

HCAG notes

Re-launch meeting, Wednesday 12th November 2025

1. Vote on CBS vs. CIO

Sarah Rees gave a presentation on Community Benefit Societies and their benefits. Please see presentation attached for details.

*Members voted **in favour** of HCAG becoming a CBS.*

2. WANTED! Membership & Committee Members (Trustees)

Members voted on the following positions:

- **Chair:** Tracey Opie
- **Secretary:** Hayle Town Council (HTC) (interim)
- **Treasurer:** Sarah Rees
- **Safeguarding:** Sarah Rees

It was suggested that there could perhaps be a comms / community liaison position in the future, and Aimie R volunteered for this position.

*Members voted **in favour** of being called 'committee members' rather than 'trustees'.*

Q: How do people become members?

A: If you register your name on the email list you are a member.

3. Mei Loci

Mei Loci will be running two consultation days to gather feedback about the proposed changes to King George V Memorial Walk and Hayle Recreation Ground. These will be on 19 November 25 on the Memorial Walk and 21 November at The Recreation Ground, 9-5pm.

Members had a chance to view the proposed changes at the meetings and were asked to complete an online questionnaire.

Q: Who is applying for the funding?

A: We will have to wait and see. HCAG and HTC can both apply for funding, and perhaps a professional grant writer could be used. They can build their fees into grants awarded.

Q: Will we have working groups for projects?

A: Yes

Q: How fixed are the plans?

A: They are not fixed; you can still have your say.

A member commented on the fact that there is land for sale in Hayle at the moment, and that there is a feeling that it should be purchased by the community. There was some frustration expressed that HCAG is not in a position to move quickly and try and buy the SSSI site.

4. Upcoming events across the town

Members are welcome to bring ideas and events to the group.

- HTC announced that The John Pollard Garden is due to open on Hayle Terrace within the next month.
- St Elwyns Church is hosting a Christmas Craft Fayre on 28 & 29th November.
- Sustainable Hayle runs a repair café on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Day Care Centre & allotment events in the summer months.
- Sarah J would like to run volunteer sessions in the John Pollard Garden in the new year.
- There is the hope of running the Health & Wellbeing Festival next year, perhaps on 23rd May 2026. Members were positive about the idea, but some were concerned that HCAG doesn't have the resources to bring it together in the timeframe.

There was a suggestion from Maxine Hardy (Community Link Officer, Cornwall Council) that the Integrated Care Board may help, and others thought that if the workload was divided among members, it should be achievable.

It was suggested to decide in January when HTC has a better idea of what resources they may be able to contribute.

The Rec café confirmed that they would be very happy to help with the Festival.

- Members commented on how popular Business Week was, and it was agreed that this would be an event to discuss on future agendas.
- A member asked if anyone had contacts from BT or Royal Mail so that they could contact them regarding putting a mural on the wall in Foundry Square car park. The Mayor said he would pass on any details he could find and that we could discuss this on a future agenda.

A final request was made for members to share their thoughts with the St Ives Bay Management Company via HTC on info@hayletowncouncil.gov.uk.

Date for next meeting: 14th January 2026, location and time TBC.