

## **Mayor's Report May 2021**

Welcome.....

Thank you all for attending our Annual Council meeting, a meeting being held in a very different way from normal, in what has been a most difficult and challenging period.

I feel very honoured and privileged to have been elected as Mayor and would thank fellow councillors for their support.

I must pay tribute to work undertaken by Clive for the period that he has held office, a period that went on a year longer than expected because of the COVID pandemic spreading across the Country and the inability not to be in a position to hold meetings in person.

For that we must acknowledge and thank Clive for that. But in thanking Clive for his commitment and hard work, we must of course be thankful to Sue, Clive's wife for her support to him during that period.

So, a very great big thank you to you both.

I confirm that Suzanne my wife will be supporting me as my consort during my period as Mayor and would publicly like to thank her for that support.

The last 14 months since the 16 March 2020, the date of the first lock down have certainly been challenging for us all in our lives, as a council that has been no different. We have had to re-think the way we work, the way we hold meeting and how we have communicated.

It has not all been bad but has certainly presented Ellie our Town Clerk and her team some challenges to overcome. But, overcome them we have.

However, without her dedication and the dedication of our staff. I think as a council we may have found delivering or maintaining services even if they were a reduce service, almost impossible. So, I would like to place on record my thanks and the thanks of the whole council for their continued efforts.

I also want to put on record the councils thanks to our community, for all of the front-line staff whoever they me be, staff who have been going into work every day to provide the service that they deliver. NHS staff, care workers, shop workers, public service workers, far too many to list but all equally as important.

The many volunteers who have assisted in providing help to those who have needed it, collecting shopping, picking up prescriptions etc. Our local groups and organisations, individuals who have given support in providing or delivering meals to residents who have needed support. And for supporting the food banks to ensure food has been available for those in most need.

Thank you will never seem enough, but I certainly know that I am extremely proud of our town and its community, the people within it and the care that has been shown by them.

As we slowly start to come out of the Covid restrictions, I ask that we all be understanding and tolerant. People have been affected and impacted in many different ways, and the speed we individually start to recover may also be at a different speed.

We have just come through an election, sadly we only had eight candidates stand for the 15 vacancies, leaving a further 7 vacancies.

I would like to give the warmest welcome to our two newest councillors and look forward to working with them.

As a council, one of the first priorities we will be to positively promote our council and its work in the hope we can fill vacant positions soon.

I would like to pay tribute to the work of our two former Cornwall Councillors, Councillors Pollard and Coad in the way that they represented residents in the old Council Wards and promoting Hayle at a County level.

And offer a warm welcome to our two new Cornwall Councillors, Councillor Channon and Pascoe, who we are keen to work closely with when continuing to promote the priorities of Hayle and its residents at County level, using all of the resources available to them at that level. One of the first and main priorities for me for example, and for the concerned residents that have contacted me recently will be to continue the hard work already undertaken by Councillor Pollard, for our King George V Memorial Walk, the stabilisation of the cliff and maintenance of the roadway.

Further priorities for me will be to promote and raise awareness to the public of the work and services provided by our council, to hopefully extend and enhance some of our existing facilities and provision of services. By doing so we will make the Council and those facilities more accessible to residents, councillors and visitors alike and which I hope will draw more people in and to use those facilities, building further on the successes made by previous Council.

Thank you all very much, I give an assurance that I will do my best and look forward to working with you all.