

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD IN HALL 2 AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND
MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020 AT 7.30 PM.**

PRESENT:

Cllr A. Acott (Town Mayor), Cllr B. Palmer (Deputy Town Mayor), Cllr B. Campagna, Cllr P. May, Cllr P. Greig, Cllr E. Harvey, Cllr J. Anderson, Cllr D. Anderson, Cllr C. Sach and Cllr D. Blackwell

APOLOGIES: Cllr N. Harvey

48 members of the public
Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk
Miss J. Smith – Deputy Clerk
Mrs L. Gould – Community & Events Officer

1. ‘Welcome from Canvey Island Town Council Town Mayor’ – COUNCILLOR ALAN ACOTT

Cllr Acott welcomed all residents to Canvey Island Town Council's Annual Town Meeting and explained the procedure for the evening. He confirmed that there will be an opportunity to enjoy some refreshments and sit and discuss issues relating to Canvey Island with any Town Councillor, advising that at the back of the hall were several displays showing the Town Council's achievements over the last year as well as lots of information regarding volunteering opportunities. He asked residents to be seated by 8.15pm at the latest in order to perform the presentation of the Community Awards.

2. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 11th March 2019

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 11th March 2019 were **CONFIRMED** and signed as a true record.

3. An opportunity to engage with your Local Councillors regarding Town Council activities.

Members of the public were invited to light refreshments, to visit the display information and talk to their local Town Councillors and staff regarding Town Council activities.

4. COMMUNITY AWARDS

Cllr Acott advised that the Town Council Community Awards is an initiative to recognise those individuals and organisations who selflessly give up their time in the community to help others without expecting any recognition, making a significant contribution to the quality of life for residents of Canvey Island. There are five award categories this year which are:

- Citizen of the Year (over 18 years)
- Community Group of the Year.
- Best School Community Project.
- Young Person of the Year (18 years or under)
- Best Community Contribution from a Local Business

Citizen of the Year

Cllr Acott presented the award to Joan Lythgoe in recognition of her work with Business Opportunities for the Physically Handicapped which she has been running since 1995.

Community Group of the Year

Cllr Acott presented the award to Canvey Island Community First Responders in recognition for their dedication and tireless efforts in giving up their own free time for the wellbeing of the community

Best School Community Project

Cllr Acott presented the award to Cornelius Vermuyden School in recognition for their work in setting up an ECO council and for the students who work tirelessly to improve the environment on Canvey Island and around the school

Young Person of the Year

Cllr Acott presented the award to Oliver Payne in recognition for his dedication at school to achieving a Bronze Eco Award and through hard work is striving towards achieving the Silver Award for the school.

Best Community Contribution from a Local Business

Cllr Acott presented the award to Morrison's in recognition for their charity work and support of the local community.

Cllr Acott explained that the Town Council had great difficulty in deciding the winners this year from those nominated as there were many worthy nominees. To close the meeting Cllr Acott congratulated all the award winners and thanked all the residents for attending and supporting the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Town Mayor

20th September 2021