

# SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 19:15  
**Council**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 19:00  
**Planning**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 19:00  
**Planning**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 19:15  
**Council**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 19:00  
**Planning**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
19:00  
**Direction & Strategy**

## TOWER GARDENS PAVILION PROJECT

The Stage one application for Coastal Communities Funding has been submitted, Skegness Town Council will find out at the end of August if they have been invited back to apply for Stage two. A lot of work has gone into the application and this work is continuing in preparation for Stage two.

The public consultation events went really well with good attendance in Tower Gardens and lots of interest from both residents and visitors. It was also great to see the students from Skegness Academy attend with interesting ideas and well informed questions, they had obviously done their homework!

The Consultation report and a lot more information on this project is available at [towergardenspavilion.co.uk](http://towergardenspavilion.co.uk)

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*“I think it is a very good idea, it will be a great asset to Skegness. We have waited a long time for something to be done about it.” – Comment from submitted survey*

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## STREET FURNITURE

The grounds care team have been busy installing the three benches kindly donated by the Rotary Club and also bringing other benches in for restoration works including replacing damaged slats and re-painting. All the notice boards have also been re-furbished and are looking much improved. The hanging baskets on Lumley Road are looking good along with the planters on Castleton Boulevard which are now labeled with the Town Council Crest.

Look out for Skegness Town Councils article on how it manages its Street Furniture in the next issue of the National Association of Local Councils LCR magazine.



The Grounds Team Hard at Work Installing a Bench.



*The Opening of the Memorial Garden*

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## CEMETERY

The memorial garden is now open in St Marys cemetery and work is now ongoing to maintain this. Initial risk assessments on memorial safety have taken place and further memorial inspections will be taking place at the end of August in both St Marys and St Clements church yard.

## ALLOTMENTS

The Council carried out allotment inspections on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016, there were many well kept allotments growing a good variety of vegetables, fruit, and flowers. Any allotment holders whose plot was not up to standard have been advised to make improvements.

There are some vacant allotments, so if you are a Skegness resident you could rent a plot for just £30.00 per year and benefit from great value home grown vegetables and fruit, staying fit and active both mentally and physically and making new friends. Parents and families can share a love of growing their own food with their children. Community groups and children's organisations from Skegness would be welcome. It is easy to apply for an allotment, simply contact the council with your name and address.

## TRAINING

Skegness Town Council is committed to training and actively encourages Councillors and employees to attend regular training to raise awareness of responsibilities, improve skills and keep updated with legislation. Over the last 3 months Councillors and staff have attended 11 training sessions on subjects which include code of conduct, employment law, Pensions, Councillor Training, Planning & Neighbourhood Planning, Play areas, Funding & Community Engagement, PREVENT and Food Safety Awareness. The Town Council also now has a CiLCA qualified Deputy Town Clerk after completing the qualification in June.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The localism bill of 2011 gave communities such as Town Councils, Parishes and others the power to have their say in how their communities are to be developed. It allows communities to develop a shared vision of their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth for their local area, ensuring where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, what they should look like, what infrastructure should be provided and what should be protected. Skegness Town Council felt that it was important to develop a plan for our area. The Council developed a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in January 2016 and have had four meetings, these meetings were to improve the knowledge of the Steering Group, setting out initial plans to put to East Lindsey District Council for approval to proceed. The Steering Group met with ELDC and are awaiting for permission to proceed to the next phase of which will involve the whole community.