

Welcome members of the public, officers and councillors.

It was nearly a year ago I stood here brimming with pride as I stepped into the role of a long line of great Mayors including my Father Colin Shore. I set out my aims for the year to work with others collaboratively in a “one town one team” approach. And to always act in the best interests of the town I love. I hope I fulfilled this.

I talked about collaboration and the notion we are stronger when we work in unity.

However, it's with great sadness that last August I was diagnosed with cancer and have largely not been able to fulfil the full work programme I set myself as Mayor.

There have been some unifying occasions where the town has come together.

The Platinum Jubilee in June last year was joyous. The West Looe celebration were well attended despite inclement weather and the Lions did us proud with a party on the Wooldown, The town council coordinated the printed programme.

Just a few months later we came together again as a town to celebrate the long service of Queen Elizabeth 2nd on her sad passing. The town council did her proud with the proclamation and civic service and I opened a book of condolence which was subsequently sent to the Palace to be part of the archive representing the respect and affection in which her Majesty was held.

We have also just celebrated King Charles III Coronation where once again shops and homeowners donned flags and bunting. I have been delighted to present the children of Looe with a water bottle engraved with Looe Town Councils logo and the Kings cypher. The Library team organised lots of fun interactive events.

The Council continues to work hard for the town, the committee chairs reports will outline our successes and hard work.

I am also delighted to congratulate the Men's A team gig team who have triumphed for the amazing 4th time in Scilly. We will be organising a full civic reception in due course to properly acknowledge your Herculean efforts!

I talked last year about how important it is for our officers to feel supported and valued. We could not do our job without their expertise and support. I would like to thank all the officers for their

professionalism and dedication. We have a new clerk starting in early June and I'm thankful to Steve for stepping in as locum, Karen the deputy clerk who has stepped up magnificently and of

Course Fiona die has kept us on the financial

Straight and narrow with Cllr. Barker.

Cultivating a business forum is still really important.

Lucy our business development officer has been working hard on the Tourism Ambassadors scheme and Cllrs Smith and Holmes with myself have been engaging with a number of businesses in the town. We collaborated on the business survey to fight the ridiculous parking price hikes on the Millpool and removing free evening parking for residents. Sadly we have been ignored so far. Currently the Change.org petition has 1012

signatories. This demonstrates the depth of feeling of residents and businesses that these changes are a betrayal of Looe by the Cornwall Council administration. If you haven't done so already, please sign the petition so we

send a strong message to Cornwall Council that we feel really let down by these changes and that they will be to the detriment of the town. This fight continues.

I have a little something for all staff members as a symbol of my gratitude.

I would like to thank ALL my fellow councillors for their personal support, Cllr Smith has stepped up magnificently as Deputy Mayor. I don't think he (or Hilary) quite expected to have to take on so much so soon. But thank you Tony and Hilary for your support it's very much appreciated.

I have a little something for you both.

A special mention should go to Cllr Toms for his support, taking on some of my case work. Thank you.

Last year I welcomed a new Cllr. Cllr Wayne Edwards, this year I am pleased to welcome 2 new Cllrs! Cllr Chris Harwood and Cllr Jasper Graham Jones. I very much look forward to working with you both. You both have a wealth of transferable skills and experience from your professional careers that I know will be put to good use in serving the people of Looe.

It is within the gift of the Mayor to appoint burgesses. These are usually former Cllrs who have made a significant contribution to the work of Looe Town Council and the town.

I would therefore like to acknowledge the work of a former Mayor and councillor for over 40 years. Jimmy Dingle. He has also served on both East and West Looe Town Trusts and many town committees. His regular litter picks are most welcome.

More than ever as the cost of living crisis bites we need to work to help the most needy in our community. We have migrated the community fund, community meals, community cupboard with our successful partnership with Boundless Trust. Thank you Cllr Remington and officers for undertaking much of the due diligence.

I would now like to make some presentation of money raised through the year from a number of charity events including sitting duck drenching, selling mulled wine at the torch night procession, quiz night, bingo and the Mayors ball. I want to acknowledge all the good work of volunteers in the town. Where would we be without these selfless individuals.

List groups

Age Concern £25.00

Barbican pre-school £25.00

Darby & Joan Club £25.00

Ellies Haven £25.00

Looe Lions

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Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol £50.00

Looe Community Academy PTA £25.00

Looe Pioneers

Looe Primary Academy PTA £25.00

Looe Rifle and Pistol Club £25.00

Looe Rowing & Gig Club £50.00

Looe Sailing Club

Looe Town Football Club £50.00

Looe Bowling Club £50.00

Looe Community Memory Café £50.00

Royal British Legion - apologies if DNA £50.00

St Pinnock Band £50.00

Cinema by the Sea £25.00

Friends of Kilminorth Woods £25.00

Looe Allotments and community Garden Association. £25.00

Looe and District U3A £25.00
West Looe Playgroup £50.00
Looe in Bloom £100.00
Looe Valley Rotary Club
Secta
Looe Marine cons group £25.00
Looe Shedders £25.00

My chosen Mayors charity for the year has been the Boundless Trust. I am pleased to present a well deserved cheque for £3600 to support their work.

This leads me into 2 awards it is my great pleasure to present; organisation of the year and citizen of the year.

Firstly organisation of the year. This was a tough choice as there are so many fantastic groups undertaking magnificent work in the town.

This organisation organise many of the traditional events in the town including the Carnival, Furry Dance, beach egg hunt, Waylands Car Boot Sales and Vintage Rally, 3 legged race, Duck Race, and are always there if an event needs Marshalls.

On the International stage, Looe Lions have contributed to relieving suffering caused by the recent devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and are fundraising to drive another mini bus full of much needed supplies to Ukraine.

They are also marshalling the latest spring Covid booster vaccination.

It's my great pleasure to announce the organisation of 22/23 is Looe Lions.

Now citizen of the year. Again a really tough decision.

This lady is highly skilled at designing processes and systems, keeping meticulous notes, records and action points. She works quietly away in the background, never complains, is accommodating and empathetic. She undertakes all the paperwork that no one else want to do! She volunteers for a number of groups including Looe Lions and Looe Community Meals.

The citizen of the year for 2022/23 is Sally Thornby