



## HAYLE TOWN TEAM



### TOWN TEAM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2021

Notes of the Hayle Town Team Meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday 1 December 2021 commencing at 7.00pm. Open to the public, businesses, community groups and volunteers.

### 7.00PM MEETING COMMENCED

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and there were brief introductions.

#### 2. GUEST SPEAKER FROM CORNWALL GLEANING NETWORK

Kellie Odgers-Brown from Cornwall Gleaning Network introduced herself and thanked the team for the opportunity to speak. She explained that Cornwall Gleaning Network are a new community interest company that currently has 7 regional co-ordinators throughout Cornwall. CGN work with local farmers to glean, or take away, surplus crops to supply local foodbanks, community food cupboards and kitchens. They work very closely with Riviere Farm. The need for this service is increasing, and this is a way of keeping food miles low, also by tapping into local distribution networks.

Since August, they have gleaned over 40 tonnes of surplus fruit and vegetables to directly supply foodbanks, such as Hayle Community Cupboard and Kirsty's Kitchen.

Due to the large amount of produce, they are looking to increase their storage and distribution facilities, as well as grow their local volunteer groups.

As part of a Social Prescribing Service, there are huge benefits by getting people out to the farms, to harvest produce, and link in with the local community. It provides a fun experience, and benefits wellbeing, as well as doing something good for the local community.

It is not just volunteers for gleaning that are welcomed, but also for administration tasks, distribution, and transport.

Kellie explained that due to the service expanding, they are currently applying to local councils for small grants, as well as setting up a crowd funder to raise funds for 2 second hand 4x4 vehicles and 2 trailers to help with the transportation of the produce.

For more information, please follow links below:

[Gleaning Cornwall - No good food should go to waste!](#)

[Gleaning Network Cornwall - Vehicle Fund - a Food and Drink crowdfunding project in Hayle by Holly Whitelaw \(crowdfunder.co.uk\)](#)

### **3. WELCOME BACK FUND UPDATE**

The Town Clerk explained that a plan for a program of cultural events was needed, and that it would need to go to Cornwall Council for review as soon as possible as the events must be carried out by the end of March 2022. Ideas for acts, performers, and street entertainment are urgently needed. As well as potential equipment required such as marquees/gazebos.

### **4. VITALITY FUND UPDATE**

It was explained that there would be a meeting the following week with Cornwall Council to confirm the £90,000 that had been awarded, and to discuss the terms of the funding.

It is so far understood that this would be for 2 feasibility studies. The first would be to identify the need for travel connectivity and active travel. The second would be an audit for sporting and leisure facilities in the town, and to identify the gaps that need addressing.

More information will be available after the meeting.

### **5. LEVELLING UP FUND**

It was explained to members that there are still many unknowns about the levelling up fund. It was advised to prepare briefs as these would need to go out to tender.

It is also important to start moving forward with ideas so that the project plans would be ready should any funding be awarded.

However, it was noted that it is important to manage expectations as the fund is on a massive scale and it applies across the constituency and there is strong competition.

### **6. HAYLE FARMER'S MARKET – UPDATE ON PLANS**

Members discussed the need to find out exactly what the community would like to see at a farmer's market and suggested using social media to promote the topic and get public opinion.

It was agreed that other successful farmer's markets, like those at Helston, Truro, St Erth, St Ives, Sennen and Penzance should be used a template to follow.

It was then discussed whether the market should be purely for food produce, or if it should be a market day which incorporates farmers, small crafters, and any local producers. It would give small local crafters and producers an opportunity for an outlet, without competing with local established businesses. There could even be mixed stalls for multi producers.

Location was highlighted as being key to success, and the need for indoor or sheltered facilities in poor weather.

It was suggested that in the early stages of the market, flexibility in terms of location would be a good idea. This would mean setting up the market at different locations each time to trial which would be most successful.

Once the market has been established, it has the potential to expand, this could be by regular evening markets as well as day ones, and not just at Christmas. These could include hot/cold food stalls, wet fish stalls, and anything that shows the large array of quality produce and products produced in Hayle. Throughout the summer months, the idea of having an art walk was suggested.

## **7. REPAIR SHED WORKING PARTY UPDATE**

As with the previous item, it was agreed that research is needed to find out how much support there would be to establish and grow the project.

## **8. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS**

At a Hayle Town Council meeting, it had been agreed to not take part in the lighting of a beacon for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. However, the council have been approached by Cormac to see if there would be interest or support for commemorative planting for the occasion. This could be by way of tree planting, woodland areas, fruit trees or enhancing green spaces. A community orchard was also suggested. It was agreed to decide on a location, with possibilities such as Loggans Moor roundabout, or maybe lower Ellis Park. It was also suggested that Lilly of the Valley should be incorporated as this is the Queen's favourite.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was raised.