



**Heysham  
Neighbourhood  
Council**

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## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2017

2016 -17 has been an eventful year for Heysham overall, it has seen the Royal hotel undergo a 2.2million pound or thereabouts makeover to become a very impressive piece of Heysham heritage again.

I'm sure you will agree that Thwaites have been sympathetic in maintaining most of the character whilst utilising what had become a derelict piece of property to its upmost capacity, we wish Paul and his team well and hope the community will embrace and enjoy their commitment.

Also re-furbished is the manor house and the old Meade's antique shop building on the corner of Woborrow and Main street, the church hall had a close call but has risen again.

The other massive success was last year's Viking festival and I would like to thank all involved for their support and services free of charge over the weekend, too many to name but we all enjoyed ourselves and it was good to see the village so busy with between seven and ten thousand footfall over the two days.

So much so that were going to do it all again this year but slightly bigger, that will be 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July and we will again be looking for volunteers.

The solar farm payment commenced in January and will continue to provide £1000.00 a year for the life of the project to Heysham Neighbourhood Council.

The other main item that we are working towards is parish council status and at last month's executive meeting we voted unanimously to undertake a ballot in 2018, to ask the residents of Heysham if this is what they want.

The ballot will be organised by Lancaster City Council and it will be a straight yes or no vote. If the vote is favourable it will allow Heysham to undertake some of its own operational requirements with the aid of a precept attached to a resident's council tax payment.

This precept will be in the region of 50p a week and would help fund maintenance, running of the toilets

A dog control officer and possibly an anti-social behaviour officer.

All this need to be finalised and considered in more detail, but I feel that Heysham could only benefit from looking after its own interests.

I would like to thank Sylvia ,Keith Mike and Colin for seeing this project forward.

I thank again all the volunteers and committee members and the local councillors for supporting not only myself but all we do for our community.

