

HCAG notes

Last meeting: Tuesday 7th November 2023

Chaired by Jeremy Martin.

WELCOME

The aim of the meeting was to explore ideas for the Recreation Ground 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 is used to generate discussion and is a document that helps us to demonstrate to funders what our intentions are.

Hayle Recreation Ground

Graham talked through the ideas for the Recreation Ground in the Masterplan.

Julie explained that the following issues that we are facing need to be considered in our plans:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Drains
- Play equipment will need to be replaced sooner rather than later as it is coming to the end of its operational lifespan (Play equipment is inspected weekly by the maintenance team and Cormac and issues are dealt with quickly. There are also monthly checks by Cormac and an annual RPII inspection by an independent assessor).
- Skate bowl – surface needs replacing and is it fit for purpose?
- Ongoing maintenance (cost, time, etc)

Julie gave an update on funding. An application has been made to the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund for £100,000 to fund new play equipment at the Recreation Ground. An Expression Of Interest for the Community Levelling Up Fund will be submitted this week to fund play equipment at the Recreation ground (£200,000). \$106 money has been given to Hayle Town Council to pay for perimeter fencing. We will need to consider a variety of other ways to fund the projects such as business sponsorship packages, crowdfunding, fundraising events along with grant funding.

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

- What is the Recreation ground currently used for?
- What do we want it to be used for?

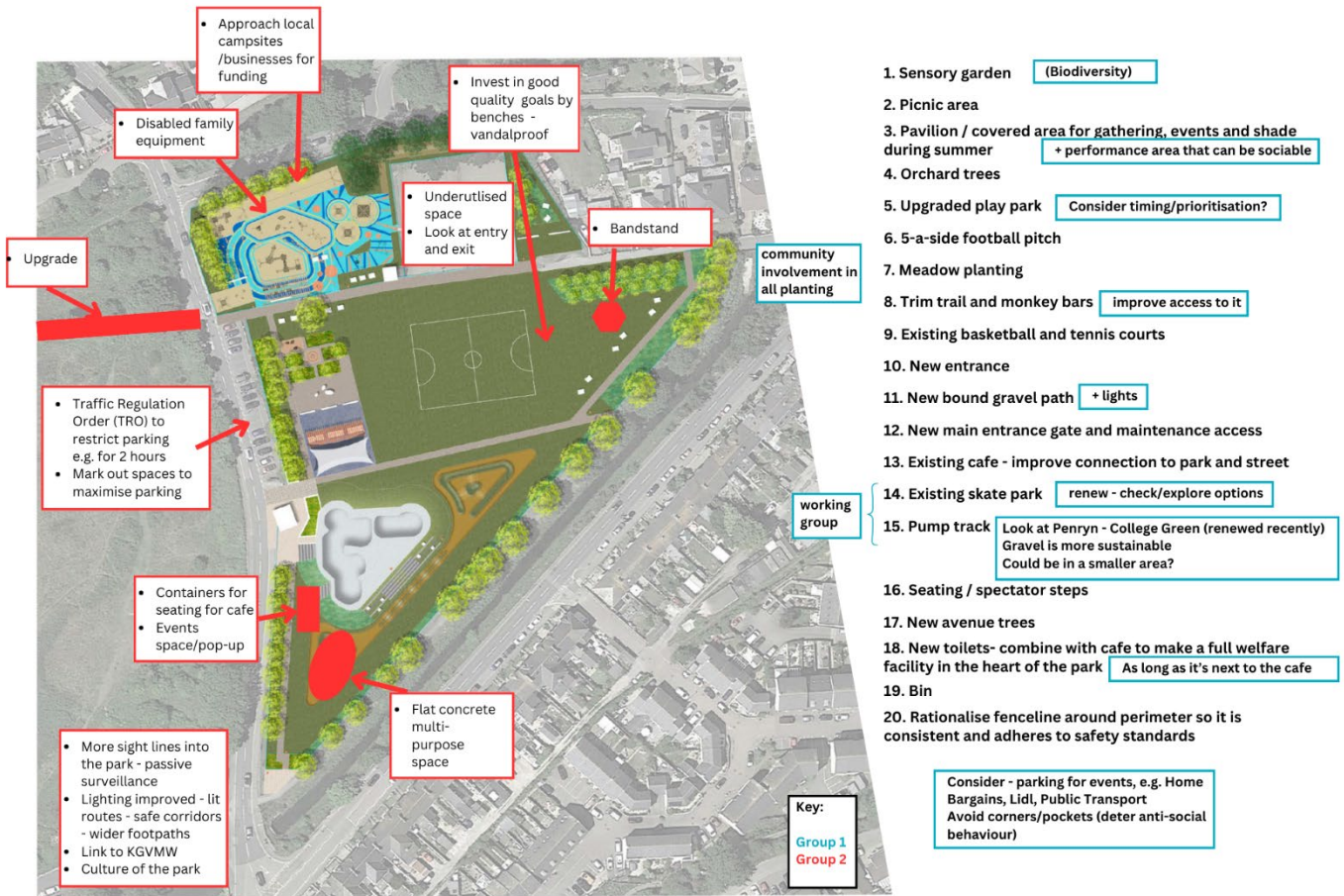


It was clear from the discussion that currently the Rec's usage is focused on young people/children rather than being multi-generational. The intention is to make the Recreation Ground used by a greater number of groups in the town which will help to combat anti-social behaviour.

The group was then asked:

- What do we need to do with the Recreation Ground to make these ideas a reality? What do you think should be developed from the masterplan? As part of this include creative solutions for tackling anti-social behaviour in the designs for the Rec.

Each group came up with the following priorities:



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Group 1 priorities:

1. Combine 1, 4, 7, and 11 – gravel path and planting. This could happen early on in the process as the planting would grow while everything else is being done. This is an affordable part of the masterplan that could be carried out with community involvement.
2. Pavilion area for events. Designed to face the green space in front to be able to scale up events. The community, schools and organisations could use this space. This area should be able to accommodate a mobile stage.
3. Toilets/café combined. Move toilets to the existing café kiosk area.
4. Skate park/pump track – combine as one group. Create a working group to explore this.

Group 2 priorities:

1. Introduce a multi-purpose flat concrete space for wheeled activity (e.g. skating) next to existing café. This could be used by a range of ages for skating, etc. it would be well-used at different times during the day and therefore would be a useful deterrent for anti-social behaviour due to its proximity to the skate bowl. It would be relatively low cost and it could be introduced and still leave space for a pump track.
2. Safety – introduce more lighting/sight lines/passive surveillance/lit routes, etc. It is important that we balance lighting for safety and activity in the park and residents' needs.
3. Play park – upgrade equipment and ensure accessibility and inclusivity
4. Bandstand (or pavilion)
5. Pump track

After discussion, the whole group decided that a working group should be set up to look at the flat multi-purpose area, pump track and skate park. This group should look at funding streams, and take a phased approach as parts of the project will be more affordable than others. Some parts of the project could be carried out with community involvement rather than needing to engage contractors.

The group decided that while the planting could be carried out through community groups such as Sustainable Hayle and Hayle in Bloom, the whole park needs to be designed first so that we can work out biodiversity gains, etc for the park as a whole. We need to look at the efficiency of upgrading the park as a whole.

We also need to take a joined up approach between all of the projects before making any decisions, e.g. KGVMW could offer the skateable surface and would also enable intergenerational interaction.

Julie is making arrangements for further consultation with young people and children from Hayle Academy, Bodriggy Academy and Penpol School. It was decided that some members of HCAG should be involved in school consultations.

It was decided that next steps would be determined once the group has discussed plans for KGVMW and Travel and Movement for the town.

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Hayle Flood Forum

Flood Forums coordinate the community's response to flood warnings and floods. The forums are made up of volunteers from the community who are trained as flood wardens. Hayle Town Council is coordinating the Flood Forum and associated training with the Environment Agency. If you are interested in being involved, get in touch with Julie.

Sustainable Hayle update

Annette gave an update about Sustainable Hayle. There are currently three areas that the group is focused on:

1. The Community allotment which is open to all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult)
2. Monthly Repair Cafes – next one is on Saturday 11th November (3pm onwards), Hayle Day Care Centre. Repairs of clothing, bikes and small electrical items. There is a free meal and this week there is also a guest speaker who is going to talk about recycling. The Repair Café is on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
3. Tree planting in the town

Actions:

Julie: Circulate notes from the meeting to the wider group.

All: Let Julie know if you would like to be part of the working group to explore ideas for the skate park/multi-purpose flat space/pump track.

If you wish to be part of Hayle Flood Forum, let Julie know.

Next time:

Plans for King George V Memorial Walk

Next meeting:

7pm Tuesday 5th December at Hayle Day Care Centre (KGVMW)

7pm Tuesday 16th January 2024 at Hayle Day Care Centre (Travel and Movement)