



HCAG meeting minutes

Wednesday 14th January 2026

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of Minutes 12th November 2025

It was requested that David Girling be added as a committee member in the minutes of 12th November 2025. Otherwise, the minutes were approved.

3. CBS Progress Update

The constitution has now been signed off, following a review by all committee members, and has been submitted to the FCA along with the registration fee. We expect a reply within the next 28 days.

4. Mei Loci Progress Update

Mei Loci has been undertaking a consultation since November 2025 to get feedback on their proposals. The consultation period is now closed, and they are now addressing the comments received.

They have also had meetings with the Hayle Town Council (HTC) Facilities team to ensure that any changes made will not impede the maintenance of the areas in question, and The Rec Café for feedback on the Skate Park and Café area of the Recreation Ground.

One of the main takeaways from the consultation was that since the King George V Memorial Walk has been pedestrianised, it has changed how different users interact in the space, e.g. bikes and dogs, cyclists and walkers etc., and Mei Loci are keen that any changes improve those relationships rather than cause problems between them.

Responses were skewed towards a certain age group but hopefully are still representative of users overall.

Mei Loci will present their findings in the Full Council meeting on 5th February 2026, by which point they should have images to share, which can then be shown at a future HCAG meeting.

Costings will not be provided at this point, but ballpark figures may soon be available for certain elements. Once we can show the need and what we want to spend money on, fundraising will be required to deliver these projects.

5. Upcoming Events

- Sustainable Hayle run the Repair Café on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Hayle Day Care Centre. They repair small electricals, bikes, e-bikes and clothes. Everyone is welcome to pop in and have a cup of tea. They are also running special talks and events alongside the Repair cafes, so keep an eye on their website and social media for updates.

6. Community Event – Health & Wellbeing Festival

Although May 2026 was previously proposed, it was agreed to move the Health & Wellbeing Event to September 2026, with 12th September being proposed as a potential date.

The group voiced concerns over HCAG's capacity for delivering such an event, unless a staff member at HTC is able to lead on it.

Members would prefer to deliver a one-day event, to the scale that the group has the capacity to deliver at the time and to work hard on really promoting that day. The event could take place in the Recreation Ground, as well as along KGV Memorial Walk and the Swimming Pool areas if required.

It was agreed to re-group once we know what capacity HTC has for assisting with this event, and to make a more concrete plan in the March HCAG meeting.

7. Potential Funding Applications

Annette told the group about various funding opportunities that may be available to HCAG, which are as follows:

- Cornwall Council CIL funding. Accepts quarterly applications and an expression of interest is the first step.
- Various smaller pots, such as Nature Save, and a marine conservation grant may be available.
- National Lottery Communities Fund. They accept applications of between £300 - £20,000, and have a larger pot for applications of £500,000 and above.

Members suggested that it would be helpful to have a person in place who can act as a fundraiser, or who is focused on delivering community improvement projects.

It was suggested that we could undertake a skills audit among members to see who may be able to help in specific areas, as and when required.

Other suggestions were as follows:

- Approach local businesses to donate towards projects / events
- Agree the most achievable goal and go for that as a starting point.
- Look to other towns such as Bude and Frome for ideas on how their organisations and Councils work together to deliver projects and secure funding.
- Ensure we investigate any match funding and crowd-funding opportunities.
- Ask Maxine Hardy from Cornwall Council to attend the next couple of HCAG meetings to see if she can assist with ideas for funding opportunities.

8. Any Other Business

- Members enquired about any business networking opportunities in the town and expressed a wish for business breakfasts or something similar to return, with a member of HCAG attending.
- Communication methods were discussed, including whether Facebook is the best way of reaching people. The following methods were suggested in addition:
 - Word of Mouth
 - Posters on town noticeboards, business windows, doctor's surgery etc.
 - Ask the doctor's surgery to send a text to all patients
 - School newsletters
 - Use the Lions' trailer and St Elwyn's railings to advertise specific events (subject to acceptable printing costs for signs / banners)

It was agreed that HTC would contact a previous attendee who offered social media assistance if she has any advice for increasing reach.

There is hope that previous members may return once HCAG can demonstrate that tangible events are happening and can be specific about what people can help with.

The meeting closed at 19.41.

Date for next meeting: 11th February 2026, Passmore Edwards Institute, 6.30pm.