

# **SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL**



## **Report of the Town Council's Activities -2007/2008**

**Annual Town Meeting**

**7.00 pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

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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 13 occasions, the Management Committee met on 13 and the Planning Committee on 17 occasions. The Working Groups met several times throughout the year. A total of 84 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.

Following the elections in May 2007, I welcomed 8 new members to the Town Council, all of whom I am sure, have worked hard for the benefit of both the Town Council and the townspeople they represent.

Likewise, we saw the retirement of several long standing members of the Town Council, notably, Councillors Terry Bryan, Ian Cameron, John Byford, Mrs Sheila MacKenzie and Ken Holland who, sadly, passed away on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July last year.

The Youth Council has now been established for more than a year. Although there remains much work to be done, several Youth Councillors have made admirable efforts to attend meetings .

The Town Council has throughout the year continued its negotiations with East Lindsey District Council regarding the devolution of some services to Skegness Town Council in particular, the Castleton Boulevard Gardens and development of the former “Sunshine Paddling Pool” area and I am particularly pleased to report that funding bids for the new Children’s Play area are well advanced. It is hoped that the Play Area will be open to the public by the end of July 2008

Work on the Town Plan is progressing. I understand an enthusiastic group of people representing many local organisations are working on this project.

We all remember the fire on Grand Parade with indifferent seasonal trade it was a major blow to the Town. We must all work hard to ensure any new development is right for our town.

Under the provisions of the Local Authorities (members Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 Councillors Allowance for 2007/2008 was set at £500, this payment is subject to tax:-

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ALLOWANCE</b>	<b>TRAVELLING</b>	<b>SUBSISTENCE</b>
COUNCILLOR	£	£	£
M C Anderson	500.00	Nil	Nil
Mrs S Binch	500.00	Nil	Nil
J A Carpenter	451.95	Nil	Nil
T Chipchase	451.95	Nil	Nil
N D Cooper	451.95	Nil	Nil
A J Delaney	451.95	Nil	Nil
Mrs C Draper	500.00	Nil	Nil
D R Edginton	451.95	Nil	Nil
G O Ellis	451.95	Nil	Nil
S Haddock	451.95	24.00	Nil
P P Kemp	500.00	79.76	Nil
S R Kirk	500.00	Nil	Nil
G D Long	500.00	Nil	Nil
K Milner	500.00	194.80	Nil
B O’Connor	500.00	Nil	Nil

Mrs P R Phillips	500.00	Nil	Nil
N L Pimperton	Nil	Nil	Nil
G Saxon	451.95	Nil	Nil
Mrs S Shuttleworth	451.95	Nil	Nil
P J Watson	451.95	Nil	Nil

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.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Number of Possible Meetings</b>	<b>Number of Meetings Attended</b>
M C Anderson	13	9
Mrs S Binch	28	23
J A Carpenter	30	23
T Chipchase	32	27
N D Cooper	15	11
A J Delaney	36	27
Mrs C Draper	41	26
D R Edginton	51	35
G O Ellis	63	46
S Haddock	32	29
P P Kemp	64	60
S R Kirk	38	28
G D Long	51	39
K Milner	61	55
B O'Connor	32	20
Mrs P R Phillips	57	55
N L Pimperton	25	21
G Saxon	62	60
Mrs S Shuttleworth	42	32
P J Watson	30	24

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

All organisations who requested a grant had 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:-

£870 to :-	Lindsey Blind Society
£700 to:-	Skegness Pensioners Association
£680 to:-	1 <sup>st</sup> Skegness Scouts
£500 to:-	Skegness Silver Band First College Skegness Carnival Committee Skegness Playgoers Society
£350 to:-	Skegness Musical Theatre Company Skegness Crime Prevention Panel

## **Planning**

The Planning committee meets at 21 day intervals in order to meet consultation deadlines. The Committee have dealt with 152 applications.

Each application was fully considered and decisions were made having due regards 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. It has also responded to a number of consultation documents received 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.

## **General**

Once again, as part of the National Heritage Weekend being held on the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008, the Mayor's Parlour will be open to compliment the Jolly Fisherman Centenary Exhibition in the Council Chamber. I am sure that, as in previous years, as many Councillors as possible will be present at this event and be delighted to show members of the public around the exhibition.

On a personal note, as I come towards the end of my Mayoral year, I can report that I have attended 137 engagements and with my fellow Councillors dealt with several matters affecting the Town including Gordon Ramsey, fire, flood, earthquake and even a leaving party !

May I also thank everyone in the Town who has helped with the fundraising for my chosen charity – Skegness Lifeboat.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion I would say that Members of Skegness Town Council whatever their political persuasion have worked hard, both collectively and individually 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 K MILNER**  
**Town Mayor of Skegness**