



John BENNETT



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Independent

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John Bennett: A Serious Candidate for Serious Times

18 May 2009 – Jobs, affordable housing, fire station, and thoughtful development of Hayle Harbour are at the top of John Bennett’s manifesto of key issues in his Independent bid for the Hayle South Ward seat on the new Cornwall Council.

“Experience, resourcefulness, dependability and no-nonsense leadership form the hallmark of my candidacy,” he said. A Hayle town councillor as well as Deputy Mayor, Bennett also served for almost four years as a district councillor at Penwith.

In his appeal to South Ward voters, Bennett wrote: “Many important and complex issues are faced by Hayle and its residents today. In the coming years our town will require strong, experienced and confident representation at Cornwall Council.

“Now is not the time for party politics or simplistic views of the serious challenges facing Hayle,” he added. “Over the last four years I have worked hard as your Independent councillor – and I have the experience required to deal with these challenges.”

With a clear understanding of how local government works – and sometimes doesn’t work – Bennett said he can hit the ground running, able to tackle the issues most important to Hayle without wasting any time. In addition to district-council-level experience in planning, licensing, affordable housing and the environment, Bennett is also active in almost a dozen town groups and has a passion for heritage-led regeneration.

“My strong business background and extensive technical experience allow me to deal on a complex level with consultants, legal teams and government officers,” said Bennett, a lifelong professional engineer, “all of whom have points of view – particularly where jobs and the harbour are concerned – that may not be in Hayle’s best interests.”

“For this election,” he said, “ simply being ‘nice’ or ‘well-liked’ isn’t enough. It is vital that Hayle sends to Truro a serious and experienced representative.”

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