

Canvey Island Town Council

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Canvey Island



New Town Council's Office Opens for Business

On a sunny Saturday lunchtime at the end of April the long awaited Town Council office was officially opened by The Mayor of Castle Point, Mrs Beverley Egan. The event was marked with a free-to-enter balloon race with two prizes donated by Canvey Island Sainsbury's store. The winners of the balloon race will be announced at the **Annual Town Meeting** to be held at **The Paddocks on Thursday 22nd May 2008 from 7.30pm**. The office is located in Canvey High Street across the road from Canvey Library and is currently open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Councillors will also be holding Saturday morning surgeries which will be an opportunity for residents to bring issues to the Council's attention.

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How was the Town Council formed?

The Town Council was formed in law in April 2007 as a result of a poll of the Island's residents which demonstrated that sufficient people were in favour of its formation. The Council has 11 councillors who were elected in the May 2007 elections and represent all areas of the Island. They were elected to directly represent the best interests of the people of Canvey Island. The councillors

How is the Council staffed?

The Council currently employs two staff; a full time Town Clerk, Mrs Julie Abel, and a part time Assistant, Mrs Elaine DeCan. They are based in the Council Offices. The Town Clerk's role is a busy and varied one! It involves managing the Council's operations by organizing its meetings, providing information and advice to ensure it makes informed decisions, implementing its decisions, managing its finances and resources and liaising with other authorities to represent the Island's inter-

What does the Town Council do?

A town or parish council is the most local level of government. Canvey Island Town Council sits beneath Castle Point Borough Council which represents the whole Borough (including Canvey) and Essex County Council which has a countywide remit. Essex County Council is responsible for the provision of major public services such as schools, local transport, highways and street lighting. Castle Point Borough Council is responsible for the provision of services such as play areas, sports centres, waste collection, street cleansing, parks and open spaces and housing to name but a few.

Since its formation, The Town Council has been working with these organizations to negotiate either the transfer of management of some of these services to give complete local control or partnership working to give the Town Council an opportunity to influence how local services are delivered. For example, the Town Council is currently working with Castle Point Borough Council to bring about improvements at the Sea Front, particularly the Sea Front Gardens, the transfer of the two allotment sites, completion of the Skateboard Park, raising awareness of the anti-social nature of dog fouling particularly on the beach, improvements to the War

The Town Council is also working on community projects with the Island's schools and intends to work closely with the Voluntary sector, business community and other service providers to help to promote improvements in certain areas.

How is the Town Council funded?

Each year the Town Council sets a budget for the following year based on what it expects to spend to achieve its objectives. This is collected from householders by Castle Point Borough Council. In 2008-09 each Canvey Island Band D home, for example, will pay the sum of £20.69 for the services provided by the Town Council. This is called the precept and for the 2008-09 year the Town Council will raise a sum of £266,300 in this way. The precept does not have to be spent in the same financial year that it is collected allowing the Council to 'save' for more costly projects over a period of time.

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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