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NEWS UPDATE

The
Newsletter
of Felixstowe
Town Council

TOWN TALK

The Town Council would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2012.

Community Healthcare in Felixstowe – Have Your Say – Drop In Event

The Community Services Group, also known as Health Councillors, are a sub committee of the main administrative body of the Town Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee.



The Health Councillors Group can ask the various organisations concerned with community healthcare services in the town to come and talk to the Group, and to answer questions.

This enables the Group to be kept informed, and also helps to provide a focus so that facilities are improved for residents of the town.

The Health Councillors Group will be holding a Drop In Event where members of the public are invited to tell the Group of their views and suggest areas to investigate concerning community healthcare services in Felixstowe. These could include all healthcare provision, including dentistry and also care home facilities.

Two members of the Health Councillors Group will be at each session to listen to views and questions. The members of the Group will not be there to give definitive answers on the spot as the Group is not the healthcare provider itself.

It is hoped however that the Group can glean what are the most common issues and take these forward in further discussions.

The Drop In Event is being held on Tuesday 28th February at the Town Hall in the Courtroom Gallery from 2 - 4pm and from 6.30 - 8.30pm. Please do come along and have your say on this important subject.

Future of Spa Pavilion Under Review

Suffolk Coastal District Council has recently announced its intention to withdraw its funding of Felixstowe's Spa Pavilion Theatre with effect from June 2012.

This news has come as a major blow to many loyal supporters of the theatre and those who over many years have come to enjoy a wide variety of shows at this unique entertainment venue.

The reasons behind Suffolk Coastal District Council's decision to generate savings from its theatre management budget are largely understood, if not agreed with by all. It is the timescale of the proposed withdrawal of funding which has been the subject of much local concern, and continues to cause controversy.

The Spa Pavilion is considered by some to be as much a part of Felixstowe as the sea. It occupies a prominent seafront position and has a rich heritage in local history and entertainment.

The Spa Pavilion offers restaurant facilities with panoramic views as well as theatre space. The Drama Festival held at the Spa Pavilion reached a Diamond milestone.

The Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe



Discussions with local organisations potentially interested in taking it over from the District Council from June are understood to be ongoing.

Complete demolition of the building has been suggested to enable vehicular access along a greater stretch of the seafront, a suggestion vehemently opposed by many.

A more measured approach to the timing of the District Council's withdrawal of financial support has been advocated, perhaps with a more gradually reducing subsidy to allow any incoming operator an opportunity to find their feet in a time of more general austerity. If ever economics and emotion collided, then this is surely it.

TOWN TALK

Walton Community Hall, Walton High Street

The Town Council hires out Walton Community Hall at competitive rates. If you are interested in making a booking, on either a one-off or a regular basis, the Community Hall is currently available for hire on Thursday evenings, and also several day time slots throughout the week.

If you would like to discuss hiring of the Hall, please contact Celia Page on 01394 282086 or email celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk.

Forthcoming Civic Events

The dates have now been set for two important events in the civic calendar. The Mayor's Charity Ball is to be held on Friday 20th April in the evening at the Orwell Hotel.

This year's Mayoral charities are Felixstowe Citizens Advice Bureau, Felixstowe and Haven Ports Seafarers' Service (Felixstowe Seafarers' Centre) and TS Landguard (Sea Cadets). The Mayor's Charity Ball is a marvellous opportunity to show support and raise funds for these good causes.

Felixstowe has two major awards which celebrate the voluntary contribution made by individuals and organisations to the Felixstowe community.

These are the Mayor's Civic Awards, which are open to anyone who either lives in Felixstowe or whose voluntary work is in the town, and the HMS Ganges Youth Trophy, which is open to any young person under 21 or organisation for young people in Felixstowe.

The awards will be presented at the prestigious Mayor's Civic Awards evening in April. If you know of anyone who you think should receive one of these awards, please contact Celia Page at celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk. Nominations should be received by Friday 30th March.

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WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm.

Feel free to come along to our meetings to see and hear what issues we are talking about. 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 meetings:

1st February and 4th April 2012 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
- Highways matters/transport issues
- Town Centre Management/Libraries
 - Safer neighbourhoods
 - Felixstowe Futures
- Twinning, Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

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Remember ...

We want to hear your views. Please let us know by telephone or email, using the contacts shown on this page.