

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE
TOWN MEETING COMMUNITY AWARDS
MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr N. Harvey, Cllr D. Blackwell, and Cllr P. Greig

60 members of the public

Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk

Mrs J. Smith-Port - Deputy Clerk

Mrs L. Gould – Community & Events Officer

Mrs A. Wakenell – Community Warden

1. ‘Welcome from Canvey Island Town Council Town Mayor’ – COUNCILLOR BARRY PALMER

Cllr Palmer welcomed all residents to Canvey Island Town Council’s Community Awards evening and explained the procedure for the evening. He confirmed that there will be an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and asked residents to be seated by 7.30pm at the latest to proceed with 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 9th March 2020

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 9th March 2020 were **CONFIRMED** and signed as a true record.

3. COMMUNITY AWARDS

Cllr Palmer 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. Due to the unprecedented times the Council changed its awards slightly for 2021 and there are only three award categories this year which are:

- Citizen of the Year (over 18 years)
- Community Group of the Year.
- Young Person of the Year (18 years or under)

Citizen of the Year

Cllr Palmer presented the award to Alex Dobinson in recognition of her work with Yellow Door and working tirelessly through the Covid-19 pandemic running services to the community.

Citizen of the Year

Cllr Palmer presented the award to Bill Dudbridge in recognition of his tireless round trips every day to the supermarkets collecting food for the foodbanks including meals and helping with the sorting and deliveries.

Community Group of the Year

Cllr Palmer presented the award to Yellow Door in recognition for all the volunteers who give up their time to sort and pack the goods brought in for the foodbank and helping with the deliveries during the covid-19 pandemic whilst putting themselves at risk for others.

Community Group of the Year

Cllr Palmer presented the award to the St. Vincent De Paul Society in recognition for their work with the food bank identifying the vulnerable and delivering food parcels. Also, for using the church kitchen to cook meals and working with Yellow Door to deliver them.

Community Group of the Year

Cllr Palmer presented the award to Canvey Island Community First Responders in recognition for their volunteer work to assist the East of England Ambulance Service. This group has been formed of residents running purely on donations from the community who set up a prescription pick up and drop off service for the community, while attending their everyday jobs during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Young Person of the Year

Cllr Palmer presented the award to Jacob Lewis who sadly could not attend, therefore his father picked up the award in recognition for his passion for nature and conservation and who has an incredible record of participating in various fund-raising activities to support many charitable organisations.

Special Recognition Awards

Cllr Palmer explained that there were new Special Recognition Awards this year which were to be awarded to two worthy recipients.

Cllr Palmer presented the award to Rod Bishop for his continuous volunteer attendance at The Paddocks vaccination centre where his knowledge of so many people on Canvey put those nervous at ease due to his kindness and welcoming attitude when greeting them.

Cllr Palmer presented the award to Alan Browne for his work as the Community Champion at Morrisons and his work over the past year giving to food banks and encouraging young people to participate in competitions and helping the community.

To close the awards Cllr Palmer congratulated all the award winners, thanked them for their contribution to the community of Canvey Island and thanked all the residents for attending and supporting the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Town Mayor

14th March 2022