



Canvey Island Town Council

Your local Council— working for Canvey Island

ANNUAL REPORT 2007/2008

Chairman's Report

The Town Council has now been formed for just over a year and in that time I feel it has achieved a lot.

It initially proved difficult to find an office base that was well-located and accessible for the community but in April 2008 the Council moved into its current premises in the High Street. Employing a Town Clerk was also challenging as it is a specialist job and requires particular expertise. Mrs Julie Abel joined us in January 2008 from another town council in Essex.



Pupils from Castle View School and Winter Gardens Junior school help to plant some of the 1500 trees at Tewkes Creek

In February, the Council organized a tree planting scheme at Tewkes Creek when 1500 trees were planted with the help of more than 200 members of the community. A grant of £5000 from Essex County Council helped us to achieve this.

The Council has also made grants totalling £3,500 to three community groups—The Castle Point Sports Club for the Disabled, The Castle Point Sports Club and Coastwatch. These groups, which are run by volunteers help a great many people in the local area.

At the Town Meeting held on 22nd May, which was attended by about 120 people, I outlined the Council's aspirations for the future. These included tackling dog fouling in partnership with the Borough Council, improving festive lighting, improvements to Canvey Lake, installation of a further phase of equipment at the Skateboard park, more bus shelters and more seating, improvements to the seaside gardens, greater partnership working with other authorities, investigating a farmers market on the Island and more community forums to enable more community involvement. I hope that by the time I make my report next year the improvements the Council aims to achieve will already be evident.

The Council is very pleased to be working closely with the Thames Ambulance Service in an initiative to deliver basic first aid training to Year 7 schoolchildren who attend the Island's schools. Initially a pilot scheme will be run with 180 children from Castle View School in July.

There are eleven town councillors representing all wards on the Island and their contact details are included at the back of this report. Please contact them if you wish to raise a local issue or contact the Council Office directly.

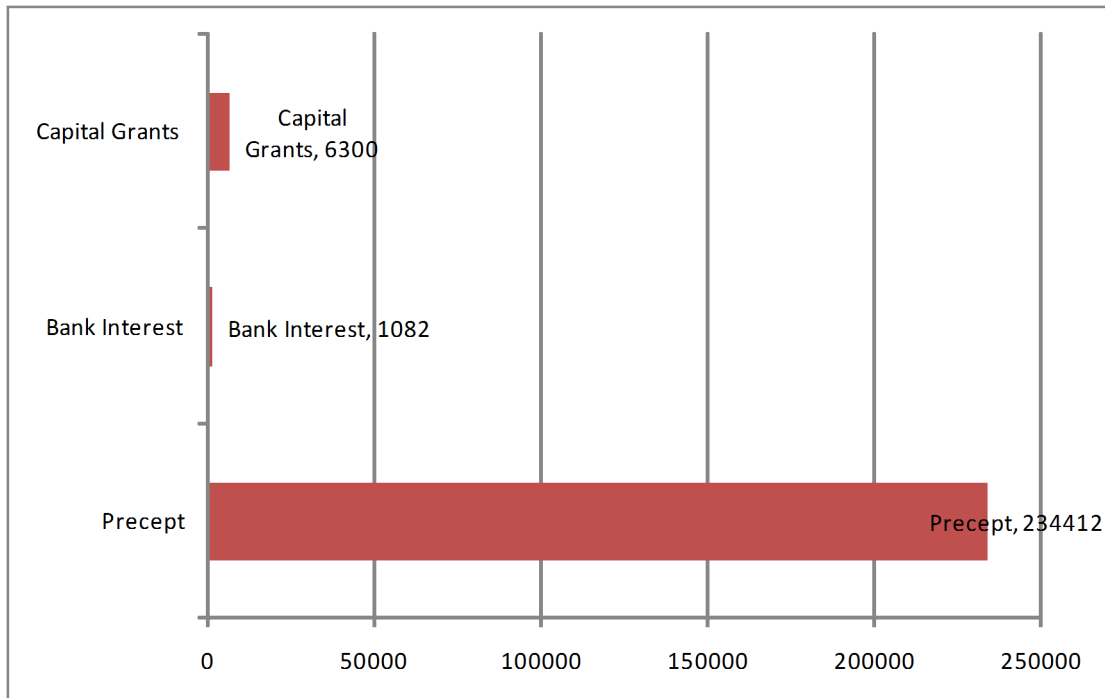
I would like to end my report by stating that the Town Council is dedicated to improving Canvey Island for the community.

Dave Blackwell—Chairman, Canvey Island Town Council



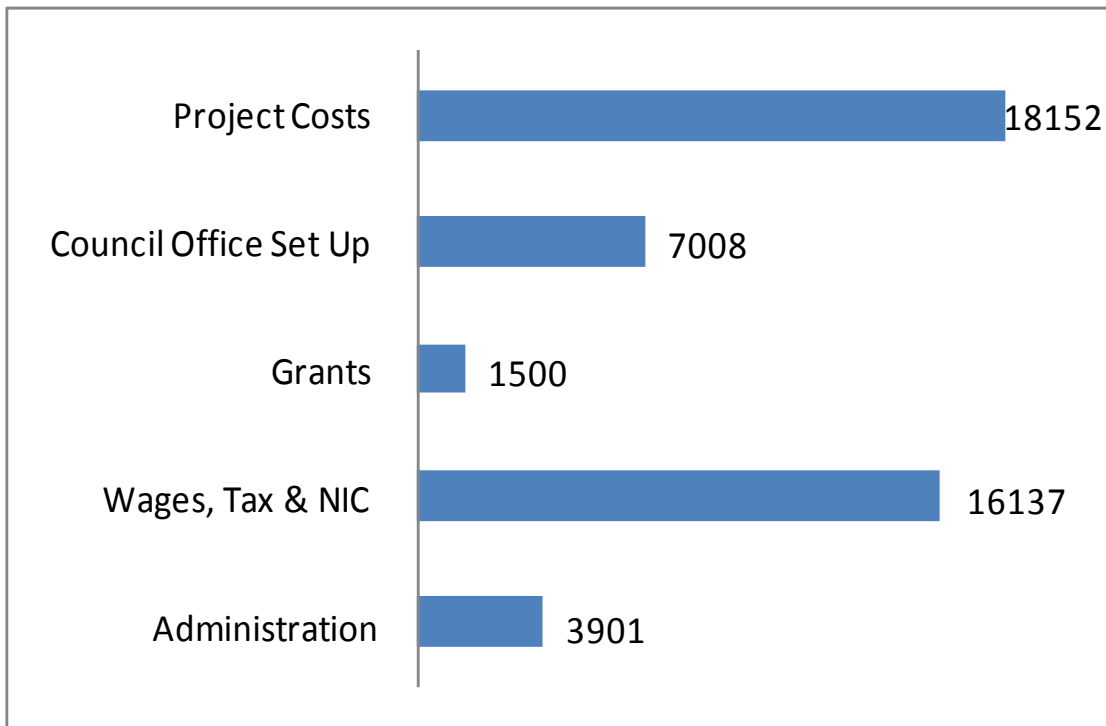
COUNCIL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2007-2008

INCOME (£s)



The Council had an income totalling £241,793 in 2007-2008. The precept represented 97% of this income. This sum is collected from the Canvey Island residents through their Council Tax. In 2007—2008 a Band D tax payer paid the sum of £20.69 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 2007-2008 was £46,698. At 31st March 2008, the Council's accounts showed a cash in hand sum of £195,095. A proportion of this sum has been allocated to projects to take place in the 2008-2009 year. The remainder 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

At its Annual Council Meeting in May the Council resolved to establish a system for carrying out its business through committees. The Council has formed four committees: Community Relations, Environment and Open Spaces, Planning and Policy and Finance. These committees will meet in turn at fortnightly intervals throughout the Council year to assist in progressing the Council's business.

As the Council has no formal meeting venue, 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 sometimes in the Borough Council's notice boards.

All Planning Committee meetings will start at 7.00pm.

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

SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS



DATE		MEETING
07.07.08		COUNCIL
14.07.08	PLANNING	ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
04.08.08	PLANNING	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
18.08.08	PLANNING	POLICY AND FINANCE
01.09.08		COUNCIL
15.09.08	PLANNING	ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
29.09.08	PLANNING	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
13.10.08	PLANNING	POLICY AND FINANCE
03.11.08		COUNCIL
17.11.08	PLANNING	ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
01.12.08	PLANNING	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
15.12.08	PLANNING	POLICY AND FINANCE
05.01.09		COUNCIL
19.01.09	PLANNING	ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
02.02.09	PLANNING	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
16.02.09	PLANNING	POLICY AND FINANCE
02.03.09		COUNCIL
16.03.09	PLANNING	ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES
30.03.09	PLANNING	COMMUNITY RELATIONS
20.04.09	PLANNING	POLICY AND FINANCE
11.05.09		ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

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Councillor Surgeries

SATURDAY MORNINGS

10am—12 noon

From Saturday 7th June, Town Councillors have been holding surgeries in the Town Council Offices. If you have a local issue you would like to discuss with your town councillor the Town Council Office will be open between 10am and 12 noon every Saturday. Councillors may not be able to resolve your issues on the spot but will undertake to investigate the issue raised and suggest appropriate action.

CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

Opening Hours

Monday—Closed

Tuesday—9.30—12.30

Wednesday 12.00—2.30pm

Thursday 9.30—12.30

Friday Closed

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Dave Blackwell (Town Council Chairman)	31 Munsterburg Road, Canvey Island, SS8 8HP	01268 512165
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Nick Harvey (Town Council—Vice-Chairman)	5 Westcliff Gardens, Canvey Island, SS8 7PJ	01268 512909
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