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The Newsletter of Felixstowe Town Council

All Change at the Council (1)

At its meeting on 4th June, the Council agreed to change its Committee structures, with a view towards improving its decision-making, and monitoring. The new Committee structure is shown below:



This Committee has delegated powers to act within budget/guidelines without Full Council approval

This Committee may only recommend action which must then be approved by Full Council

The membership of each Committee are as follows:

Cemetery & Allotments Committee

Constitution – 7 Councillors (Jan Garfield, Morris, Walker (Vice Chairman), Sennington, Sharman, Stokell and Webb (Chairman) plus the power to co-opt non-Councillors. Non-Councillor members have no voting rights.

Planning Committee

Constitution – Maximum of 10 Councillors (Bird, Deacon, Jon Garfield, Morris, Savage, Sennington, Smith (Chairman), Stokell (Vice Chairman), Webb, Williams) plus the Mayor of the Town Council (ex officio).

Premises Committee

Constitution – 7 Councillors (Jon Garfield, Morris, Sennington, Smith, Stokell (Chairman), Walker and Webb (Vice Chairman)).

Personnel Committee

Constitution – The Mayor (ex-officio, Chairman), and 4 Councillors (Deacon, Jan Garfield, Savage and Williams (Vice Chairman)).

Town Members Committee

Constitution – Membership restricted to Councillors who are not Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council (Barber, Jon Garfield, Newman, Stokell (Chairman), Walker and Webb (Vice Chairman)).

Appeals Committee

Constitution – Such Councillors (maximum 5) who were not on the Personnel Committee (Morris, Slemmings (Vice Chairman), Smith (Chairman), Stokell and Walker)).

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Constitution – The Mayor, Chairs of Committees with delegated powers, and such other Councillors (Barber, Bird, Deacon, Jan Garfield, Jon Garfield, Morris, Newman, Savage, Sennington, Sharman, Slemmings (Chairman), Smith, Walker, Webb and Williams) (maximum 15 Councillors in total).

Finance Sub-Committee

Constitution – 9 Councillors (Barber, Jan Garfield, Savage, Sharman, Slemmings (Chairman), Smith, Stokell, Walker and Williams (Vice Chairman)).

Community Engagement Group

Constitution – 7 Councillors (Barber, Deacon, Jan Garfield, Newman, Sharman, Sennington and Walker).

Recreation & Amenities Sub-Committee

Constitution – 9 Councillors (Barber, Deacon, Jan Garfield, Newman, Savage, Sharman, Sennington, Slemmings and Walker) plus the power to co-opt non-Councillors. Non-Councillor members have no voting rights.

Highways Advisory Panel

Constitution – 3 Councillors (Jon Garfield, Morris and Smith) plus 3 Suffolk County Councillors.

In the next edition we will look at the specific responsibilities of Committees.

All Change at the Council (2)

With a number of Councillors having expressed their intention to retire from Council life next May, there will be opportunities for members of the public to become Councillors.

So, what does being a Councillor mean, and what are the responsibilities of a Councillor? Find out overleaf.



As a Felixstowe Town Councillor you will be responsible for the strategic management of the Council's premises, allotments and cemetery. This will include responsibility for the Council's fourteen employees, the health and safety of staff and visitors to the Council's land and premises, and the responsibility for an annual budget exceeding £750,000. In addition you will be involved in consultations (including considering planning applications) on matters affecting the town, and campaigning on issues affecting the town.

There will be considerable demands on your time – although the Full Council meetings are held in the evening, many other Committees currently meet during the working day and some Civic events take place at weekends. Furthermore, dealing with your residents' issues will involve time in the evenings and at weekends. Full training is available, and whilst Felixstowe Town Councillors receive no financial rewards there is the satisfaction of knowing that, for your time in office you have served Felixstowe and your electorate.

For more information on how to become a Councillor, contact the Town Clerk or visit the website www.beacouncillor.org.uk.

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WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm.

Feel free to come along. There is a public question time at the start of each meeting so that you can let us know your views on Felixstowe issues.

Forthcoming meeting: 6th August 2014

(The meeting will take place at Felixstowe Town Hall)

WHAT WE DO...

Some services the Town Council provides:

- Allotments Felixstowe in Flower
- Cemetery Broadway House and Walton Community Hall
 - Felixstowe Town Hall Lettings Youth Forum
 - Civic occasions and Flood Memorial
 - Grant Support to Local Organisations

Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications Libraries
- Highways matters/transport issues Safer neighbourhoods
- Felixstowe Futures Twinning Christmas Lighting
 - Play area/sports facilities

Remember...

We want to hear your views

Please let us know by telephone or email, using the contacts shown on this page.



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