

# Mayors acceptance speech May 2022

Thank you colleagues for putting your faith and trust in me as mayor for the ensuing year.

Can I take this opportunity to welcome our newly elected Cllr Wayne Edwards and Brendan our town clerk. welcome to you both.

I must thank the outgoing Mayor and mayoress for their dedication to the role, our dedicated staff and fellow councillors.

It's been a tough 2 years for the council but more importantly a tough one for the town as we have all navigated the pandemic, lockdowns and economic difficulties.

I stand here before you all with smidge of pride and more importantly humility. I look at the board of past Mayors and see I am standing on the shoulder of giants, I've served under 7 of those Mayors and have learned from them all.

But the biggest giant of all is my Father Colin Shore who was Mayor of Looe and deputy Mayor several times. We served briefly together in 2003 when I was first elected. Dad and mum would be brimming with pride at this moment and I'm really sad they haven't lived to see this day. They taught me about public service about putting others first, about civic pride and of course our mutual love of Looe.

In any successful organisation. Whether is a multi national business or a football club, It's all about teamwork, working collaboratively, supportively and respectfully all knowing they are moving in the same direction with the same goals. As Cllr Gregory said thanks in particular to Cllrs Smith and Remington utilising their considerable skills, we now have set our mission, vision, values and priorities to work to collectively. All this effort is for the good of our wonderful town it's residents and visiting guests.

I pledge to work hard, to listen to others views, not to speak quite so much (that's a tough one) to work with others collaboratively who also have the best interests of the town at heart in a "one town one team" approach. And to always act in the best interests of the town I love.

I'll outline in more detail my personal Priorities for the term of office in the town meeting, with the support of colleagues.

**Cllr Edwina Hannaford**