

SKEGNESS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of Skegness Annual Town Meeting

Held via Zoom at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 26th May 2021

PRESENT: Councillor B Brookes (Deputy Town Mayor) in the Chair.
Councillor T Burnham (Town Mayor) unable to host due to dentistry work.

Roisin Mullee (Safer Together), PCSO Michelle Collins (Lincolnshire Police), Linda Allaway (New Horizons), Kerry Rye and Clare Allen (Stage Door Productions), Chris Bates (Lincs Coast Light Railway), Nicola McGarry (Visit Lincs Coast), Norman Prime (Skegness Silver Band), Margaret Taylor (Skegness Rotary), Martin Rawlinson (Skegness Rotary), Councillors D Edginton, S Dennis, J Sadler and R Cunnington.

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 8th May 2019 were confirmed as a correct record. There was no Annual Town Meeting in 2020 due to Covid.

2. SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 (Agenda Item 2)

The Town Clerk gave a short presentation on the Annual Report covering the challenges throughout the last year and how these have been overcome. 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 2021/21 (Agenda Item 3)

None.

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

- Safer Together – Roisin Mullee gave a presentation on her role as the Safer Together co-ordinator for East Lindsey to increase engagement, understand issues and help make communities feel safer.
- Mutual Gain – PCSO Michelle Collins spoke about this project to hold a World Café on the 3rd of September 2021 in the Tower Gardens Community Hall which aims to bring people together to solve local issues. Michelle also spoke about a Stay Safe event planned in Tower Gardens on 7th August 2021.

- New Horizons – Linda Hallaway spoke about the bereavement group she works with that is open to bereaved people of any age. They meet once a month at St Clements hall. She would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to speak at the group.
- Stage Door Productions – Kerry Rye and Clare Allen spoke about their performing arts group for children in Skegness which is based at Tower Gardens Pavilion. A video of the children performing Makaton in the gardens and hall was played.
- Lincs Coastal Light Railway (LCLR) – Chris Bates gave an informative presentation on LCLR showing pictures from the first journey on the railway through to more recent photographs when the Mayor visited and some of their current volunteers.
- Skegness Silver Band – Norman Prime was pleased to announce that rehearsals have started back and spoke about some of the bands upcoming engagements which include playing at Tower Gardens and attending the twinned town of Bad Gandersheim for a event next year.
- Extensive Urban Survey – Nicola Grayson from Lincolnshire County Council Heritage spoke about the survey that had recently been completed for Skegness. She also spoke on an upcoming project looking at the history of pubs along the coast.
- Visit Lincs Coast – Nicola McGarry, Manager of the Business Improvement District spoke about upcoming events, promotion and marketing along the coast and how they are supporting the Silver Band to play in Tower Gardens and put on a Reggae festival in Skegness. She also spoke about the work the rangers are doing including graffiti removal and planting.
- Skegness Rotary Club – Martin Rawlinson spoke about the work the Rotary club were doing which includes supporting the Masons meals at home scheme and learning kits to support home learning. The Rotary Club want to re-establish the wishing well, this item will be taken to Council for a decision.

The Deputy Mayor thanked everyone for their time and expressed how good it was to hear about the positive things happening in the Community.

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

The Deputy Town Mayor read out a statement and question submitted by resident Phil Kemp relating to the flower displays around the Clock Tower and possibility of this asset being transferred to Skegness Town Council. The statement and question were noted, and the Town Clerk informed that the questions would be considered by Council.

The Meeting Closed at 8:23pm