

## **CO-OPERATING CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Canvey Island Town Council work collaboratively with a wide range of other bodies, authorities, and organisations to achieve positive outcomes for its community.

**Local Organisations** – The Town Council has appointed representatives to attend meetings of local organisations and report back to Council meetings, these include:

- Community Development Partnership
- Community Safety Partnership
- CPBC Planning Committee
- CPBC Review Committee
- Heritage Centre Committee
- EALC Executive Committee
- Age Concern
- Parish Transport
- Wyvern Community Transport Board
- Local Highways Panel

**Town Mayor of the Council** – The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor attend numerous community events and meetings throughout the year for many local organisations (98 in 2019).

**Castle Point Borough Council** – Eight of the Eleven Canvey Island Town Councillors are members of the Borough Council and their work through both bodies enables good communication and progress. The Town Council have responded to multiple consultations such as the Local Plan, Removal of Telephone Boxes etc and due to the size of Canvey Island the Council have a policy of which planning applications it will consider. The Town Clerk is invited to the Regeneration working groups for the Seafront developments and Town Centre ongoing projects. The Town Council also work with the local market operators to promote the weekly markets.

**Essex County Council** – The Town Council work regularly alongside Essex County Council in areas such as Christmas tree permissions, road closures, highways matter's and street furniture. The Town Council makes regular Highways requests to the Local Highways Panel and these are considered and implemented by Essex County Council as appropriate. The Town Council attend the Parish Transport meetings and have a representative on the Local Highways Panel.

**Partnership Agreements** – The Town Council actively seeks partnerships with any community groups and has so far signed partnership agreements with Canvey Island Transport Museum, Island Girls & Boys FC, 2187 ATC (Canvey Island) Squadron, 5<sup>th</sup> Canvey Air Scouts, Canvey Island Youth Project, Castle Point Wildlife Group, Age Concern, Canvey Community Archive, Canvey Baywatch, Canvey Island Swimming Club. The Town Council set up these agreements to commit to its vision to work in the spirit of co-operation and equality through partnerships with groups, public, private and voluntary sectors. This enables the Town Council to build on its leadership and commitment to endeavour to assist Canvey Island as a prosperous, vibrant, and attractive town, building upon what has already been achieved for the benefit of residents, shoppers, visitors, and the business community.

**Canvey Island Library** – The library takes part in the Christmas event providing children's story time and activities. It also holds meeting agendas and promotes Town Council publications such as the newsletters and Town Guide.

**Local Schools** – The Town Council work with the local schools to provide entertainment or their choirs at the annual Christmas event in November and various competitions which may arise. It also works with the local senior school to assist with the flag raising for the annual Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth. The Town Council encourages the schools to provide applicants for the annual award ceremony which is held at the Annual Town Meeting in March.

**Local Churches** – The Town Council continually works with representatives of local Churches on the Christmas event, and Armed Forces Day service.

### **Local Charities, Voluntary Organisations, and Community Organisations**

Canvey Island Town Council work with a vast number of community organisations in the following ways:

- Promoting and assisting local charities through discounted stalls at the annual Christmas event.
- A grant scheme of £5,000 is available annually and awarded to any group that meets the criteria.
- Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor attends as many events as possible.
- Promoting their work through our website, social media, newsletter, and Town Guides.
- The Town Council is a member of the Castle Point Association of Volunteer Services and it attends their Community Events.
- The town Council works with the Community Archive for the Town Guide and its Blue Plaque Scheme.
- Supporting the Armed Forces charities and the Royal British Legion through organising the annual Armed Forces Day event and laying wreaths at the Remembrance Service.
- Supporting Older Person groups such as Age Concern and CISCA House
- Supporting the Canvey Island Big Local with the £1million lottery funding for the deprived areas on Canvey Island.

**Essex Police** – The Town Council work regularly with the Police and attend various meetings when required. It has signed up to the Community Special Constable Scheme and has committed £5,000 for at least 5 Special Constables for Canvey Island and has 1 so far and has a volunteer group who conducts monthly Speed watch campaigns to help tackle speeding across Canvey Island.

**Community Awards** – The Town Council invites all local organisations and schools to make nominations for awards in various categories and age groups including Citizen of the Year, Community Group of the Year, Best School Community Project, Young Person of the Year and Best Community Contribution from a Local Business.

**Local Business** - The Town Council actively supports its local businesses by encouraging regeneration. It holds its annual Christmas event in the Town Centre which encourages additional footfall and business to the town.

**Environmental/Wildlife Groups** – The Town Council work with the RSPB to promote their activities and open spaces through the Wildlife Day event, other organisations through environmental projects such as Natural England, Woodlands Trust, and the Essex Wildlife Trust. It supports the Canvey Island Wildlife and Conservation group with an annual £500 grant to assist with the management and maintenance of the Don Downes nature reserve and it continues to support the Great British Beach Clean which saw 50 volunteers turn up to help on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 and another 30 for the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.