



Reaching our Community

Community Engagement

There is a diverse community of ethnical and cultural difference in Canvey Island. The Town Council has a responsibility to understand the needs of this community as a whole to ensure their delivery of services meets the need and improves the quality of life. It is able to do this by monitoring the efficiency of its decisions and the effectiveness of services provided. By encouraging community involvement in identifying new issues and opportunities for improvements, it creates a feeling of belonging and engages Council members and officers with the community it exists to represent. With your help we can make a real difference.



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The Town Council



The Town Council is an elected body in the first tier of local government. The Council has a wide range of discretionary powers and duties laid down under different acts of parliament. Statutory powers are something that the Council may choose to use however a duty is something that the Council must do by law.

Your Town Council?

Canvey Island Town Council is made up of 11 members from different political parties, with different skills and attitudes. Of these members there is an elected Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor, which are annual appointments for a one year term. Members elect the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor of the Council from its existing members at the Annual Council meeting which is held in May. There are also Council officers who carry out the functions of the Council on behalf of the Council members. The most senior officer being the Town Clerk "**Proper Officer**". The Town Clerk is answerable to the Council as a whole and is a trusted professional officer whose objectivity allows them to act for the Council. In addition there are three other officers of the Council who assist the Town Clerk in the delivery of the Council's functions, being the Responsible Financial Officer, the Community and Events Officer and the Community Warden.

What does your Council do?

The Town Council offers a range of services to the residents and local organisations of Canvey Island. Its services include:

- Providing effective communications through the creation of quarterly newsletters informing residents of Council business, issues and events and frequently updating its notice boards in each ward.
- Producing a Town Guide providing important information about services and attractions in Canvey Island.
- Organising community events.
- Providing allotments.
- Managing and maintaining recreational areas on Canvey including Canvey Lake, Concord Beach Tidal Pool, Wildflower Meadow at Tewkes Creek, Labworth Memorial Gardens and Bumble Bee Park.
- Maintaining the seasonal planting schemes in the Town Centre, Jones Corner, Eastern Esplanade, Canvey Way, Ferry Road and Canvey Road.
- Providing a Community Warden presence across the island and rolling out educational programmes.
- Consulting on planning applications that affect Canvey Island.
- Community partnership working and acting as a vital point of contact for County Council, Borough Council and many other public services.
- Providing financial support to local groups through its grant scheme and providing financial support for a youth worker.
- Acting as consultee on crime and disorder reduction for our area.

Council Meetings

The Council or its committees meet regularly to transact the business of the Council and all meetings are open to the public. The meetings will normally be held on a Monday evening at 7.30pm at the Town Council offices, 13 High Street, Canvey Island. Agendas for meetings are displayed in the Town Council office window, the library, its website and its notice boards at Leigh Beck School, Village bus stop, NHS Clinic Long Road, Third Avenue, Canvey lake and at the junction of Foksville Road and Furtherwick Road within the town centre. Agendas and minutes are sent to all Canvey Councillors, the Library, Castle Point Borough Council, the local press and various requested individuals.

The Town Council holds an Annual Town Meeting between 1st March and the 1st June which is a forum for the public to come and question members on any matters relating to the work of the Town Council.

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