

Beverley Town Council

Making a difference



Annual Report Municipal Year 2018/19



Overview of Beverley Town Council

His Worshipful the Mayor of Beverley Councillor Bryan Pearson

It has been an honour to serve as Mayor of Beverley. As Beverlonians born and bred, both myself and my dear wife Shirley enjoyed meeting many people who carry out good work in our community. It has been a wonderful opportunity to thank many of them for everything they do.

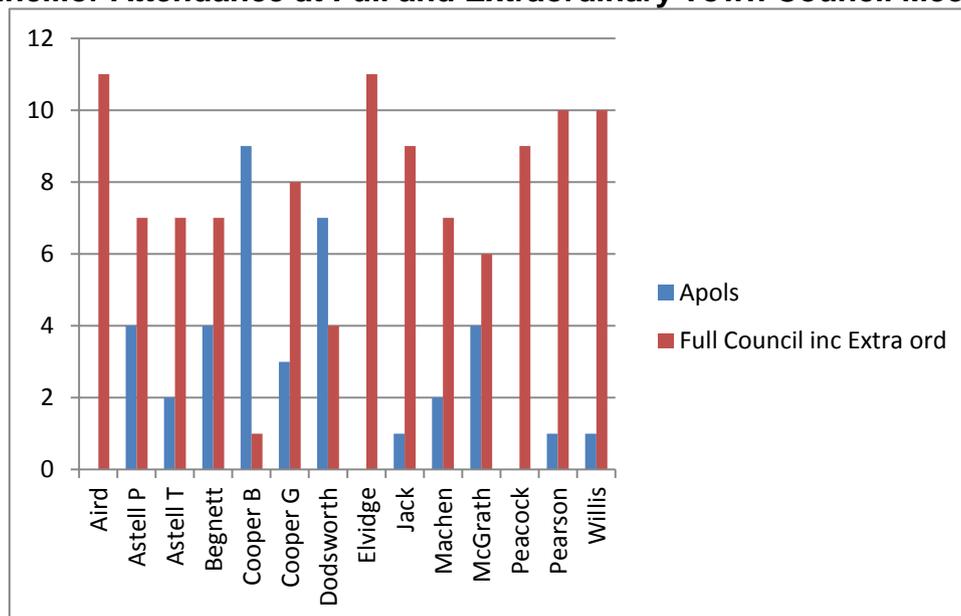
It has also been a privilege to be the Chairman of our Town Council, which has been making a positive difference for over twenty years.

Not to be confused with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the Town Council works on a very local basis. With fourteen elected councillors and five members of staff, what it lacks in scale it makes up for in positive impact and passion for Beverley.

The Town Council has a range of statutory duties and manages a events and projects, either annual or one-off. These include the Great Get Together, Brighter Beverley and our award-winning Food Festivals. We also provide support to Beverley in Bloom, Beverley Christmas Lights and other wonderful groups.

Thank you to all my fellow Town Councillors for their service to the town and I am also very grateful for the hard work and commitment of our small but dedicated staff team. Finally, thank you to the people of Beverley who already give of their time freely to make our town such a wonderful place to visit and in which to live.

Councillor Attendance at Full and Extraordinary Town Council Meetings

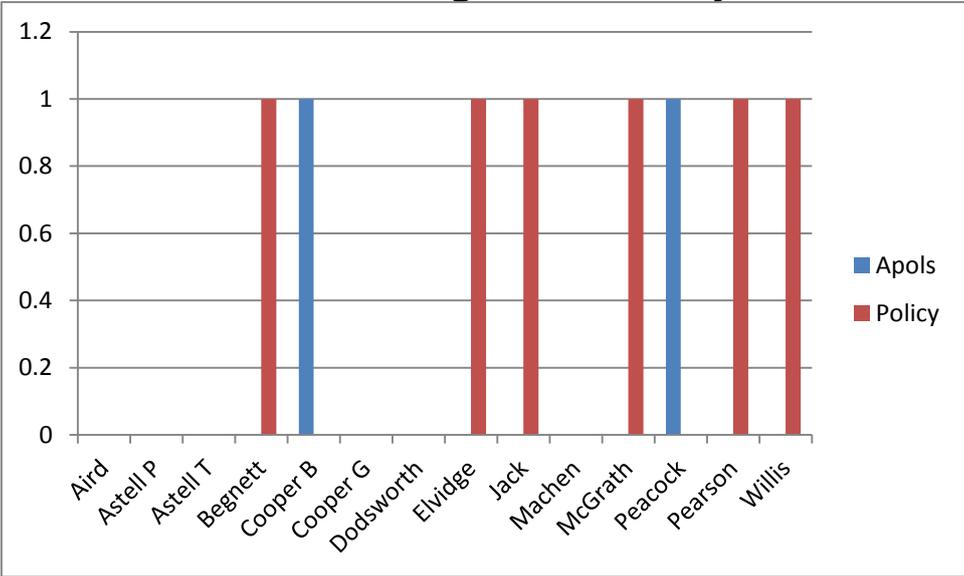


Policy and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Councillor Duncan Jack

The committee met to oversee and scrutinise the policies and financial practices of the Town Council. This not only ensures we follow best practice in terms of how we govern ourselves as a statutory body, but also makes certain all monies spent are done so to best serve the town and the people we represent.

Councillor Attendance Figures for Policy and Finance



Planning, Property & Services

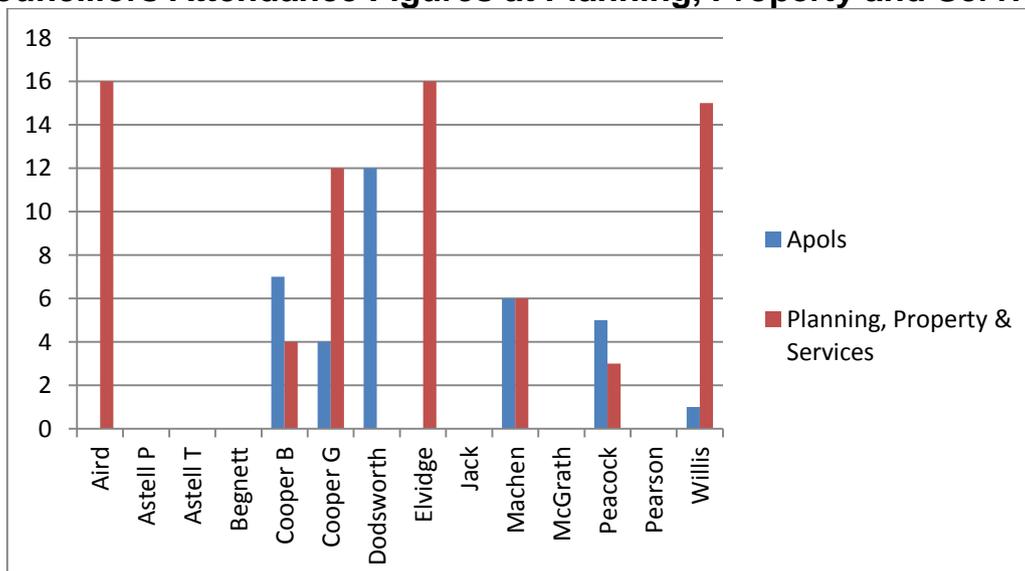
Committee Chair Councillor Elaine Aird

The Committee have scrutinized all of the planning applications received this year as they have done in the past. The planning applications this year have ranged from large extensions to dormer windows to conservatories. We have also been consulted on the all the new housing developments in Woodmansey Parish. In addition, we have also been asked for new litter and grit bins to be sited. We also get up to date reports on the condition of the Skate Park – the ramps have had to be repaired on numerous occasions in the past, as has the surrounding fence. All this of course is at a cost to the Council.

The committee's views are sought on tree applications, on which the Town Council has been consulted. Some of these we have approved, but on several occasions we have objected to some trees being felled and our views have been taken into consideration. We are also informed of planned road closures. It has been a very interesting year for the Committee and I would like to thank the Allotment Representatives who have throughout the year continued to support us. They attend the meetings on a regular basis and give reports on each of the allotment sites. They usually send in written reports which we receive prior to their attendance

I would like all my fellow members of the Committee for all their input into the meetings. My thanks also go to the Town Clerk, Administration Assistant and the Handyman for their support throughout the year in facilitating the services required. Last but not least I would like to thank Carol Oliver for all her help and effort that she puts into preparing for the meetings and for all the advice that she has given me during the year.

Councillors Attendance Figures at Planning, Property and Services



Grants Committee

Committee Chairman Councillor Duncan Jack

Once again, the full allocation of money put aside for community driven projects has been spend and they are listed below. As a Council, we are aware that it is public money and much deliberation is put in before any funds are awarded. Unfortunately, it is not a bottomless pit and we would have liked to have helped more bodies reach their ghosts, in Beverley itself and representing the town. It is a very difficult balance to reach and we hope we have gone some way to achieve it.

ORGANISATION	AMMOUNT	PURPOSE
Beverley Civic Society	£300.00	12 Extraordinary Beverley Women 2018 - Image Projection - St Mary's to Beverley Arms.
Other Lives Production	£1,300.00	Fallen Leaves Show to take place 100 years later in commemoration of close of WW1. Contributions to Director and Actor fees (£1000), Publicity (£50) Sets, Props and Costumes (£150), % of ticket sales to venues (£200) Transport (£30) and Light/Sound/Technical equipment (£70).
Beverley Minster Choir	£2,350.00	Choir Tour to Stendal in October 2018 for two concerts, Sunday morning service and potential workshop to enhance twinning links Contribution towards the cost of travel by coach (£700), ferry (£1000) accommodation (£400) catering (£200) and participation in cultural activities (£50).
Stage4Beverley	£950.00	Artists Fees for Winter, concerts, workshops and events in Beverley.
R-evolution Horticulture Project	£1,600.00	To contribute to a horticulture trainer £800, training and qualifications £200, marketing, insurance and transport £300 and equipment – tools/plants £300.
East Yorkshire Food Bank	£625.00	£2400 for hire of storage and £600 for 6 sections of racking for storage.
Beverley Fringe Festival	£1,000.00	Venue hire £700, Lighting hire for 3 events £900, Marketing £500, Accountancy Fees £300 and contribution to merchandise manufacturing £300.
Beverley Civic Society	£1,000.00	Restoration of Town Pump Contribution to 3d scans and mould creation, casting of replicas, fitting and specialist transport and fitting and final painting and plaque (£10362).
Beverley FM	£1,000.00	Provision of 3 APC Smart-Ups to provide power during power outages and accidental incidents to keep Beverley FM on air (required because move from Longcroft School is required).
St Mary's Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade	£3,000.00	Contribution towards cost of kitchen following refurbishment of HQ.

Town Council Events

Town Clerk Helen Watson

We are proud to say that Beverley Food Festival won the Yorkshire Area Countryside Rural Alliance Local Food and Drink Awards for 2019. The local food and growing community activities carried out this year centred on the sustainable aspects of promoting local food, local business, growers and producers. This included two seasonal food festivals and the Big Beverley Pancake Race.

Our seasonal events included:

- The Big Beverley Pancake Race (Rotary Club of Beverley collaboration)
- The National Garden Scheme (NGS) Open Allotments Day, Scarecrow Festival in July – held at Kitchen Lane and Queensgate allotments
- The Beverley Food Festival in October
- The Christmas Festival of Food & Drink in November

These events help to boost the local economy and provide a great showcase for the town, residents and tourists to enjoy. Over 25,000 people attended the Beverley Food Festival and approximately 8,000 attended the Christmas Festival of Food & Drink. The Big Beverley Pancake Race, previously revived by the Rotary Club of Beverley in partnership with the Town Council, brought the community together, providing some good family fun, thanks to the terrific support of the Rotary Club of Beverley and other community groups and businesses.

A collaborative partnership approach to delivering these local food and community activities was taken at every opportunity - this helped to engage the local community, resulting in a wide range of beneficiaries and audiences. Partner organisations included: Beverley Minster, Beverley FM, Beverley in Bloom, East Yorkshire Local Food Network, East Riding College, HEYHA (Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitality Association), Rotary Club of Beverley, Volunteen, Westwood Lions and Beverley Youth Coalition.

2018 was the thirteenth annual Beverley Food Festival with 140 stalls. The Street Food Revolution continued this year, which brought new stalls and attractions to this popular event.

There were 60 stalls at the Beverley Town Council's seventh Christmas Festival of Food and Drink, held inside Beverley Minster. The Mayoral Charities raised much needed funds for the Cherry Tree Centre and Church Lads and Girl Brigade.

The Community Training Allotment plot situated on Sparkmill Lane in Beverley continued to be put to good use, with local charity R-evolution, using the plot to extend their learning opportunities for young people and adults.

Press and promotion has been a key feature in delivering our project remit, and we have made use of social media and the Beverley Town Council website. We are grateful to receive great coverage from local and regional press, TV and radio.

The aims of all these events and services are to raise money for local charities and bring townsfolk and businesses together, whilst growing our community and local economy. The events are self-sustaining and are sponsored by local business and managed by Beverley Town Council.

Christmas Lights Working Group

Group Chair

Councillor Duncan Jack

The Town Council is pleased to once again give support and help to the group of volunteers that each year raises money to improve the Christmas light show in Beverley.

The Town Council budget is used to pay for the erection, dismantling, maintenance, power and storage. The fundraising group, via events held throughout the year, provides money for additional lights to brighten the town.

I would like to thank the group for their continuing help and to commend the ERYC Lighting Team, who go the extra mile to make Beverley sparkle at Christmas.



Beverley in Bloom

Group Chairman

Linda Freeman

Town Clerk

Helen Watson

Once again it has been a busy year for Beverley in Bloom, making sure all the tubs and planters have been filled with both Summer and Winter planting and maintaining them throughout the year. Thank you to all our volunteers for keeping up the good work – it has been worth it.

Following our success at Yorkshire in Bloom last year, Beverley was invited to enter Britain in Bloom for the first time, which saw the town awarded Silver Gilt. This was a wonderful achievement and reflects the hard work, dedication and community spirit on show throughout the town.

It was an honour to be entered into Britain in Bloom, working alongside many local organisations, businesses and charities. We were delighted to win a Gold in the Community Section. Thanks go to all the amazing Bloom volunteers, especially chairperson Linda and coordinator Christina.

The Bloom Group continues to plant up areas of the town and our members can often be seen in hi-viz tabards with trowels in hand, digging into barrier troughs and planters to ensure flowers are bedded in for the season.

We are particularly pleased with our ongoing work around Station Square and directly outside the station itself. Not only have our volunteers helped to brighten this area up, but it's also a chance for people to gather together for a weekly catch-up, which brings with it a social aspect to our work.

Whilst all of this is wonderful, it would be better still if more people could join us to help make Beverley Bloom! If you would like to join the team, please get in touch with Beverley Town Council – we would love to hear from you, whether it is through committee work, planting etc.– we appreciate any help you are prepared to offer.

Finally, a big thank you to all our volunteers without whom Beverley would not look as good as it does. Also, many thanks to our sponsors and especially the Town Council for their financial, management and clerical support throughout the year.

Best Wishes and happy gardening!



Beverley in Bloom

Group Chair
Councillor Duncan Jack

In order to help the magnificent efforts of the Beverley in Bloom Group and their successful campaign to achieve a great result in the Britain in Bloom competition, the Brighter Beverley Group has been reformed. This was originally the brainchild of Matt Snowden when he was a Councillor some years ago. It has been restarted to target areas in the town that need an extra bit of care and attention.

A wonderful collection of volunteers have litter picked, washed down benches and flower tubs and generally tidied up in places in need of a facelift. A big thank you should go out to all concerned with this ongoing project.

More volunteers, ideas for projects and your input would be welcomed and should be addressed to the Town Council here at Well Lane.

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Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2019

31st March 2018

31st March 2019

Operating Income

3,718	Civic and Democratic	570
21,724	Grants	24,984
4,422	Town Maintenance	4,287
3,347	Town Events	14,772
7,200	Allotments	6,309
273,327	Income	270,845
313,737	Total Income	321,767

Running Costs

81,293	Staff Costs	92,507
15,790	Administration	21,370
29,135	Accommodation	29,768
8,495	Civic and Democratic	13,950
43,387	Grants	45,330
34,354	Town Maintenance	37,485
21,054	Town Events	29,769
4,338	Allotments	3,967
237,846	Total Expenditure	274,146

General Fund Analysis

488,015	Opening Balance	528,466
313,737	Plus : Income for Year	321,767
801,752		850,233
237,846	Less : Expenditure for Year	274,146
563,906		576,087
35,440	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	(2,413)
528,466	Closing Balance	578,500

**Town Councillor Allowances
The Local Authorities (Member's Allowances)
(England) Regulations 2003
2018/19 Financial Year**

Allowances paid to each member of
Beverley Town Council are as follows:

Councillor	Allowance	Travel	Subsistence
E. Aird	-	-	-
P Astell	£250.00	£31.20	-
T Astell	£250.00	-	-
R Begnett	£250.00	-	-
B Cooper	£250.00	-	-
G Cooper	-	-	-
P. Dodsworth	£250.00	-	-
D. Elvidge	-	-	-
D. Jack	-	-	-
N. Machen	-	-	-
P. McGrath	£250.00	-	-
D. Peacock	-	-	-
B. Pearson	-	£164.70	£73.15
A. Willis	£250.00	-	-

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