



Council Corner

June & July 2022

Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

During the Annual Council meeting on Thursday 12 May 2022 Councillor Anne-Marie Rance was successfully confirmed as Hayle Town Mayor and Councillor Sophie Johnson as Hayle Deputy Mayor. The Mayor said “It is a great honour to become the Mayor of Hayle and it is my privilege to represent this community. I am looking forward to fighting for what Hayle and its community deserves”. Both she and the Deputy Mayor are well known in the town and are keen to get involved with new and established initiatives. Congratulations to both! Former Mayor Councillor Benney was thanked for his service during his term of office and he assured the meeting that the council was in good hands with Anne-Marie and Sophie at the helm.

Mayor’s Annual Awards

Presentations of the awards took place during the Annual Council meeting on Thursday 12 May 2022 at Hayle Day Care Centre. Each year the task of choosing the recipients of these awards becomes increasingly difficult. It was recently agreed that from this year onwards the categories would be Citizen of the Year and Organisation of the Year. In both categories the number of nominations was high, and all could have been worthy winners.

Mr Mark Davies was selected as Citizen of the Year 2022/2023, posthumously. Mark was selected for his service in the scouting movement and being a fine example to the youth of Hayle. As a scouting leader he always volunteered and supported town events such as the Remembrance Service and Civic Parade. The Mayor was pleased to present the award in recognition of his lifelong service to his father and sister.

The Organization of the Year was presented to Hayle Old Cornwall Society, which is due to celebrate its centenary in 2023. It’s membership in recent years has grown over 100 people in the town and it is ensuring that the history and heritage of Hayle is kept alive. Monthly meetings are held where different speakers give talks on local topics of interest. Trevor Smitheram was presented with the award on behalf of the organization.

Council Vacancy

Sadly, Councillor Graham Coad has resigned from the Town Council. Graham has served on the Council for 15 years and was Mayor from 2014 – 2016. We all wish him well and thank him for his contribution during his time as a councillor.

Consequently, we now have a vacancy in the Hayle West Ward, and we are looking to fill the vacancy by co-option. Details of the co-option process will shortly be published on the council’s website and Facebook page. If you would like to get involved and take an active role in shaping the future of Hayle please contact the Clerk, details below, to have an informal chat to find out what is involved.

Town Team and Projects and Events Officer

The Town Team has been formed for just over a year now and we've already had some great successes and are looking to build on these. The Repair Hub and Hayle Market are now well established, taking place each Friday morning (10am – 1pm) at Phillack Church Hall. In addition to this we have been successful in securing funding via the Vitality Fund to undertake feasibility studies around connectivity/active travel and leisure facilities within the town. Our focus going forward is to bring more events to the community.

The Town Team currently meets virtually on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm and is open to all... whether this will continue to be via Zoom or in person is currently under review, so watch this space! The group comprises local business and community group representatives along with residents of Hayle. It welcomes ideas, discussion and opinions that will help Hayle, both now and in the future. Absolutely everyone is welcome to attend – for it to grow and be successful we absolutely need input from the wider community! And whilst the town council is the accountable and administrative body behind the Team, it is very much hoped that it will be led by the community and deliver what Hayle wants.

If you have any creative ideas for events or projects that you would like to be discussed at the meeting, just contact the council office at info@hayletowncouncil.net and it can be added to the agenda.

Details of the meeting are published on our Facebook page so anyone can attend and have their say. Further information can be found on the website on the Town Team Information Documents and Links page.

Hayle Town Council has welcomed a new member to its team: Julie Baldwin. The role of Projects and Events Officer is diverse, and Julie's aim is to ensure that Hayle maximises its opportunities to apply for funding and deliver new initiatives and events for the town. After just a couple of weeks in post, Julie said "I can already see that Hayle has a thriving community spirit. From the enthusiasm of those working as part of the newly formed 'Sustainable Hayle' group to the stallholders at the Friday market and the array of independent business owners in the town that I have had the pleasure to meet, I really do feel that together we can harness our energies to develop and deliver some worthwhile projects and events that will benefit all generations within the community.

Gorsedh Kernow

On Saturday 30 April 2022 the Gorsedh Kernow came to Hayle and held its Annual Council meeting and Proclamation Service. The Proclamation ceremony announced that the Gorsedh will be coming to Hayle for the forthcoming year. The ceremony was held in the wildlife garden, behind Hayle Library adjacent to Copperhouse Pool and involved a short parade to the War Memorial before returning to the Day Care Centre. The Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs Benney, extended a warm welcome to the Bards; the Mayor saying a few words in Cornish. Councillor Brown took on the role of the Lady of the Flowers and presented the Grand Bard with flowers and, again, spoke in Cornish. More details of this event and the main events, which will be held during the first weekend of September 2022, can be found on our Facebook page and website.

Lethlean Meadow Cemetery

Hayle Town Council was able to officially open the new cemetery at Phillack, Lethlean Meadow, adjacent to the allotment site, and below the Cornwall Council closed cemetery. CORMAC will be managing the burial service on the Town Council's behalf and any enquiries should be made to them direct via the appointed undertaker.

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