

## **Chairman's Report**

This last Council year can be looked upon as one of considerable achievement, though some setbacks have occurred.

STC have now taken over the running of the Library service in Saltash including the Library building from Cornwall Council. The Library building has now become an STC asset.

Also our Station Building is now ready for its long awaited regeneration with all minute details and signing of contracts completed and checked. March the 18th is start date. When completed this will be an incredible asset for the Town.

Our Public toilets at Longstone, Belle Vue, Alexandra square as well as Waterside are all operational and have been upgraded and made more secure.

The Town Council have also secured a long lease on the Longstone depot, where we have a good workshop which enables our Staff to undertake various levels of maintenance and repair.

Plans for the Waterfront are ongoing with discussion with Cornwall Council ongoing.

In the North of the Town, the Quora Development is now nearing completion and the first units are expected to open soon.

What effect this will have on Fore St remains to be seen, however at FTC tonight a new vision for our Fore St (High St) is on the Agenda.

Your Council have spent many hours reviewing our current Committee Structure and again at FTC tonight the new Structure will be approved and adopted. It is expected the new Structure will make the workings of Council more efficient, reduce duplication and reduce the number of meetings. It will also mean the incumbent Mayor will not be Chairman/Vice Chairman of any standing Committee or sub Committee, excepting the monthly FTC, allowing full impartiality at Committee level.

I have mentioned setbacks at the start of this report, there have been some, but for me personally has been Councils decision not to profess devolution fully at this time. Whether this is progressed in this Council remains to be seen?

Councillor John Brady