

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL



Report of the Town Council's

Activities -2010/2011

Annual Town Meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday 11th May 2011

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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 Business & Resources Committee met on 10 and the Direction & Strategy Committee 6 occasions and the Planning & Planning Policy Committee on 14 occasions. The Working Groups met several times throughout the year. A total of 64 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 Committees have dealt with 110 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 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.

Business & Resources Committee

The Business & Resources 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 2010/2011 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	-	-
S R Kirk	500	-	-
G D Long	500	-	-
K Milner	500	-	-
B O'Connor	500	-	-
Mrs P R Phillips	500	-	-
N L Pimperton	-	-	-
G Saxon	500	-	-

Mrs J E Shuttleworth	500	-	-
P J Watson	375	-	-

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	46	23
Mrs S Binch	43	32
J A Carpenter	57	32
T Chipchase	48	25
N D Cooper	44	14
A J Delaney	48	12
Mrs C Draper	44	37
D R Edginton	48	35
G O Ellis	39	14
S Haddock	46	16
P P Kemp	40	30
S R Kirk	39	27
G D Long	59	42
K Milner	29	19
B O'Connor	44	19
Mrs P R Phillips	50	42
N L Pimperton	55	41
G Saxon	57	52
Mrs J E Shuttleworth	53	42
P J Watson	44	4

All organisations who request a grant 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:-

£1000 to	East Coast Juniors Football Club
£500 to	Military Preservation Society
£500 to	Skegness 1 st Scouts
£100 to	British Legion

Direction & Strategy Committee

The membership structure of this other new Committee is similar to that of the Business & Resources Committee. However, its' role is much different.

The Committee allows more Council Business to be considered from a strategic standpoint ie. What the Council is going to do against how the Council is going to undertake its' work.

General

Town Plan

Work on the Town Plan is still in progress and with the support of the local group should be completed by August 2011.. This very worthwhile project will help shape the future development of our town.

Skegness Roadshow

The Skegness Roadshow continues to provide a valuable service for our town.. Supported by members of our Publicity Working Group, a dedicated team has visited several venues both within and outside of our County boundary.

Plans for this year include visits to a number of County Shows as well as the Waddington Airshow.

My thanks to all who have helped with the promotion of our town.

Sunshine Play Area

The Play Area continues to receive praise from both local people and those visiting our town.

Regrettably, in recent months, we have seen a return of vandalism to the site which not only costs the Council in repairs but deprives many young people from using the facilities.

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

Mr Stefan Krause our Town Centre Manager to the Town has and continues to work tirelessly to achieve his goals for the benefit of our town.

I also wish to thank everyone in the Town who has helped with the fundraising for my chosen charities, Help for Heroes and Skegness Lifeboat

Conclusion

The Town Council continues to work hard to ensure improvements are made throughout the town for

the benefit of our residents.

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

Thank you.

COUNCILLOR MRS S BINCH

Town Mayor of Skegness