

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL



Report of the Town Council's Activities -2008/2009

Annual Town Meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday 6th May 2009

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I take great pleasure in presenting this report of Council activities for the past year.

Council and Committees

The Council have met on 15 occasions, the Management Committee met on 13 and the Planning Committee on 16 occasions. The Working Groups met several times throughout the year. A total of 82 Meetings were held to carry out Council business.

In addition several Councillors and the Town Clerk serve as the Town Councils' representatives on Various Organisations and regularly attend their Meetings.

Planning

The Planning committee meets at 21 day intervals in order to meet consultation deadlines. The Committee have dealt with 137 applications.

Each application was fully considered and decisions were made having due regard to Planning Regulations and the East Lindsey Local Plan.

The recommendations of the Town Council Planning Committee were made without bias and always supported by the majority views of the Committee.

The number of Planning Applications received, reflect the continuing development of Skegness which has been evident for sometime.

Management Committee

The Management Committee is responsible for the day to day items, including financial management It also responds to a number of consultation documents from both Lincolnshire County Council and East Lindsey District Councils as well as the Lincolnshire Police Authority and Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The Committee in dealing with these items has freed time for the Full Council to debate serious items affecting our Town.

Under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 Councillors' Allowance for 2008/2009 was set at £500, this payment is subject to tax:-

NAME	ALLOWANCE	TRAVELLING	SUBSISTENCE
COUNCILLOR	£	£	£
M C Anderson	500	-	-
Mrs S Binch	500	-	-
J A Carpenter	500	-	-
T Chipchase	500	-	-
N D Cooper	500	-	-
A J Delaney	500	-	-
Mrs C Draper	500	-	-
D R Edginton	500	-	-
G O Ellis	500	-	-
S Haddock	500	-	-
P P Kemp	500	18	-
S R Kirk	500	-	-
G D Long	500	-	-
K Milner	500	285	-

B O'Connor	500	-	-
Mrs P R Phillips	500	-	-
N L Pimperton	-	196	159
G Saxon	500	205	40
Mrs S Shuttleworth	500	-	-
P J Watson	500	-	-

It was agreed to publish the attendance records of all Councillors and the following table gives that attendance. As not all councillors serve on all committees and working groups it is listed as number of meetings possible, and number of meetings attended.

NAME	Number of Possible Meetings	Number of Meetings Attended
M C Anderson	18	16
Mrs S Binch	30	25
J A Carpenter	35	26
T Chipchase	40	35
N D Cooper	32	27
A J Delaney	57	31
Mrs C Draper	43	21
D R Edginton	53	41
G O Ellis	53	29
S Haddock	45	41
P P Kemp	60	48
S R Kirk	35	25
G D Long	66	53
K Milner	38	31
B O'Connor	32	18
Mrs P R Phillips	63	44
N L Pimperton	74	56
G Saxon	64	60
Mrs S Shuttleworth	50	35
P J Watson	32	21

The policy on how grants were distributed was changed from 1st April 2006.

All organisations who request a grant now have to submit an application form giving the following details:-

- Amount applied for
- Proposed use of grant
- Copy of accounts

All applications were carefully considered and the following grants were made:-

£500 to :-	1073 Squadron ATC
£500 to:-	Skegness Carnival Committee
£500 to:-	Skegness Sub Aqua Club
£300 to:-	Skegness Ability Club
£100 to:-	British Legion

General

Work on the Town Plan is progressing. I understand a dedicated group of people representing some local organisations are working on this project which is due for completion late 2009.

Once again, as part of the National Heritage Weekend held on the 12th & 13th September 2008 the Mayor's Parlour was open to compliment the Jolly Fisherman Centenary Exhibition in the Council Chamber. A large number of people visited the Exhibition many of whom expressed their delight at both the Mayor's Parlour and the Exhibits. My thanks to the councillors who helped to show the public around the Exhibition and my special thanks to the Skegness Civic Society for organising the Exhibition.

I must also express my thanks for the ways in which members of the Publicity Working Group have helped promote the Town. These include attendance (with out very own "Jolly Fisherman") at the 40th Anniversary Celebrations of the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and the Meadowhall Shopping Centre. Special thanks to Butlins and staff for inviting us to join them in promoting Skegness. Means to promote the Town are ongoing including the purchase of a box trailer that will be "dressed" as a beach chalet.

Sunshine Play Area

I am delighted to announce that despite some setbacks, this new play area is nearing completion. I am sure it will be enjoyed by both local children and visitors to our Town for many many years. My special thanks to our funding partners.

Jolly Fisherman's Birthday

2008 was a special year for our "Jolly Fisherman" with many events held to celebrate his 100th Birthday. 2008 also saw the centenary of Skegness Silver Band and Skegness Infants School.

Jolly's birthday party held in the Tower Gardens was a fun day for the hundreds of people who attended, many of whom were able to sample a slice of Jolly's very own birthday cake.

On a personal note, as I come towards the end of my Mayoral year, I can report that I, and the Mayoress, have attended many engagements and with fellow Councillors dealt with several matters affecting the Town

May I also thank everyone in the Town who has helped with the fundraising for my chosen charity – The Fire Service National Benevolent Fund

Conclusion

In conclusion I would say that Members of Skegness Town Council whatever their political persuasion have worked hard to ensure that the best interests of the Town and its people have been served.

You may be sure that the Council and its members will continue to serve you to the best of its abilities.

Thank you.

Councillor N L PIMPERTON
Town Mayor of Skegness