



HAYLE COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP



LAST MEETING: 8th February 2023

Chaired by Cath Hayes.

MAIN DISCUSSION: Masterplan



Two ways forward were suggested for the group based on the experience of the last few meetings. The group can either work through theme by theme as we have been doing or, create a masterplan that maps out all projects, as many schemes are interconnected across themes.

A masterplan provides the broader picture and shows how things fit together. The plan would be organised into themed areas/spaces, e.g. health and wellbeing, in order to incorporate a range of uses and projects such as a trim trail or outdoor gym. From the masterplan, individuals can draw on their passions to assist with specific projects and the group can develop smaller projects from the masterplan before the plan is completed to start getting things done. A sustainable masterplan would be a way of mapping out areas for a range of users in order to be fully inclusive. It would incorporate existing reports and plans e.g. HTC Neighbourhood Plan. Other towns have taken the route of creating a masterplan and have secured funding as a result of doing so. Additional questions raised:

What is the difference between paying for a feasibility study and doing the work ourselves?

- We can do some work ourselves
- Some needs to be done by experts who understand specific areas
- Need to be able to provide evidence/appropriate supporting materials to support funding applications

Funding – what can we access?

A range of funding can be tapped into and this will be assisted by HTC Projects and Events Officer and Cornwall Council Link Officer.

Travel and Movement

On plans of the town, the group mapped out where they see issues around travel + movement e.g. pedestrian crossings required, lower speed limits, lack of footpaths, etc. These will be added to Masterplan.

NEXT MEETING

The group will discuss the next steps with the masterplan.

UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Leisure Centre/Multi-use facility at Hayle Academy

Melissa Lock (Headteacher at Hayle Academy) reported back to the group about the previous planning proposal for a Leisure Centre positioned by the tennis courts on the grounds of Hayle Academy. The Executive Head of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust is open to explore the possibility of a leisure centre on the grounds. The Trust would not be open to selling the land but would be willing to work in partnership with the community. A swimming pool was not on the original plans that were passed in 2014 (that were in place for 5 years until 2019). On the original proposal made by the school, before it was part of the Academy Trust, there was a caveat that the building would not be open to the public on certain sides as there would need to be some highways work before this could happen. Some in the group were concerned about the cost of a swimming pool. It was pointed out that new pools can be sustainable and affordable.

Would have to consider the running costs of the facility as well as the initial capital cost. The project could be a possibility for bidding for Shared Prosperity funding along with other funding streams.

Possible next steps:

- Identify contents for a leisure/multi-use facility.
- Look at evolving current pool

Outdoor gym

Robin provided a paper copy of his research for an outdoor gym. The outdoor gym idea will be added to the masterplan and any feasibility study around health and wellbeing.

Audit of groups, organisations, societies and clubs

In order to audit what's on offer in the town, an online form has been created: <https://forms.office.com/e/KejvVFakRG> All groups/societies/organisations/clubs in the town are asked to complete the online form so that we can ensure we have the most up to date information and contact details to share with the community.

NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

On behalf of Friends of the Towans, Nick Reynolds and Martin Rule (Towans Ranger) introduced the idea of applying for the Towans to be denoted as a National Nature Reserve (due to its industrial and natural heritage), in order to ensure the future of the land. The land currently has no protection and was turned down as an SSSI area by Natural England. Friends of the Towans asked if there was community support to look at the possibility of doing this. This could unlock funding to staff the



area and create a base to be used by partner organisations (RSPB/Hayle in Bloom) as a tool store and as an education facility amongst other things. The group were in full support of the proposal and would like to incorporate the idea into the masterplan to ensure connectivity to the Towans.

Question: Would the area being a National Nature Reserve impact on watersports, fishing and dredging? These things are unlikely to be affected.

AOB

- **Hayle Business Week: 20th – 24th Feb** Hayle Town Council have organised a range of webinars, workshops and networking opportunities for the local business community.
- Emily has a number of printed 20mph is plenty stickers/posters if people would like them to encourage the community to drive more slowly until

Cornwall Council roll out their 20 is plenty scheme in Hayle.

Introductions: At the beginning of future meetings, people will introduce themselves, especially if there is someone new to the group.

- **Dates for the next meetings** were agreed: Weds 8th March and Weds 3rd May
- Cath Hayes will chair the next meeting.

ACTIONS:

Jeremy: Contact Exec Head of Truro and Penwith Trust regarding CEO's openness to a Leisure Centre/multi-use facility/swimming pool on grounds of Hayle Academy.

Graham: Prepare quote for masterplan including a breakdown of what would be included.

Julie: Circulate notes from meeting. Find out about procurement arrangements for HTC as the accountable body for the Vitality Funding. Write letter on behalf of HCAG in support of the Friends of the Towans application for the Towans to become a National Nature Reserve. Circulate Robin's notes.

Whole group: Share the link to the online form about organisations, groups, societies and clubs in Hayle and encourage people to complete it so that information can be shared with the community: <https://forms.office.com/e/KejvVFakRG>



7pm Weds 8th March 2023
Annexe, Hayle Day Care Centre



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