

# SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

## SERVING THE PEOPLE OF SKEGNESS

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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings will now take place in person at the Tower Gardens Pavilion. Members of the public are permitted to attend; please ensure you follow any regulations in regard to Covid 19.

Planning – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
June 2021 at 7pm

Council – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
2021 at 7pm

Further meeting dates are yet to be approved, these will be published shortly after the next Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!

We finally have some good news to share! We had our first small event on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 where the Town Mayor, Cllr Trevor Burnham, unveiled the restored original artwork of the Jolly Fisherman by John Hassell. The paintings now hang in the seating area of the newly re-opened Café Dansant for all to see and admire along with an information board explaining how much these important pieces of Railway memorabilia mean to the Town. Thanks goes to the Heritage Lottery for grant funding, the Museum Conservation Services and everyone at the Town Council who has been involved in the project. Read more about the project [here](#).



Pictured left is John Byford with his Honoured Citizen Award, centre is Cllr T Burnham (Town Mayor), right is Miss Janice Sutton holding her Community Award.

### HONOURED CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

On the same day of the unveiling of the Jolly Fisherman paintings The Town Mayor, Cllr T Burnham (Pictured above Centre) had the pleasure of giving out some Council awards. Miss Janice Sutton was given a community award for her services to performing arts in the Town which has spanned over 60 years. John Byford was awarded the prestigious Honoured Citizen of Skegness award which has only been given out once in the last 10 years. This award was given for his public service and his work promoting arts and culture in the area. John has helped preserve and retain the iconic Jolly Fisherman image for Skegness and worked to maintain the important cultural links between Skegness and the people of our twinned town in Bad Gandersheim.



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Cllr D Edginton with the defibrillator.



## INTRODUCING THE NEW TOWN MAYOR AND NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLOR

Cllr T Burnham was confirmed as the Town Mayor at the Annual Council meeting in May 2021, he has already attended many events including the Royal British Legions 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, an event at the Hive, the Vintage Fair and the new Lumley Shopping Plaza as well as doing some radio interviews about Skegness. Both the Mayor and Mayoress look forward to attending many more over the Summer.

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***“It is a pleasure and privilege to hold the office of Town Mayor of Skegness, I look forward to meeting many residents and visitors over the coming months”. Cllr T Burnham***

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Skegness Town Council also welcomed a newly elected Councillor in May. Councillor Julie Sadler was elected as one of the representatives for Woodlands Ward, we wish her all the very best with her new role as Town Councillor. A further election will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to fill the vacancy in St Clements Ward.

## DEFIBRILATOR

With thanks to an East Lindsey District Council Community Grant from Councillor Dick Edginton, we have been able to install a defibrillator at Tower Gardens Pavilion. It is placed inside the building on the right-hand side of the main entrance.

## CAFÉ DANSANT AND COMMUNITY HALL OPEN

Both Café Dansant and the Community Hall are able to welcome people back inside. It has been lovely to see the hall being used as intended, busy with dance and exercise classes as well as other local community groups. We have a community craft group that meet in the small hall every Monday 1pm -3:30pm, anyone interested is welcome to join. The Café had a super busy May Bank Holiday and is back providing your favourite homebaked scones and cakes as well as displaying the iconic paintings. A special thank you goes out to all Council staff who worked over the May school holiday whether that be emptying the bins in Tower Gardens or working in the café, you did a great job! The Council is looking forward to having its first official meeting in the hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 after well over a years wait. This will be a Planning Committee meeting at 7pm and will be open to the public.