Chairmans report May 2019

This year we have again successfully leased most of the beach concessions and with the additional revenue from filming rights, the Council remains in a stable financial position.

Following the retirement of John Vowles we have unfortunately lost the pony ride concession. We thank him and his family for their dedication providing this service in all weathers over the last two generations.

As many of you will know, Joan Jackman passed away on Sunday 21st April after a short illness. Joan worked tirelessly for the village over the last 30 years, serving initially on the Residents Association and then many years on this Council. She took immense interest in all aspects of village life, particularly our beach, the village hall, parish magazine and planning matters. Having a keen interest in our village history, Joan wrote and published a book 'Brean, The Millenium Years'.

She will be sadly missed by the residents of Brean, not only for her work but also her amazing sense of humour. We would like to pass on our sincere condolences to her family and close friends.

After my long service on this Council, I have decided to stand down allowing for more time off from village duties. I hope the new Council manage to co-opt more members and I wish them every success in the future. I would like to thank the long standing members, Trevor, Martin, Don and Jenny for their help and dedication and especially David Scott who served on this Council for 30 years. I'm sure our more recent members, Tony and Peter will prove equally capable.

Congratulations to Tony Grimes for successfully winning the District elections, I thank him for all the support he has given our village past and present. Also to Bob Filmer for supporting Brean at County level.

Finally my thanks to Hazel for her role as Clerk, her vast knowledge of local government and professional advice has been essential for the Parish and it's been a pleasure working with together.

Jon Harris (Chairman)

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