

This past year has been relatively quiet compared to recent years, not many large development applications and mostly drama free. Perhaps the most significant decision the Council have made so far is to resolve to take over the running of the library. This project will start to gather pace soon as we will try to bring our new acquisition into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The building requires a lot of maintenance and will create a lot of work for the council and the clerks team, before it is up to the standard we in Hayle demand.

The neighbour hood plan steering group have submitted the final version and will very shortly go to referendum, the plan, once adopted will ensure sympathetic, sustainable, and beneficial development of our town for the next 15 or so years and help us, the town council make the right planning comments to Cornwall Council when required, backed by this very important document.

I have been honoured to attend many civic commitments, some of which and in no particular order have been;

The Hayle Pordic Twinning Association visit to celebrate 20 years of friendship between our towns

Various carol concerts

Many Hayle Lions and rotary events

This year's stand out one, was when I attended the South-West in Bloom judging in Torquay, and rushing back to make the council meeting that evening to show off the Preece Cup the Hayle in Bloom had been awarded for their hard work.

The inclusive roundabout that was my dream 4 years ago has finally taken pride of place in the recreation ground, thanks to the council for supporting this, and to Vanessa and Tesco for the grant application, and subsequent funds.

During the year April 2017 to March 2018 Hayle Town Council considered a total of 132 planning applications:

- no objection was raised to 93, 70 of which were subsequently approved by Cornwall Council, 2 were refused, 3 were withdrawn and the outcomes of 18 were still awaited;

- objections were raised to 19, of which Cornwall Council subsequently approved 4, refused 4, 2 were withdrawn by the applicant and the outcomes of 9 were still awaited;
- 15 applications were supported or strongly supported, of which Cornwall Council approved 9, refused 1, 0 were withdrawn by the applicant and the outcomes of the other 5 were still awaited;
- no comments were made on 5, 4 of which were approved by Cornwall Council, 0 were refused, 0 were withdrawn by the applicant and the outcome of 1 was still awaited;
- of the applications in Hayle whose outcomes were known 87 were approved by Cornwall Council and 7 were refused.

The following is a selection of the significant applications considered during the year:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Details of application</b>	<b>Hayle Town Council's comments and Cornwall Council's decisions</b>
Cornwall Council	<p>Proposed extension to existing modular classroom block to form 1 additional teaching space and related toilet facilities. Includes new access ramp and steps and associated landscaping</p> <p>Penpol School, 2 St Georges Road, Hayle</p>	<p>HTC: HTC strongly supports this application. 26/5/17</p> <p>CC: Approved 29/6/17</p>
Mr Simon Clarke, Hayle Quays Ltd	<p>Construction of 270sqm of floorspace for A1 or A3 use and 3 residential apartments (amended plans).</p> <p>The Gatehouse, Hayle Harbour South Quay, Hayle</p>	<p>HTC: HTC strong support. 17/11/17</p> <p>CC: Approved 21/12/17</p>
Mr Simon Clarke, Hayle Quays Ltd	Application for the approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to hybrid permission PA12/10064 for	HTC: Strong support. 17/11/17

	<p>27 residential units (comprising 10 apartments and 17 houses), 435 sqm of Class A3 floorspace for restaurant use, including access, parking and associated landscaping. (Amended plans.)</p> <p>Hayle Harbour, South Quay, Hayle TR27 4BL</p>	<p>CC: Approved 14/3/18</p>
<p>Mr Richard Maskell</p>	<p>Demolition of existing warehouse type building comprising 3,600 square metres of floorspace and the erection of a 70 unit residential development comprising 2 2-bed houses, 1 4-bed house, 10 one-bed flats and 57 2-bed flats, revised and improved access road, parking provision, landscaping, cycle and bin storage, and retention of existing 'scoria' block retaining wall at the rear of the site</p> <p>R and J Supplies, Copper Terrace, Copperhouse, Hayle TR27 4DZ</p>	<p>HTC: Hayle Town Council supports this application subject to the following issues being addressed: a) concern regarding the junctions and traffic movement to and from the development as well as Lethlean Lane – the town councils asks for a roundabout at this junction; b) provision of an improved open amenity space, separate from parking space, where children can play safely; and c) extreme concern regarding 17 Copper Terrace, the house abutting Block E – please liaise with the resident about his concerns regarding access to his property for maintenance and to address the damp course concerns; the town council is</p>

		<p>reassured by Mr Maskell's comments to the owner at the full council meeting of 21/9/17 that he will come to an agreement with him to fully address his concerns.</p> <p>22/9/17</p> <p>CC: Awaiting decision</p>
Miss Eleanor Giggall, Hayle Town Council	<p>Application for improvement works to Hayle War Memorial and surrounds</p> <p>War Memorial, Commercial Road, Hayle</p>	<p>HTC: Noted 16/3/18</p> <p>CC: Approved 3/4/18</p>

The finance report has been tabled for your reference.

This civic year is nearly over, and our new councillors have settled in well and provide welcome thoughts and opinion in our meetings. After the elections last year we were a few short of a council, so after following due process we welcomed Harry, Peter and Andrew to the table, sadly one newly elected member decided he would rather be a keyboard warrior than stand up for the community, and resigned, leaving the door open, for quite a while, for someone more committed. Tonight I welcome and introduce to you David Andrewartha, I look forward to his energy and enthusiasm pushing us forward.

I thank Clive and Sue for being my deputies, Clive not only have you been a fantastic deputy, you have been a friend, and later tonight it will be my great pleasure to propose you for the role of Town Mayor.

Karen, your minute taking is exquisite, and it has been a pleasure to work with you over the last 2 years particularly when you controlled my diary, I shall miss our little bits of banter when we can't really say what we want.

David has sadly retired to recover from his illness, I'm sure all of you wish him the speediest recovery, his replacement Barbara, has not only grabbed the role with both hands, she has made it her own.

The maintenance team, of Olivia, Andy and Rose spearheaded by Phil are doing tremendous work, our new receptionist Matilda has settled in well also. Which leaves, Ellie, no-one is more committed to Hayle than Ellie, working all hours, weekends, taking on more than she needs to, but does so because She cares. Council we as employers of these wonderful people are so lucky to have such loyal hard working people, that do so much for our Town. All of you, thank you.

Lastly to you guys, 2 years ago you bestowed on me the greatest honour to lead the town and council, I cannot thank you enough, it has been a blast. Meeting scores of wonderful people along the way, invited to great dinners, functions and events, sadly attending too many funerals, and eating too many saffron buns and pasties. But the best bit, what I looked forward to more and what I will miss the most, will be taking the chair at these meetings, Chairing our meetings has been a pleasure, you all behave respectfully to each other, and the decisions we make are almost always unanimous, we must be doing something right, you are a credit to our Town.

At my mayor making ceremony I regaled you with a little story about camping. I won't repeat it for you tonight it will be too intense.

Thank you again for allowing me this amazing honour.