

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

In line with Government guidelines Council meetings are still taking place via Zoom until at least the end of June 2021.

**Management (inc Planning) -
Weds 31st March 2021 at 7pm**

**Council – Weds 7th April 2021
at 7pm**

**Management (inc Planning) -
Weds 21st April 2021 at 7pm**

**Annual Town Meeting – Weds
28th April 2021 at 7pm**

The public are able to submit questions on agenda items prior to the meeting and watch live via the Councils [You Tube Channel](#).



The late Cllr Jim Carpenter.

ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

We are starting to see the light at the end of the lockdown tunnel, if we all follow the regulations over the next few weeks and months we can look forward to a Summer with our loved ones. We will re-open our facilities and services as set out below. Remember the dates can change dependant on Government restrictions:

From 29th March 2021 – The Tower Gardens, Alma Avenue and Winthorpe playparks will re-open.

From 12th April 2021 – The Council office in the Tower Gardens Pavilion will be open for face to face visits.

From 15th May 2021 – Café Dansant will be open for outside seating.

From 17th May 2021 – Café Dansant will be open for inside seating and use of the Community Hall for adults with restrictions in place.

From 21st June 2021 – All services and facilities open as usual, larger events will be permitted.

RECOVERY FROM THE PANDEMIC

The lockdown has been tough on us all and we recognise that for some the toll has been more significant than for others. As an organisation we are still mourning the loss of the late Jim Carpenter, former Councillor, Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Our thoughts go out to everyone who has lost someone over this last year. The affect on our mental health needs to be recognised and understood, not attending funerals, seeing those we love and going to our usual places to socialise can have a significant impact on our wellbeing. We also recognise the financial impact it has had on many of our residents and business owners. If you are suffering please seek help, [Lincolnshire County Council has a Covid support services](#) page. The NHS has information on their [Every Mind Matters](#) website. The Town Council's [Covid advice](#) page is also available..



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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the **Annual Town meeting** was cancelled last year but will go ahead this year via Zoom on **Wednesday 28th April 2021** at 7pm and **all Skegness & Winthorpe residents are invited to attend**. This meeting is not a meeting of Council but a meet of the Town. We would also love to hear from you if you represent a community group or organisation that is working in the Town. There will be an opportunity to hear about what the Town Council has been doing over the past year followed by short presentations from community group representatives. The final item is where residents can raise any issues or questions they may have about the Town. It is usually a positive meeting and this year we would like to focus on how we can support the Town and each other to recover from the pandemic. If you are interested in attending, please drop us an email on info@skegnesscouncil.org.uk or give us ring on 01754 840040 for more information.

“This year you can access the Town Meeting from the comfort of your living room. It would be great to see more people engaging in Town matters.” Steve Larnner, Town Clerk.

RESTORATION OF THE JOLLY FISHERMAN PAINTINGS

We are pleased to announce that the restoration on the two original John Hassall paintings is complete, this project was funded by the Town Council and with a grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund. The Jolly Fisherman is looking better than ever, and we cannot wait for you all to come and see these iconic paintings. They will be displayed in the seating area of Café Dansant close to the Council office reception, with a security system in place. Special thanks go to Susie who collated an information board to go with the paintings. We hope to have a very small unveiling in April by the Mayor. You can read the full evaluation report for the project which has been posted on our website.

GRASS VERGES

We welcome back our grass cutting team who you will start to see out and about cutting the verges we are responsible for. Please help us to help you by not parking on verges and keeping the verges clear of litter. Thank you.

