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# **Council Corner**

# December 2016/January 2017

### Website

The Council recently went out to tender for a new and improved website. Many companies, including several local ones, submitted proposals and the contract was awarded to Blumin, which is based in Hayle. The new website should go live early in the New Year so keep an eye out!

Unfortunately we are unable to make any changes to the existing website so please see the Council's Facebook pages for regular updates and contact the office for copies of minutes and agendas.

### **Budget and Precept**

It is that time of year when the Council sets the budgets and precept for the financial year 2017-2018. There is now so much to consider, due to the ever increasing number of services that the Town Council provides, that several meetings are required to debate the financial implications for the services and facilities for the forthcoming year.

### **Hayle Recreation Ground**

Hayle Town Council has been successful in securing a grant from the Tesco's Bags of Support fund. The application was for a fully accessible large swing that **all** children can use. With this the Town Council will be able to apply for the rec to be an 'Accessible Play Area' which would make it the first in Cornwall. Depending on the outcome of the voting process the Town Council may also be able to make additional improvements.

Unfortunately the electric lights at the Skate Bowl at Hayle Recreation Ground have had to be isolated due to extreme and dangerous vandalism. The housing and electric fuse and supply boards have now been vandalized on several occasions, even though the doors had been strengthened with steel covers. At an estimated cost of £2,000 to repair, the Council is reviewing the options. As a consequence, the lights will not be on for the foreseeable future. The matter was reported to the Police.

### Millpond Gardens

In response to a number of complaints about rats in the vicinity of the Millpond, advice was sought from Cornwall Council's Pest Control team. Bait boxes were temporarily placed in various positions at the site to address the issue. The Council is duty bound to manage pests and worked with highly qualified pest control officers and took advice from Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

### Mayor's Sponsored Walk in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care

The Mayor wishes to thank everyone who participated and/or helped on the day to make the event so successful. We have recently learned that the total raised is approaching the £6,000 mark!

## **Hayle Community Centre**

If you are planning on holding any meetings, events, classes, parties or looking for regular office space this may be the venue for you! Space is available for regular sessions or one off bookings. Remember that the CAB, Link into Learning and others hold regular sessions and surgeries here. Contact the Town Clerk's office for details of services and available space.

### **Small Grants Available**

Hayle Town Council annually awards capital grants to local clubs and organisations. If your group is in need of new equipment/kit or requires funds to secure other sources of funding for larger projects, please contact the Town Clerk's office for an application form. The Council's Resource Committee considers grants quarterly; the next meeting is scheduled for 26 January 2017. For consideration at that meeting please submit your completed application form by 19 January 2017.

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