

**Mayor's Report 18 April 2019**

2018/19 has been another eventful year: two councillors resigned; we co-opted a new councillor and are actively advertising for another new councillor; our staff have remained in post and keep the town running with their efficiency – members of the public have no idea of the jobs that they complete and legal responsibility that they hold.

During the course of this last year our council has dealt with the Boundary Review; sadly we were taught important lessons on democracy, but we move forward to our Governance Review much wiser. I understand that after that there will be a Polling Review.

All of our open council meetings had full agendas, including dealing with over 120 planning applications varying from lopping a tree to the recent North Quay application. (At this point in his report the mayor read out the Planning Report – see Appendix B.)

We have dealt with consultations, devolution of services, members' of the public and councillors' concerns. Our Amenity Committee meetings have looked after our holdings, including enhancing the War Memorial; our Resource Committee meetings have made sure that we are solvent; and our Personnel Committee meetings have ensured that we are legal regarding employment of staff.

We have other working groups including the Library working group whose members have been working on the devolution of the Library to Hayle Town Council (HTC). We have employed a solicitor, had meetings every two weeks and hope to take ownership of Hayle Library this year. We have also had meetings regarding employing an enforcement officer and I am pleased to inform you all that there will be one in Hayle three days a week from the beginning of the summer.

(At this point in his report the mayor read out the Finance Summary – see Appendix C.)

When I became mayor I wished to see the following during my term of office:

- Loggan's Mill to be used for something; I am pleased to say that planning permission has been applied for to convert it into dwellings.
- The Library to be transferred to the town council; as stated this is due to happen within the year.
- The former toilet block at Hayle Terrace to be transferred to the town, despite letters to Cornwall Council the matter has not progressed.

I wish to mention the excellent work completed by Green Infrastructure for Growth in Hayle: Bay View Park has been transformed, the Commercial Road Car Park has been tidied and the Millpond area has been revitalised.

During this last year I have experienced frustration trying to understand historic Section 106 agreements and planning conditions, for example:

- The promised bridge across Penpol Creek: where is it and why isn't anyone doing anything about it? Hayle loses out.
- The former Hawkins motor site and £30,000: where is the money and why isn't anyone doing anything about it? Hayle loses out again.
- There are substantial payments from the Harbour masterplan and planning conditions due regarding South Quay. Where are they? Hayle loses out again.

I have enjoyed my first year and thank all councillors and staff for your support and input.