

# SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

**Local Elections**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

19:00 **Annual Town Meeting** (not a meeting of the Council)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

19:00

**Annual Council**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

19:00

**Council Special**

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Why not come along to the Annual Town Meeting? This is not a meeting of the Council but an informal event to discuss community matters. You will have the opportunity to hear about what the Council and other local organisations have been doing over the last year, you can also raise any matters relating to the Town. Last year's meeting was really well attended and a great opportunity to find out about the excellent work that goes on in our Town and network with other organisations. If you're part of a local community group that would like to come and speak at this event please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

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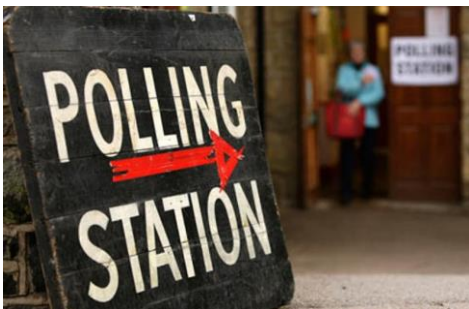
***Annual Town Meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 @7pm Skegness Town Hall – All residents welcome***

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## ELECTIONS - PURDAH

The local elections will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, this is your opportunity to have your say on who represents you in your Parish. Skegness is split into 4 different wards with a total of 21 Councillors representing Skegness & Winthorpe. Remember your vote matters, if you are not registered to vote then you have until the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to register to vote in the local elections, to register <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. The new Councillors will start their term of office 4 calendar days after the election so look out for some new faces!

You may have heard about Purdah and wondered what this means? Purdah covers the pre-election period and puts restrictions on local authorities, like ourselves, on publicity. This is to ensure that public money is not being used to influence the election. That's why you won't see any photos of individual Councillors in this latest newsletter.





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## ASSET TRANSFER

Over the last year the Town Council has been working closely with East Lindsey District Council to bring some of the assets back to Skegness Town Council, this transfer is nearing completion and includes Tower Gardens, the kiosks, the site of the old Pavilion and other small parcels of land. The toilets will still be managed by ELDC. Further assets are due to come over in October 2019.

The Town Council are keen to bring the Tower Gardens under local control to try and help bring the gardens back to their former glory, this is a long term project but hopefully you will start to see an improvement over the next few seasons. The Town Council has appointed two new team members who will be based in the gardens working hard emptying the bins and looking after the grounds. A further two team members have been employed to support the additional amenity grass cutting requirements around Skegness and Winthorpe.

Look out for our new events page, due to go live soon on our website with information for anyone wanting to hold a community event in the gardens or you can email us on [events@skegnesscouncil.org.uk](mailto:events@skegnesscouncil.org.uk).

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Town Council has also been working hard on a project to deliver a new Community Building in Tower Gardens. A public works loan board application has been approved and construction is due to start on site by June 2019. For those of you who entered our competition to name the building, don't worry we have not forgotten. The winner will be decided and announced in July.

The building will have a large community hall that is available to hire for keep fit, events, meetings and training. There will be a café on site with views out over the gardens, a full changing places suite with hoist for the profoundly disabled and an office for the Town Council. We expect the building to be open in April 2020.