

MAYOR'S REPORT – MONDAY 14th MAY 2018

There could be no one prouder as Mayor to see the way that the community reacted to a number of tragic events in the town over the last year. It has been both heart breaking and heart warming the way everyone has come together to support others in times of need. The town has shown itself both inwardly and outwardly as strong and welcoming.

Over the year the Council has moved forward in many ways and the Committee Chairman, Councillors Hendy, Gregory and Dingle along with their members for the diligence so I thank them for all they do. We have new Councillors who have come to the Council and fitted in and contributed to both the work of the Council and the debate. You must remember that these are elected volunteers that carry out this work for you the community.

The Mariners Garden wall has been a difficult situation for the council and the town but I am delighted to say that the works are nearing completion. The site will need to be put back into order and I would be delighted to receive comments on how to make this a better amenities area.

Most days as I drive down Barbican Road I see the Allotments which now have just 7 plots left for occupation. Those involved should be proud of their achievements on this especially the work put in by Councillors to make this possible.

People often think of the Mayor as a single post leading the community yet this can only be done with the support of staff, Councillors and family. This year has had its ups and downs but with the support of the Deputy Mayor Martin Gregory and his wife Julie my own wife Rayna we got through it. The office staff have worked tremendously hard behind the scenes to keep everything going, whilst the Public Convenience staff have done an excellent job. The Tourist information Centre staff with our office staff have put the finances back in order through hard work and determination. This key service to the business community and the principle industry of the town needs all our support.

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