

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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COUNCIL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wednesday 5th December 2018 19:15
Council

Tuesday 11th December 2018 19:00
Planning and Planning policy
Committee

Tuesday 8th January 2019 19:00
Planning and Planning policy
Committee

Wednesday 16th December 2018
17:30 Becoming a Councillor
Event

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COMMUNITY BUILDING PLANS & COMPETITION

A competition to name the building has been launched and is open to all residents of Skegness and Winthorpe, regardless of age. We want to make sure that the building is accessible to all and helps to bring the community together. We would love to hear from you with what you think the building should be called.

The Council is very interested in the reasons behind your chosen name for the community building, you may want to name the building after someone or something from the area or choose a name with cultural or historical significance to Skegness. Maybe you would like a name associated with the seaside and all that Skegness has to offer? Whatever your idea we would love to hear it.

Enter the competition [online](#) or give us a call and we will send you out an entry form. Closing date is 8th January 2019.



“Not only will we be building a community hub for the residents of the town to enjoy, but we are also taking back control of the whole of the Tower Gardens” Steve Larnner, Town Clerk



Assets to be Transferred

Tower Gardens

Tower Gardens Kiosks

Scarborough Ave Car Park

Coronation Walk

Vine Walk

Beresford Field

King George V Walk

Croft Walk

Seacroft Square

**Play and Recreation Areas on
Alma Avenue & Church
Avenue**

**Various other small parcels of
land and electric substation
sites**

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL TAKES CONTROL OF KEY ASSETS

East Lindsey District Council and Skegness Town Council have both agreed to an asset transfer, meaning the Town Council will take ownership of a number of key assets in the town, including Tower Gardens. The transfer was formally agreed on the 5th December 2018, following meetings of both Councils.

The transfer will give the Town Council full control over how the assets are used for the benefit of the local community. The assets will be handed over to the Town Council throughout 2019, with the first, including Tower Gardens, being transferred early in the New Year.

Prior to the transfer the District Council will undertake a number of works, including the demolition of Tower Gardens Pavilion, fitting of payment machine gate at Tower Gardens public toilets and any identified tree works.

The agreement will see the District Council take back the site of the former Sunshine Paddling Pool on the northern foreshore, which the Town Council has developed into a play park.

Skegness Town Mayor, Councillor Sid Dennis, added: "Taking control of local assets will give Skegness Town Council, and therefore the people of Skegness, more control over how these parts of the Town are managed. It was an opportunity that could not be missed, since it will help achieve the objectives which have been part of Skegness Town Council's Business Plan for over 4 years. All Councillors have worked together as one to achieve this and by working closely with East Lindsey District Council we have turned an ambition into a reality."

Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property, Councillor Richard Fry, said: "I'm very pleased that both Councils have agreed this asset transfer. This is the culmination of a yearlong piece of work by both the District and the Town Councils, and a positive move for Skegness. This process is all about transferring packages of assets to be managed locally by the communities concerned and I'm sure that Skegness Town Council will be able to utilise the assets for the benefit of the town."



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CHRISTMAS TREE AND ILLUMINATIONS

Skegness Town Council is proud to be once again providing the Christmas Tree and Christmas Illuminations for the Town. This year the Council have commissioned new lights including Christmas Trees and Stars which we hope everyone will enjoy. The switched on was organised by the Hildreds Centre and took place on Friday 1st December 2018 this was attended by the Mayor and Town Crier as well as a whole host of other local organisations, residents and visitors.

COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 2018

The monthly meeting of Council took place on Wednesday the 7th of November 2018, it followed an opportunity for the public to come and view the plans for the new community building which were on display in the Town Hall prior to the meeting, which saw a good number of members of the public come and have a look. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Mayor Cllr Maggie Gray. A key point to come out of the meeting was the idea that the Council should hold information events on ‘Becoming a Councilor’ in the run up to Council election. This was widely supported in the chamber. The purpose of the event would be to try and get a more diverse range of people to stand for election to help better represent the people of Skegness, Councillors raised that some of the underrepresented areas within Council included people with disabilities and people from ethnic backgrounds.

Would you like to know more on what it’s like to be a Town Councillor? Come to one of our events at 5:30pm on 16th January 2019 or 6th March 2019 or see our [website](#).

REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The remembrance parade was once again a successful event in remembering all of those who lost their life, we would like to say thank you all to all the volunteers that helped marshal the event to allow people to pay their respects. We would also like to say thank you to all who supported the event including the Royal British Legion, the Hildreds Centre, Empleo Security and Visit Lincs Coast. A great example of the community coming together.

Please note the Council office will be closed from 4:30pm on 21/12/18 and will re-open at 9am on 02/01/19.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.