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Council Corner

October & November 2021

Town Council By-Elections

Cornwall Council has now confirmed that, as sufficient time has passed and enough interest has been demonstrated (in the form of a petition), by-elections can shortly take place to fill the current vacancies in the council wards, following the last elections in May 2021. The tentative date is 21 October, but you will receive Poll Cards through the post which will confirm the date.

If you are passionate about your local community, we need you to put your name into the hat and stand for election! Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve to put themselves forward. Local councils can only be as effective, relevant and vibrant as the people elected to run it.

As long as you are eighteen or over and live or work in Hayle you are eligible to become a town councillor, which is a voluntary role. You don't need any specific qualifications. Skills gained through work, raising a family, caring for relatives, volunteering or being active in the community or faith groups are highly valuable!

The role of Towns and Parish Councils is growing. As a result of devolution, they have more powers and can consider preserving and taking on more services from Cornwall Council. As an elected member you would be involved in making important decisions which directly benefit your town. The role and responsibilities include:

- Developing strategies and plans for the area
- Preserving and improving existing facilities and services
- Delivering new facilities and services
- Serving the community helping with problems and ideas
- Representing the community
- Working with others
- Decision making and reviewing decisions/systems
- Talking to community about their needs and about the council's plans and activities

Look out for more information on becoming a councillor on our website and Facebook page or contact the council offices direct.

Relocation Project

A two-day presentation was held by members of the council at the Library in August, inviting comments and suggestions from the local community on the plan to relocate the town council offices from the Community Centre to an improved, combined facility at the Library. This was very well received, and councillors were pleased to have the opportunity be able to discuss this exciting project face to face with their electorate. Details of the proposals are still available to view on the town council's website. We are looking forward to fleshing out the proposals and move towards delivering the scheme in the coming months. Watch this space.

Hayle Open Air Swimming Pool

The pool closed on 11 September, after a tricky season in terms of managing staffing levels and Covid 19. We have been pleased with the overall positive response to the new booking system and timed sessions which were implemented last year to mitigate risk from Covid-19. Despite some staff shortages due to self-isolating requirements, this has turned out to be one of our most successful seasons yet. We hope you all enjoyed it too.

Remembrance Sunday

The town council has agreed to take on the management of the Remembrance Sunday Parade and the service at the war memorial, with Hayle Royal British Legion's support. Nearer the time full details confirming arrangements will be publicised on the local social media pages as well as on our website.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Are you concerned about Anti-social behaviour in your area? Have your say on the Safer Cornwall Partnership Plan. Share your views on crime, anti-social behaviour and other issues that have an impact on community safety in your local area by completing the Survey which can be found on Cornwall Council's website: Safer Cornwall Have Your Say Survey | Let's Talk Cornwall The information in the survey will be used to understand the issues that matter to local communities, to help shape Safer Cornwall's priorities for the next three years, and to target its resources. The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous. The survey closes on 21 December. Please complete the survey yourself and encourage people in your area to take part.

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