

# **SKEGNESS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

## **Minutes of Skegness Annual Town Meeting**

**Held at Tower Gardens Pavilion at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor T Tye (Town Mayor) in the Chair.

Chief Inspector St Quinton, Sgt Geoff Harrison, Amanda Riding (RNIB), Norman Prime (Skegness Silver Band), Mandy Elmer (Lincolnshire CVS), Bob Walker (Skegness Chamber), Chrissy Redford (Skegness Standard), Janet Boulton (Skegness Scouts/Carnival), Caroline Miller (Skegness Scouts/Carnival), Dee Dee Lee, Malcolm Mason, Judith Pice, Barry Robinson and 4 other members of the public. Councillors P Barry, T Burnham, M Dannatt, S Claxton, S Dennis, D Kirk, D Edginton, A Findley, M Gabbitas, C Macey, S O'Dare, G Saxon, J Sadler and S Staples.

**Officers:** Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

### **1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)**

The minutes of the Skegness Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **2. SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 (Agenda Item 2)**

The Annual Report was distributed. The Town Clerk confirmed the report is available from the office or to download from the Council's website. The report was accepted.

### **3. QUESTIONS ON AND MATTERS RELATING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 (Agenda Item 3)**

Councillor Dan Kirk spoke on the Neighbourhood Development plan and how it was important for people to use their vote.

### **4. AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM RESIDENTS AND COUNCIL OF THE WORK ORGANISATIONS ARE DOING (Agenda Item 4)**

- Chief Inspector St Quinton and Sgt Geoff Harrison – The policing plans for the Summer were presented including Operation Atlantis which includes the Sandi Starfish Scheme the officers also spoke on other initiatives to make the coastal district as safe as possible. The officers then took questions from the public and stressed the importance of reporting crime.
- Amanda Ridings (RNIB) – Amanda spoke about the initiatives and training that her and her colleague James are involved in to support

members of the community with vision loss and to make sure people don't become digitally excluded. She also spoke on the training available to businesses to be visual awareness and thanked the staff of Café Dansant and the Deputy Town Clerk for making the group feel so welcome.

- Norman Prime (Skegness Silver Band) – Norman spoke about what the Silver Band had been up to over the last year including playing in the bandstand, at festivals, concerts and competitions. He spoke on the support given to Skegness Grammar School students with their playing and their upcoming trip to Bad Gandersheim.
- Angela Loseby (Bee Inspired Craft Group) – A Coronation display provided by the group was available to view in the hall. The Town Clerk read out a report from Angela who was unable to attend. The report spoke about how the group has grown over the years and the benefits it provides with feedback from the people that attend including how they appreciate the space and support from the Town Council.
- Lincolnshire CVS – Mandy Elmer spoke about the support available to the voluntary sector from LCVS. She also spoke about social prescribing and volunteer training to support people back into the community.
- Skegness Chamber of Commerce – Bob Walker spoke about the work the chamber continues to do including organising the Expo 23 (formerly known as Caterex). He explained that the chamber was working on the Business Awards and looking and how the chamber can support businesses in the area.
- Scouts/Skegness Carnival – Caroline Miller explained how she was a Scout leader that met in the hall every week. She talked about some of the activities the scouts are involved in. Caroline also spoke about how she is working with Janet Boutby to organise the Carnival this year and is in need of funding.
- Coronation Event – Dee Dee Lee spoke as a member of the Coronation Event working group who organised the event and thanked everyone involved.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their time and their reports.

**5. RESIDENTS TO RAISE ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE TOWN  
(Agenda Item 5)**

None.

**6. CONSULTATION ON THE TOWNS FUND PROJECT FOR TOWER  
GARDENS (Agenda Item 6)**

Proposals for improvements to Tower Gardens were presented and the Town Clerk spoke about the proposed improvements to the pond, paths and planting in Tower Gardens through a £500k grant from the Towns Fund and explained that consultation is ongoing until the end of June and feedback is welcome. A short discussion took place.

**The Meeting Closed at 8:33pm**