

## **Projects and Events Officer Report to Full Council November 2024**

### **Hayle Community Action Group**

The next meeting of HCAG will take place in January (date and venue to be confirmed).

The first meeting of the trustees will take place in November where they will start to get policies in place for the CIO along with other necessary paperwork.

### **Travel Workshop**

The workshop about travel and movement in the town that had to be postponed due to the General Election has been rearranged for 18<sup>th</sup> November (6 – 9pm). There are still places on the workshop if members would like to attend – let me know so that I can reserve a space and send out the questionnaire from CC Officers for completion prior to the workshop. The workshop is being run by Cornwall Council officers and links to the Hayle Masterplan projects and will inform their transport strategy.

### **Hayle Flood Forum and Plan**

Hayle Community Action Group reviewed the emergency plan for Hayle at their last meeting and made many useful suggestions. I will now contact everyone cited on the plan to obtain permission and check contact details. This will complete our Emergency Plan. Once this is done, we will organise the next round of training for flood wardens. We need as many people as possible to step forward to become wardens. Training is provided and grant funding is available to provide volunteers with the necessary kit, including wellies and high vis clothing.

### **Events**

#### **Reflections of Hayle: Telling Our Yarns Celebration of the Arts in Hayle**

HTC hosted an arts event from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October at the Passmore Edwards Institute. The event was well attended despite the terrible weather on Sunday. We collected stories about Hayle and this will be added to over time in order to create a banner of stories that will be displayed at Hayle Heritage Centre in the future.

The art trail was launched on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at Hayle Library. A big thank you to all of the artists and venues that hosted artworks. Particular thanks to Sarah Jarman who installed a garden in the HTC greenhouse on KGVMW. Sarah and her partner also spruced up the greenhouse in the process.



The event began with a performance of Dracula by David Mynne on the Friday evening which was well attended. Many of the attendees commented that they were delighted to have theatre in the town and felt privileged to have David (who co-founded Kneehigh Theatre). David is an incredible storyteller and thoroughly enjoyed performing in the space and voiced that he would be delighted to return to Hayle to perform at the Passmore again.



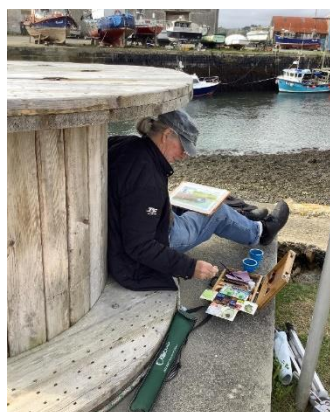
It was great to be able to exhibit the work of a huge range of local professional and amateur artists. Work ranged from Hilary Gibson's *Crinum*, *King George's Walk*, *Hayle Estuary* (on sale for £1500) to the first painting a member of U3A painted in their whole life. Jane Gray displayed her teabag wedding dress which is a project exploring sustainability, Cyd Jupe brought along two of her realistic ceramic gannets, Kieran Brimson's mystical photograph of the Millpond and Birte Hosken exhibited her piece made entirely from plastic she had found on local beaches. Judith Ryder from Create Space exhibited her wet felt creation inspired by her husband, John's involvement in a research project about Motor Neurone Disease. Her work was displayed alongside John's own painting of Hayle Harbour. Work by GCSE students from Hayle Academy was also included in the exhibition. It really was a real celebration of the creative talent within the town. Perran Moon, MP paid an unexpected visit to the exhibition after his surgery at Hayle Library.



The workshops were a real hit with those that took part. The workshop leaders and participants gained a huge amount from the sessions, with people leaving feeling truly inspired to continue their art journeys whether that be in painting, drawing, creative writing and more.



A big thank you to Nicola Masters who ran a creative writing workshop, helped put the exhibition together and assisted me all weekend with front of house duties. Another thank you to the library team who also helped with front of house over the weekend.



## **Carn to Cove**

### **Upstart Theatre: Red Planet Revolution**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Hayle Academy**

HTC are hosting a performance of Upstart Theatre's 'Red Revolution' on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November (7:30pm, Hayle Academy): Tickets are on sale via:

<https://carntocove.co.uk/event/red-planet-revolution-hayle/> (Full price £12, Under 18 £8)

Upstart Theatre describe *Red Planet Revolution* as a game as well as a piece of theatre as it involves the audience in making decisions. Each performance is completely unique because the performers respond to the decisions made by the audience. The performers have designed the drama to facilitate a conversation about politics without having a conversation about politics. They create an environment for the audience to play in and show the power of a collective imagination. While the performance is interactive – it is not interactive in the traditional sense and the audience can get as involved as they like. It is an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in activism, games and theatre.

For more information about the theatre company, their idea of interactivity and the show itself, you can head over to their website: <https://www.upstart-theatre.co.uk/>

## **Spring/Summer 2025 Programme**

Having attended the Carn to Cove Menu Party for the Spring/Summer 2025 programme in September I made requests for shows for Spring/Summer 2025. This included some family shows as I am looking at the possibility of hosting some productions at Hayle Recreation Ground now we have access to our own marquee. I am awaiting confirmation of which subsidized show we have been given.

## **A Christmas Carol with David Mynne**

I am in talks with David Mynne's producer about the possibility of David doing a performance of *A Christmas Carol* in early December at the Passmore Edwards Institute. I'm thinking it could be a really great extra event for Christmas where we could have Christmas Carols as people arrive along with some mulled wine.

## **Projects**

### **Travel and Movement**

Travel is currently a key focus as we try to move three projects (Copperhouse, Foundry and Hayle Railway Station) from the masterplan forward connected to movement/connectivity. This aligns with work currently being undertaken by Cornwall Council to inform their transport strategy but will also provide information to progress several of our projects.

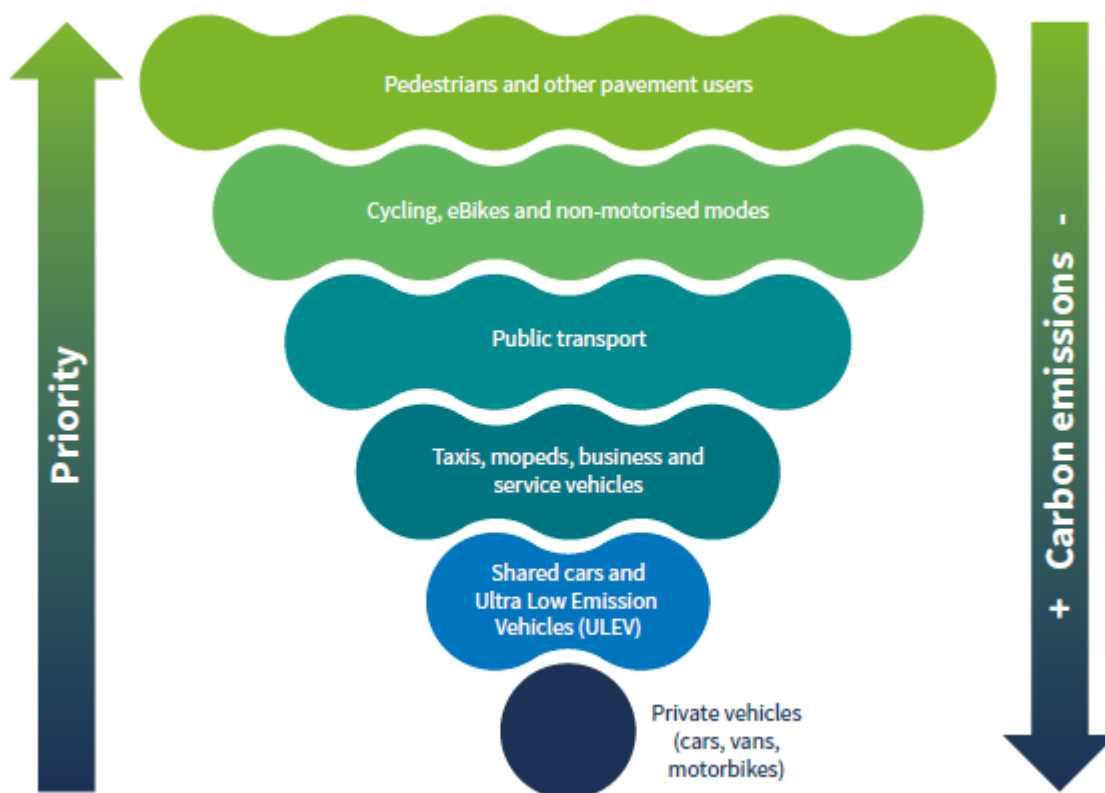
### **Kernow Pedal Conference**

I attended the Kernow Pedal Conference at New County Hall at the beginning of October. There were a number of different speakers explaining projects across Cornwall. Obviously, the focus of discussion was cycling but there was exploration of travel in general and how to

make spaces multi-generational and multi-gender e.g. widening paths to improve natural surveillance. I will follow up with individuals from the conference where relevant to Hayle.

Here are some of the highlights:

Rebecca Lyle (Transport Strategy and Road Safety Lead, Cornwall Council) described key points within the Cornwall Transport Plan (2022) which sets out a hierarchy of road users putting the lowest carbon emitters at the top. *“This also reflects much of the hierarchy in the revised Highway Code (January 2022) which gives priority to the most vulnerable road users. We will use this hierarchy to prioritise the users at the top in our transport schemes and decision-making processes.”* (p13 Cornwall Transport Plan). Therefore, modal priority places pedestrians at the top of the hierarchy of users.



Adrain Roper (Principal Transport Manager – Cornwall Council) shared information about the Beryl bikes trials. The data regarding Beryl bikes usage in various locations was informative. It showed that the bikes are being used for daily journeys as well as for leisure. It would be interesting to look at the data more fully to see if this would be something for Hayle to trial. We would need to create a solid business case for introducing a scheme like this. A number of factors seem to impact use of the bikes, including:

- demographics
- topography
- vibrancy of place
- infrastructure
- on street space

- physical size of place
- possible destinations for bikes

Dean Evans (BEM) from the Falmouth and Penryn Area Walking and Cycling Campaign explained how they had carried out a community speed watch along with a variety of other campaigns to highlight where there are obstacles to cycling. <https://falpenc.org.uk/>

Sarah Wetherill talked about the Truro Cycling Campaign and how the group influenced the change of plan at the Chiverton interchange. The original plan was to create an underpass but this was deemed unsuitable for cyclists/pedestrians for many reasons. The bridge that was then installed is far more appropriate and safe for cyclists and pedestrians.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/trurocyclingcampaign/>

A group of Mounts Bay Academy students formed a group of 'Air Quality Ambassadors'. Taking a science-based approach to their work they are working to improve air quality. You can watch some videos about what they did here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAOLNvh97ac>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=977145500626806>

I have attached a number of Cornwall Council documents regarding transport/travel, including the local transport strategy in case members have not seen these before.

### **Research Project – University of Exeter**

At the conference I met Dr Chloe Asker from the University of Exeter, a researcher working on a project about travel in Cornwall. The study is funded by the **National Institute for Health and Care Research** (NIHR) and is taking place at the University of Exeter, Durham University, and University of Cambridge. There will be several research outputs but importantly there will be a report that should be useful for local councils, and voluntary and community sector organisations. They're looking for volunteers to tell them about travel in and around the county, particularly in rural and coastal areas. As a thank you, they are offering a £25 voucher for participation.

People can be involved with as many activities as they have the time for, including:

- 1. Photo project of travel experience.** People will be asked to take pictures, videos, sound recordings, and record locations while they travel. This can be done with a smartphone, or people can borrow cameras or recorders.
- 2. A 'go-along interview'** which will involve the researcher accompanying participants on a journey that is regularly taken by the participant (e.g. on a bus or bike). On this journey, the researcher will ask questions about the route, and about travel more broadly.
- 3. A route-mapping interview.** Researchers meet participants for an interview, where there will be a conversation about travel, and the different factors that affect travel choices: now, in the past, and in the future. This interview might use pictures and recordings to guide discussion, if participants **take part** in the above two activities

Please find here [an information sheet](#) which will provide more information on the project and how people can get involved. If you would like to ask any questions about the information provided you can phone, text, and WhatsApp Chloe: 07404 964679.

### **Hayle Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan**

The Hayle Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan was raised several times during the course of the Pedal Conference and I was able to raise with Adrian Roper at the end of the conference that we had not heard that this had started. Since then, he has put me in touch with James Roberson who is hosting a meeting with various stakeholders about the LCWIP at HTC later this month. We will then be in a position to understand more about what the plan will involve and when it will be completed. The LCWIP will help to inform Cornwall Council's transport strategy and it will also provide useful information for future funding applications for all of our projects.



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING WITH ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024

**Notes of the meeting** held at Hayle Community Centre on Monday 21 October 2024 commencing at 11am.

### PRESENT

Guests J. Ridgewell, Environment Agency, R. Hobbs, Cornwall Council, M. Beard, Natural England, M. Grice, North Quay Development and Alix Mills, Deputy Harbour Master

Councillors M. Burrow, B. Capper, P. Channon, A. Groves, R. Heard, J. Lawrenson-Reid (Mayor), D. Raymer, T. Smitheram and V. Tan

**ALSO PRESENT** E. Giggall-Hollis, Town Clerk and M. Costello, Deputy Clerk

The meeting had been convened following the Full Council resolution of 5 September 2024, to write to the Environment Agency, along with other organisations including the MMO, Cornwall Council, RSPB and NE, Hayle Harbour Authority, the land owners and our local MP, Perran Moon, with a view gleaning as much information as possible about the removal of sand and securing a positive resolution to suit/benefit all parties and St Ives Bay.

Councillors explained that the people of Hayle think that the dredging is potentially doing harm, and concerns have been raised about the environment and have been for a long time.

Justin Ridgewell explained that the EA is the provider of data and evidence, which help demonstrate the behaviour of beaches. He said that the coastal system is largely dynamic, and that St Ives Bay is a closed cell sediment system. The issue is that sediment should be kept in the cell and it would be useful to have figures for how many cubic metres have been lost over the years, to potentially identify an appropriate sustainable management system whilst ensuring the health of the beach, dunes and SSSI.

Questions were raised as follows:

- Who owns what?

Mike Grice confirmed that the North Quay development owns the land, harbour and entrance channel and the beach area in front of and around Gilbert's. He clarified that the Harbour Authority has jurisdiction over the harbour and Carnsew Pool and Copperhouse do not form part of the harbour, these belong to the RSPB.

- What are the facts, could sluicing be carried out rather than dredging?

Hayle Harbour is a man made, statutory Port, there is a duty to keep it open. Alix Mills clarified that here are no facilities for sluicing, so the only option is to dredge.

Sluicing would need to be carried out daily to have any effect. Historically, the channel would be kept open by large shipping vessels which would break up the sediment. Over the years both pools have silted up.

Copperhouse Pool Sluiceway does not have pen stock gates, so cannot be easily operated. They are an anti-flood measure, nothing to do with sluicing. The RSPB do not want to sluice all year round, only from 15 April until the end of August. The meeting was advised by Cllr Channon that they accept that dredging must be carried out.

Carnsew Pool cannot be sluiced, due to RSPB restrictions.

- Is dredging causing harm?

A map depicting the St. Ives Bay was displayed on the projector (*see attached*) which showed the areas which have been affected by erosion, which shows a 7% loss of sand between Porth Kidney and Black Cliff. A 34% loss of sediment has been recorded in the Harvey's Towans/ Porthkidney/ Mouth of the Estuary area over a period of 17 years. There was a discussion about whether this could be directly attributed to dredging, and it was accepted that it was potentially one of the reasons but more details about historic removal would be required to absolutely determine that.

Sand is the best defence buffer from a flood risk and coastal perspective.

- Is the intention to make the port viable?

The Harbour Authority has a duty to maintain a navigable port.

- Who monitors the figures for sand removal?

The Harbour Master regulates the quantity of sand removed. The Harbour Office has figures and monthly timeline photography which are independently monitored.

There is a need to check quantified invoices over the years to assess quantity and records of everything taken and sold.

The percentage of sand sold is approx. 70% to cover the cost of dredging, 30% is replaced.

The previous owners of North Quay removed large quantities of sand, and the details may not be accurate which could create an anomaly.

Historically sand mining was carried out at Godrevy, along with much of the coastal area in Cornwall.

Sand cannot be disposed of in St Ives Bay without MMO permission.

- Historically, a dredging licence was issued by Cornwall Council. Is this still required?



The Deputy Harbour Master responded by saying that since 1989 the Harbour Act covers this. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the licence had been revisited as late as 2010 by Cornwall Council, as Hayle Town Council was consulted on it.

CC to clarify there should be a licence unless the order has been repealed, but this doesn't mean the harbour is operating illegally. The change from District Council to Unitary Authority could have led to the licence not being renewed. The licence would quantify how much sand can be removed.

2003 Coast Protection Order requires dredging to be carried out under licence and supersedes the 1989 Harbour Act.

2015 Harbour Authority applied for an exemption order for dredging, which would have been issued by MMO. This will need to be checked to see the timescale. It was agreed that this needs to be inspected to clarify the legal position.

The regulator in this matter is CC which acts as the Coastal Authority.

If a new licence is required, this should be developed with input from the EA, NE and CC.

CC is undertaking a program of work "Making space for sand" across 40 locations including Harvey's Towans – identified as one of 4 "sentinel sites". Through this project, work is underway with enhanced monitoring to provide technical support to come up with a new management approach.

It was agreed that more information is required to help inform the group to find a way to maintain a safe, navigable channel with the least amount of harm to the St Ives Cell. To that end, **it was agreed** that a working party should be set up to progress and establish the facts, consisting of:

North Quay Development Team

Hayle Town Council

Cornwall Council

Environment Agency

Hayle Harbour

Natural England

RSPB

The local Community Flood Forum could become involved.

To HTC Full Council 07 11 2024  
From C Cllr P Channon Hayle  
Ref CC Report for OCT 2024

#### **CC ITEMS**

**NQY Airport Review Now started**  
**A30(Issues Hayle) First meeting organised**  
**N-Quay plans Planning meet this week**

#### **HAYLE ITEMS**

**A30 Effect First meeting organised**  
**Civic Pde Excellent well attended event**  
**Drains Copperhouse inspection with AH**  
**Hayle in Bloom Plans for 2025**  
**Harbour Sluicing not available, long term Suction D required**  
**NQ dev New Block (Y) finished and being marketed**  
**RJ dev site In Administration (seeking new investor)**  
**Scouts Hayle Scouts building up, seeking adults (open evening Thurs)**

**Peter Channon 07 11 24**

## **HM November 24 report to HTC**

### **Dry Berthing**

Requests from vessel owners for overwinter dry berthing facilities that will enable essential maintenance to be undertaken have been received at the harbour office, it is expected that these vessels will start to be lifted out onto East and North quay during November

### **Rental space**

The North quay management have made buildings on the harbour and an area of site available for short term rental. 18-month lease agreements will be available to local businesses who may require additional short-term space / storage. There has been considerable interest locally and the harbour office will be overseeing this initiative for the management of the North quay development.

Any inquiries should be made to the Deputy Harbour master.

### **HV Cable**

The replacement of a damaged subsea HV cable was due to have been undertaken during October but National grid have delayed the operation as they are experiencing some difficulty in sourcing the correct type of armoured cable.

### **Pedestrian Access onto the foreshore**

To maintain pedestrian / plant separation a new pedestrian access route will be established. The access point to the beach will be between Gilberts and the sauna and will be the main access point for the public when dredging is in operation.

Peter Haddock  
Harbour Master

