



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Councillor Clive Polkinghorne, Mayor of Hayle

2020 /21 was an interesting year.

There was no Annual Meeting, so the Mayor was not elected just reinstated.

During the year there were no physical meetings and for large periods, our staff worked from home.

Many directives came from Government, Cornwall Council and the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC).

We quickly had to learn about Zoom, Team, and other virtual meeting ways which over the period threw up many challenges and request for guidance.

Despite the problems during the year, we held monthly Full Council Meetings, regular Amenity and Resource Committee Meetings and other sub-Committees like the Personnel Committee.

We dealt with many Planning Applications, please take time to read the excellent report, an example of our considerations was the Reserved Matters on The North Quay Development this included in excess of 500 documents and much feeling in the town. Please remember that Hayle Town Councillors are volunteers representing the Communities thoughts.

We also dealt with the financial implications of running Hayle. Including setting a precept which is a prediction of cost for the next year. I again recommend that everyone reads this excellent financial report, Hayle rate payers pay for the Library, The Recreation Ground, King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW), The Plantation, The Millpond, the Community Centre plus the toilets in the town plus other sites. Another area shortly to come into this list is the former Hawkins car park which the Council have agreed to turn into a garden and town facility.

We also dealt with Governance Review which reduces our Cornwall Council representation from 3 to 2 including the old Gwithian Gwinear area. The main area of Hayle will have one Cornwall Councillor so I ask everyone to fully consider your voting on the 6th. May and research the candidate fully, whom ever is elected will be your voice for the next 4 years. Good luck to the candidates. I must pay special commendation to John Pollard who is not Standing this time, John has been an excellent servant to the town, you will be missed doing your best at Cornwall Council.

A number of Hayle Town Councillors are not re-standing, I thank everyone who have served this town and again wish new candidates success.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their excellent service, Hayle continues to be a very busy town, in my opinion the town has continued to operate successfully under exceptional circumstances.

My disappointments during last year.

The Loggan's Mill, we had great hopes of this scaffolding eyesore as you enter our town being transformed into accommodation, sadly it is still an embarrassing wreck, it is a shocking welcome to the town.

The landslips and metal grills at KGVMW, over 18 months ago we had meetings with Cornwall Council and George Eustace MP where we were told of plans at Clifton Terrace. There has been failure after failure and the KGVMW is still suffering.

Over 12 months ago we agreed to stop vehicular access along KGVMW, we followed the correct procedure of instructing Cornwall Council. This has never happened, In my opinion Cornwall Council are at fault for this unacceptable delay.

After months of negotiating, we have requested the Toilets at Hayle Terrace to be handed to HTC to enhance the garden facility, I earlier mentioned. I await a successful outcome.

Finally, there are many s106s and Planning Conditions which will benefit Hayle, sadly developers in general do not want to decrease their profits and Cornwall Council are so stretched that they struggle to oversee the commitments. One example of this is the promised Penpol Creek Bridge which has not been built and has been bounced from one developer to another to another to another. In my opinion Cornwall Council should control commitments of developers as opposed changing liabilities to suit the developer.

I would like to thank all Councillors and staff for an interesting year, I wish HTC the best wishes for next year.