

EXCERPTS FROM SECRETARY REPORT – LISKEARD RBL BRANCH AGM NOVEMBER 2023

Steve – Could you please share this with the Mayor and Council -

On summing up this past 12 months I would say it has all the hallmarks of building up partnerships in so many ways, with all our regular events being fronted as usual but also seeing revived and more unique activities where we have been asked to either spearhead, organise or simply show a presence. These events have reinforced our very strong presence within the Liskeard community and where we have every right to feel a sense of pride and selfworth. At the end of the day, we are all volunteers, most of us have busy lives and personal commitments, which are often challenging, but the motto Service Not Self has been incredibly transparent and I am proud to be working with such a committed team on a regular basis.

So what is this partnership, what has it entailed and who has called on our services?

Well firstly we have been working with a very visionary Mayor. His recognition of the worth of so many groups active in the town has been remarkable during his tenure and we have been on the receiving end of that appreciation and co- operation since being given the Freedom of the Town last year and being asked to be right up there in playing a dignified part in several events and initiatives that have arisen through his mayorship.

Most notably this year I refer to the Coronation weekend with different events being held in town and when we put on a competition to decorate the Club for the weekend with entries from youngsters – will be ever forget the large papier-mâché effigy of King Charles greeting us in the foyer? Then our involvement in the Oath of Allegiance Coronation Ceremony, combining VE Day with a Drumhead Service, the Club Coronation celebration party, the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant in conjunction with Armed Forces Day held this year in Falmouth, the Twinning revival with Quimperlé and the joint wreath laying ceremony between the two mayors. The latter demanded a rapid re arrangement of the venue due to horrendous weather but it all ran smoothly in the end. The Mayor has also given his time in supporting all our causes and was recently seen helping with the Poppy Appeal sales. We thank him for the confidence he has shown in working with us.

Then secondly...

Our partnership with the Town Council with regard to the above events requiring a Town Clerk and Town Crier and Council presence, plus the overall responsibility for the Remembrance Day road closure and risk assessment application this year being passed across to the Council, has helped us work together much more and I have been grateful for the slick communication that has existed between us in sharing ideas and knowledge regarding the paper work demands now being made by County Council. These things don't just happen at the drop of a hat.