 priorities:

- 1. Remove speed bumps and resurface KGVMW
- 2. Use planters to break up speed (of cyclists). Create a behaviour change to encourage cyclists to go around pedestrians rather than have separate lanes for different users
- 3. Signs at both ends that show what the space is for
- 4. Resurfacing the existing paths and widening in areas/ Increasing accessibility along the whole walk without disturbing existing heritage and planting
- 5. Sculptural play element/body weight gym/trim trail
- 6. Changing Places toilet (not dependent on café/pool being open)
- 7. Textured warning strip
- 8. Circular seating to create a communal feel

The group felt that when changes to KGVMW are made, an events programme is run to highlight the change of use and to draw in a range of different users.

Next steps will be determined once the group has discussed plans for Travel and Movement for the town and we can look at the projects as a whole.

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Sustainable Hayle

The next Repair Café is taking place on **Saturday 9th December 3 – 5pm** at **Hayle Day Care Centre**. There is a **Big Christmas Swap** where people can bring along any items that can be regifted. Zoltan is offering a sharpening service and you can enjoy a festive vegetarian meal.

Business News:

If you need some funded support for your business or a grant then get in touch with The Growth Hub who are now the single point of contact for business support in Cornwall. The Growth Hub is funded by Good Growth (the name for Shared Prosperity funding in Cornwall).

The Growth Hub offers grant funding to support:

- Growth
- Research, development and innovation
- Net zero

and business support around

- Business finance
- Startups
- Growth planning
- Business development

- Recruitment and retention
- Net zero
- Research, development and innovation
- Manufacturing

Get in touch with the Growth Hub to arrange a chat about your business needs: https://www.ciosgrowthhub.com/

Constitution Working Group:

The working group has now met several times and have finished the first draft of the Constitution document. Julie is currently typing the document up and will check it with the working group before circulating to the wider group in the new year. The working group explained some of the things that they have been looking at including which type of model they think is the most appropriate (Association model), membership information and election of trustees. A written commentary will be included when the draft constitution is circulated so that they wider group can understand why the working group has made certain suggestions. The February 7th meeting will focus on the constitution and application to become a CIO. The document will be circulated in time for the group to read it prior to the February meeting so that if members of the group have questions they can bring them or send them in to be discussed during the meeting.

HCAG Newsletter:

Julie has put together a template for a newsletter from the group to highlight the progress that the group is making and also share news and events from groups in the town. Information to be shared in the January newsletter will need to be sent to Julie by 9am on Monday 18th December. Future dates will be shared in the first newsletter.

Name of the Group:

It was discussed several months ago that the name of the group should change. It was decided that this will happen when the group applies to become a CIO. HCAG already exists through Helston Climate Action Group so this is not an option. Several suggestions have been made including:

- Hayle Action Group
- Hayle Action Trust
- Hayle Action
- Action Hayle

If you have suggestions for names, send them to Julie before Christmas so that we can make a decision in time for the CIO application.

Actions:

Julie: Circulate notes from the meeting to the wider group. Circulate constitution document in time for the February meeting. Send out HCAG newsletter in January.

All: Send in any information/events from Hayle organisations (to be shared through the newsletter) to Julie by 9am Monday 18th December.

Send in suggestions for the name of the group by 31st December.

Share the grant information with people you know that run a business in Hayle.

Next meetings:

7pm Tuesday 16th January 2024 at Hayle Day Care Centre (Main Agenda item: Travel and Movement) 7pm Wednesday 7th February 2024 at Hayle Day Care Centre (Main Agenda item: Constitution)