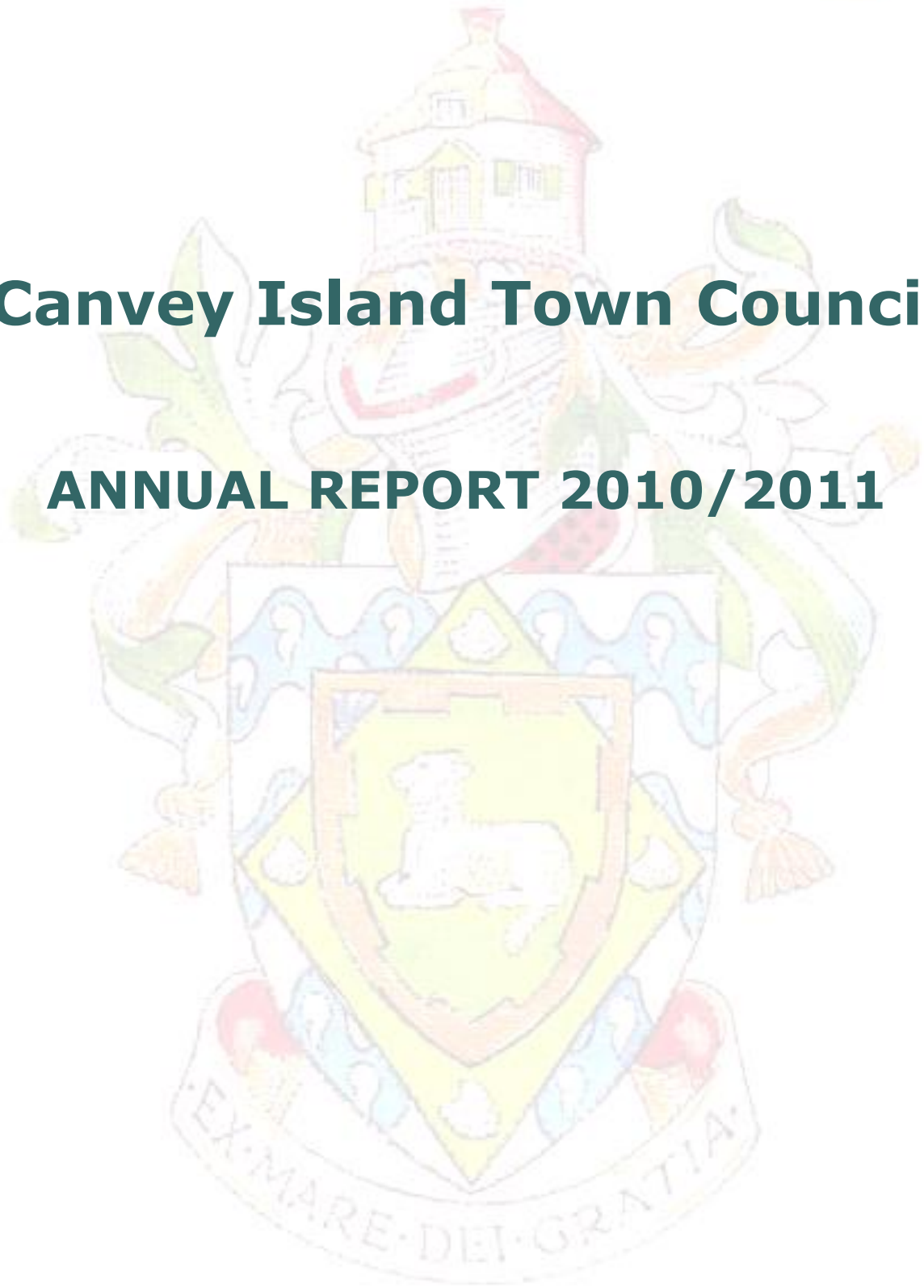




# **Canvey Island Town Council**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011**



## Chairman's Report

The past twelve months have been busy for the Town Council. We now have a new Town Clerk, Elaine De Can, who has worked at the Town Council since 2008, resides in Canvey Island and commenced her duties as Clerk in October 2010. Some of the Council's achievements in its fourth year included the 5 year plan for Canvey Lake, maintenance of the flowerbeds in the Memorial Gardens, the introduction of new planters at Jones corner, working with the Environment Agency to enhance Tewkes Creek, the continuation of new hanging baskets in the Town Centre, Waterside & Smallgains allotments and various events that have been held during the year.

The Council's aspirations for the forthcoming years are to continue pursuing:

- The reclaiming of Canvey Lake with a 3 to 5 year plan
- Additional allotment plots at Waterside
- Management of the Seafront Memorial Gardens and Bumblebee Park
- Management of the Tidal Pool (working with Friends of Concord Beach)
- Regeneration of the Town Centre which will link with Canvey Lake
- Continuation of Street Markets
- Developing Partnerships

John Anderson - Chairman - Canvey Island Town Council 2010/11

## Planning Report

The Town Council is a statutory consultee for all planning applications submitted to the Borough Council by households, businesses and organisations. The Planning Committee agreed that it did not wish to comment on planning applications which involve alterations to or extensions of any existing residential dwelling or advertising/signage.

Planning applications and consultations considered during 2010/11 are as follows:

- Cornelius Vermuyden School
- Furtherwick Park School / Castle View School
- OIKOS Storage
- Street Material Guides

The Localism Bill will open up so many opportunities for the Town Council in the future to enable us to be more active regarding planning and development on Canvey Island.

Cllr Barry Dixie – Chairman, Planning

## Environment & Open Spaces Report

Listed below are the achievements of the Environment & Open Spaces committee:

- Skate Park and Bungalow – this park and its structures were designed by the youth of Castle Point.
- Waterside Farm allotments – new fencing has been erected and additional plots will become available hopefully next year.
- Town Centre lights, planters and two new planters at Jones's Corner
- Continuation of maintaining the planting in the Memorial Gardens
- Consideration of the transfer of the Memorial Gardens & Bumblebee Park to the Town Council
- Ongoing 5 year plan for Canvey Lake
- Working with Castle Point Borough Council and the Environment Agency to enhance Tewkes Creek/Creeky Woods.
- Tidal Pool – following a safety report and strong feelings from the public the Town Council have agreed to take on the responsibility of the pool and are in negotiations with Castle Point Borough Council to ensure this happens before the summer months.

Cllr John Anderson - Chairman, Environment & Open Spaces

## Community Relations Report

We have had a busy year of community events and have achieved the following:

Working with Castle Point Neighbourhood Forums in order to consider match funding on projects that they bring to us. By forming this partnership it has become an excellent way to enhance areas around Canvey.

We instigated and worked with Castle Point and Essex County Council to erect a new Flood Memorial Plaque outside the Library. The original plaque had become old and faded and the names had worn away with age. The new plaque not only has the names of those that sadly lost their lives in 1953, but also has a picture of the flood on Canvey etched under the list of names.

First Aid training for schools has again been a big success this year at Castle View School.

Following a spate of purse/bag thefts, in the Town Centre, we, with a donation from Sainsbury's, purchased purse security chains and distributed them at Christmas in the Knightswick Centre.

The allotments at Waterside have suffered a series of break-ins with sheds severely damaged and crops trampled on. This year we managed to secure the site with fencing with funding from the Community Safety Partnership and Essex County Council. We are constantly working with the police and are hoping to have a PC in the office once a week for a community drop-in and a chat.

We now have a new and improved website making it easier to navigate through our information pages. We constantly strive to inform all of our residents through our regular quarterly newsletters and information boards.

We are currently in the process of preparing a Town Guide. There will be lots of information on local interests for local residents and to promote tourism on Canvey. We have a lot of history here and this is one way of promoting it.

### Events

For the second year running we hosted an Armed Forces Day. This again was a huge success with many hundreds of people turning out to cheer representatives of the armed forces and uniformed organizations. The nostalgic evening was great with performances from the Rat Pack and the runners up from Britain's Got Talent, Irresistible. We also had a medley of 40's songs from Canvey's own songbird Georgia Garrett.

We held our first Wild life event in May at the new RSPB site at West Canvey Marshes. This was a free event for everyone who attended, this included, face painting, bouncy castles, wildlife quiz, pond dipping and talks on wildlife in general. We had two celebrities from the BBC's The One Show, Mike Dilger and Des Coleman. It was amazing to see families together and enjoying themselves.

In October we had our first Citizens Awards evening. Again a huge success, bringing together people of all ages who had been nominated for achieving something beyond their normal capabilities.

Then there was Christmas. For the first time ever Canvey High Street was closed off all day from Waarden Road to Lionel Road. We had a street market, children's rides and street entertainment. A centre stage with non-stop entertainment hosted by Sue and Martin from Heart FM, carol singers, dance troupes, games, Lady Gaga, and pen ultimately topping the bill was Take That and of course Father Christmas turning on the lights. This year we added more street lights to the Town Centre and of course the usual two Christmas Trees. All the shops were busier than ever, in fact, Greggs the Bakers had to send out for supplies as they had run out of bread, rolls and hot food.

### Forthcoming year

We will be looking into maintaining the Lifeguard Memorial Gardens, situated at the bottom of the seawall at Lubbins, behind the new toilet block, markets for the Town Centre and more lights and trees in different areas of Canvey for Christmas.

We are in the process of organizing a much asked for event – Canvey Fun Day. This will be held along the seafront, again with craft stalls, and non-stop entertainment.

Cllr Joan Liddiard - Chairman, Community Relations

## Policy & Finance Report

- Budget for 2010/2011 remained unchanged at £265,941
- Town Councillors received first aid training
- Key fobs were purchased for supermarket trolleys to provide to the public free of charge
- Due to vandalism to the Town Office, it was necessary to purchase extra security. The area/car park behind the office is very dark, therefore required CCTV and security lighting.

Throughout the year grants have been provided to the following recipients:

- Castle Point Transport Museum - £500.00
- Royal British Legion (Battle of Britain celebrations) £282.80
- Amelia Blackwell House - £476.60
- Island Boys and Girls - £299.67
- Sweet Briar Lodge - £500.00
- Winter Gardens Baptist Church - £452.87

Grants Received

- Ministry of Defence - £2,000
- Essex County Council - £15,000
- Castle Point Borough Council - £1,500

### Forthcoming year

Budget for 2011/2012 – the Town Council requested that the precept remain unchanged, however due to denominations two options were offered:

A tax of £20.61 which would result in a payment of £265,889.61

A tax of £20.70 which would result in a payment of £267,050.70

The Town Council opted for a precept of the lower rate of £265,889.61, which is a slight decrease of £51.39. This equates to a Council Tax decrease of £0.36p per year.

Cllr Nick Harvey – Chairman, Policy & Finance

## Statutory Functions

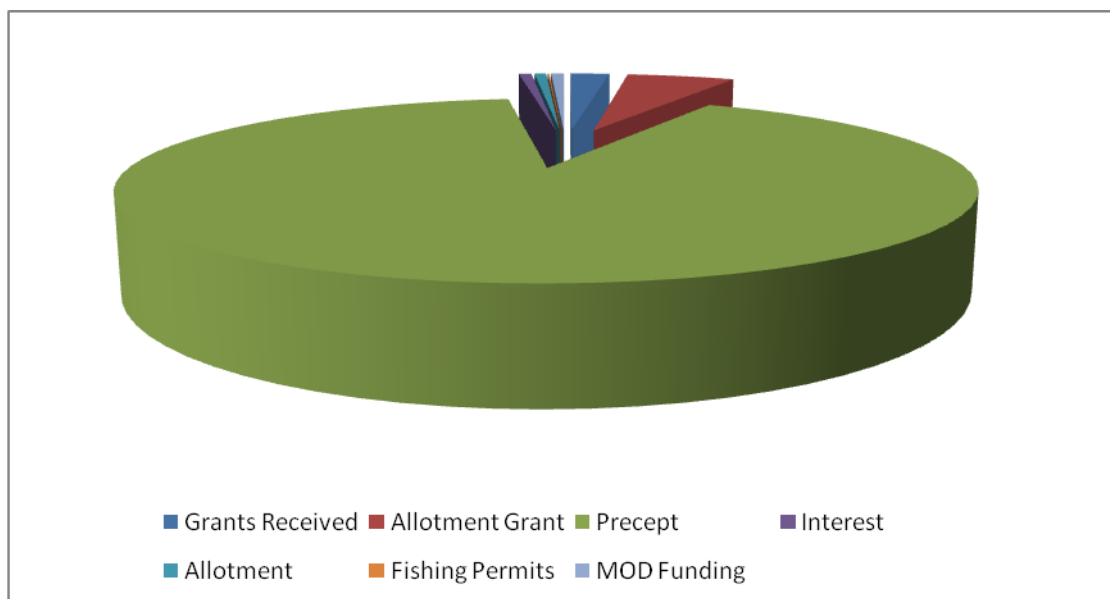
- Canvey Lake
- Hanging Baskets in Town Centre
- Planters in Town Centre & Jones Corner
- Maintenance of flowers in planters on seafront and entrance to Canvey Island
- Maintenance of Memorial Garden Flowers and seawall borders
- Working in Partnership with Borough/County Council and other agencies

## Council Managed Facilities/Events

- Allotments (Waterside and Smallgains)
- Wildlife Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Summer Fun Day
- Open Gardens
- Citizen Awards
- Christmas Lights Festival

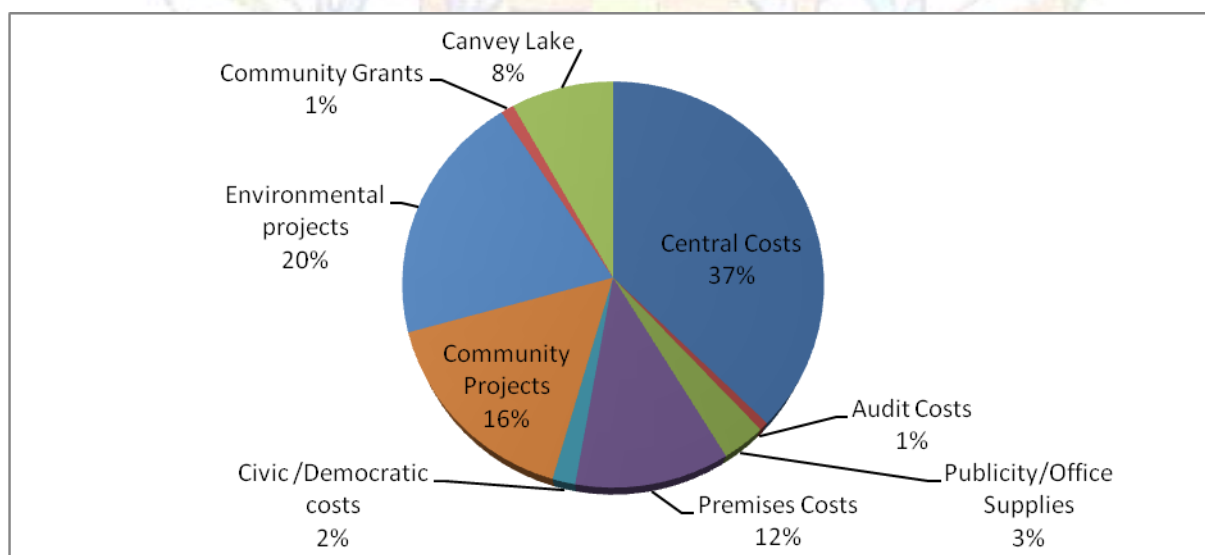
## COUNCIL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2010-2011

### INCOME (£s)



The Council had an income totalling £294,403 in 2010-2011. The precept represented 90% of this income. This sum is collected from the Canvey Island residents through their Council Tax. In 2010/11 a Band D tax payer paid the sum of £20.97 per annum for the services provided by the Town Council over and above those provided by other authorities.

### EXPENDITURE (£s)



The Council's total expenditure in 2010/11 was £235,034. At 31st March 2011, the Council's accounts showed a cash sum of £481,052. A proportion of this sum has been allocated to projects to take place in the 2011/12 year. With remaining earmarked reserves the Council has agreed to an overall budget of £618,250 for 2011/12 with a reduction in cost to the tax payer as the precept will reduce to £20.61 per annum for residents of Canvey Island. Remaining funds will be used to offset future precept increases and to ensure that a contingency sum is held for long term Council security in line with Audit recommendations.

## THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEE SYSTEM

The Town Council resolved to establish a system for carrying out its business through committees. The Council has formed five committees: Community Relations, Environment and Open Spaces, Policy and Finance, Planning and Personnel. The first three committees will normally meet in turn at fortnightly intervals throughout the Council year to assist in progressing the Council's business.

If you wish to attend a meeting please check with the Council Office to find out where the meeting will be taking place. Agendas are displayed in the Council Office window, in Canvey Library and the Town Council notice boards which are situated in each ward.

Planning Committee meetings will start at 7.00pm. All other Committee meetings and Council meetings will take place at 7.30pm. All scheduled meetings take place on a Monday unless otherwise stated.

## SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Date	Day	Meeting
06.06.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
20.06.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
04.07.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/FINANCE AND POLICY
18.07.11	MONDAY	COUNCIL
05.09.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
19.09.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
03.10.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/FINANCE AND POLICY
17.10.11	MONDAY	COUNCIL
07.11.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
21.11.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
05.12.11	MONDAY	PLANNING/FINANCE AND POLICY - <b>BUDGET</b>
19.12.11	MONDAY	COUNCIL - <b>BUDGET</b>
16.01.12	MONDAY	PLANNING/ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
30.01.12	MONDAY	PLANNING/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
13.02.12	MONDAY	PLANNING/FINANCE AND POLICY
27.02.12	MONDAY	COUNCIL
12.03.12	MONDAY	PLANNING/ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
26.03.12	MONDAY	PLANNING/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
16.04.12	MONDAY	PLANNING/FINANCE AND POLICY
<b>30.04.12</b>	MONDAY	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
<b>14.05.12</b>	MONDAY	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2012/13

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