

## Mayor's Speech May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Ladies, gentlemen, and distinguished guests welcome to tonight's event. Please find copies of our new style Annual Report and our Action Plan around the hall. As you can see, we have made huge strides in achieving what our community told us that they wanted in our visioning consultation. Thanks, have to go to the members of the community who make up the Hayle Action Team. Without them, and along with the support of our Community Network Officer, Maxine Hardy, and Project and Events Officer, Julie Baldwin, we wouldn't have the momentum that we have now.

Last year I spoke about myself and what becoming the Mayor of Hayle meant to me. As I enter my second term, I wanted to take this opportunity to speak about the team behind me. I don't believe that they get enough recognition for the work that they do. Firstly, I want to mention our councillors. It is often forgotten that they are all volunteers, who dedicate such a lot of time to get the best for our community. Special thanks must go to Cllr Brian Capper who has given well over 40 years of his life in service to the people of Hayle. It must also be said that Cllr. John Pollard had also served the people of Hayle for a similar amount of time, before he sadly passed just before Christmas last year. I believe that we have a great council. All made up of people from different backgrounds, and different fields of expertise. They all make a valid and vital contribution to our community. Ladies and gentlemen, please don't feel that being a councillor is not something that you can do. We would all love you to step forward and give it a go. There are a couple of vacancies to be co-opted onto the council at the moment, so let us hear your voices around the table. Let us keep this good momentum going.

Now I want to bring attention to our wonderful staff. Our council would be nothing without the dedicated work that they do. Many of whom are here tonight to make this event go well. Our Clerk has been a safe pair of hands, guiding us through everything for over 20 years now. It is great to be able to voice our appreciation and reassurance that she is doing a great job, in such a public way. Thank you, Ellie.

Our Finance Officer does an amazing job. What she doesn't know about finance isn't worth knowing. Her diligent work helps all of us to make the right decisions and decide where the money is coming from to pay for it all. Thank you, Barbara.

Our thanks also must go to our Committee Clerk, Matilda, who has supported the Clerk and the rest of the council very competently. Her no nonsense approach is really refreshing. I would also like to thank Lisa, our Administration Officer. She is the first point of contact for our community as she runs our reception. She really is the friendly face of Hayle Town Council.

Our Project and Events Officer has made a fantastic contribution to our community even though she has only been in post for just over a year. I honestly don't know how we would have got where we are today without her help. She has relieved our other officers to do their own work, whilst taking Hayle forward leaps and bounds. I am so glad that the council decided to employ this extra officer, as we haven't looked back since. Thank you, Julie.

Then of course we have our Facilities Manager, our gardener and maintenance staff who keep all of the parks, swimming pool and buildings in our ownership as good as they can. Your hard work is acknowledged by everyone. Thanks to both of the Phil's and Olivia.

We cannot forget our thanks to the wonderful team at the library either. They are headed up by Emma, but they all strive to provide an excellent service to the public, wherever they are from. I must admit that Chris is my Grandson's favourite. To be honest she probably is to other children who visit the library too. They all do a fantastic job for our community, and not just books. They signpost the public to the help they need.

And who can forget the lovely Rose, our cleaner. She has been with us for many years and does a fantastic job. You know when Rose has been cleaning. Everything is clean, tidy and smells of flowers. Thanks Rose.

So, thank you for the opportunity to stand here for another year. It is such a pleasure to be the face of Hayle Town Council and everything it represents, and to be able to pay tribute to our wonderful team of councillors and staff. Please give a round of applause everyone. Our Council!