



Annual Report Municipal Year 2017/18



Overview of Beverley Town Council His Worshipful the Mayor of Beverley

Councillor Ann Willis

I think that this has been a good year for me as Mayor and for the Town Council. The business of the Council has proceeded smoothly and I feel we have all worked together for Beverley. A special thank you goes to all the staff, the Town Clerk Ms Helen Watson, Deputy Town Clerk Ms Carol Oliver, Administrative Assistant Mrs Libby Woodhouse, Handyman Mr Mike Andrew and Macebearer Mr Peter Nendick.

We had the 'Great Get Together' in June, which went well as the weather, which was great. It was the same weekend as the Folk Festival so several musicians, including Henry Priestman, Les Glover, Martin Peirson, Peter Robinson and Westwood Session music, as well as Professor Fiddlesticks came along to join in the celebrations.

The NGS Open Allotments Day had a Scarecrow competition for the first time and will be held again this year. Many visitors came to admire the well-tended allotment plots and learnt about growing.

Then the Yorkshire in Bloom Judging in July: – We won Gold, Overall Winner in large town Category and, a new category, the Yorkshire Rose Award which made us best town/city overall. This is thanks to all the hard work done by many, Beverley Town Council, the wonderful Bloom Volunteers, ERYC and other volunteers. We were invited in January to be the Yorkshire representative of a large town in Britain in Bloom. This is judged on three pillars of horticulture, culture/environment and community. So really it's a full town audit. So we will really need people to pull together to make our town shine this summer. Any volunteers are warmly welcomed.

The award winning Food Festivals were well attended in October and November and are popular events on the Beverley Calendar as usual. Again the Food Festival was a finalist in the Remarkable East Yorkshire Tourism awards, it also won the Highly Commended at the Countryside Rural Oscars 2017 in the tourism category.

Christmas Lights in November was illuminating and we thank all involved especially the Fundraising group and Westwood Beverley Lions.

In February the Pancake Race was revived– A new addition to the events calendar to keep the town alive, 10 business teams were involved and this was a good community event held jointly with the Rotary Club of Beverley. Rosanne Randle, who sadly died this year, came up with the idea. We thank the Rotarians for their support.

The Pensioners Lunch was well attended with a flavour of local food and entertainment, enjoyed by many.

My only disappointment has been that not all Councillors have helped out at events, which leaves more work for our staff.

Sadly, this year there will be no Folk Festival; however there will be a fringe Folk Festival to enjoy within the town.

As Mayor I have enjoyed my year and consider it a privilege to serve our lovely town. I have visited schools, community groups, and residential homes and sheltered housing. I have also had a chance to promote Beverley when attending other civic events.

This year my charities were RDA and Cruse Bereavement Care. My Civic Dinner was held on Yorkshire Day at Tickton Grange and the Civic Service at St Nicholas Church.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout the municipal year; especially my consorts and I wish my successor and all of you well for the future.



Policy and Finance Committee

Committee Chair

Councillor Duncan Jack

This year, following a slight reorganisation of the way committees have met, we have had fewer meetings.

I am pleased to say there has been very little that was contentious to discuss.

We have all worked together to sort what has come before us for the benefit of the town.

Planning, Property & Services

Committee Chair

Councillor Elaine Aird



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 the Committee. 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

We are in the process of re-letting quite a few allotment plots that have been given up. The NGS Open Day went very well and the weather was bright and sunny.

We have diligently scrutinized all of the planning applications received this year as we have done in other years. Some of the committee also drive past the sites to see the surrounding area. The planning applications this year have ranged from large extensions to dormer windows to conservatories. We have also had applications in from businesses for change of use.

We are also asked for new litter and grit bins to be sited

We also get up to date reports on the state of the Skate Park – the ramps have had to be repaired on numerous occasions as has the surrounding fence. All this of course is at a cost to the Council.

The committee's views are also sought on tree applications, on which the Town Council has been consulted by the Local Environment Planning Authority. Some of these we have approved but on several occasions we have objected to the trees being felled and our views have been taken into consideration. We are also informed of planned road closures

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, Helen Watson, Administration Assistant, Libby Woodhouse and the Handyman, Mike Andrew 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.

Grants Committee
Committee Chairman
Councillor Duncan Jack

This year we have supported many projects and as ever when spending money provided by the rate payers of Beverley, there has been careful deliberation.

Priority has been given to projects which have sustainability and to the service they provide for the town. Of course, all applications have not been successful and it is a hard decision to make with so many bids and a limited budget. We feel we have chosen well which will help to enhance the quality of life of the people of Beverley.

Beverley Against Poverty	To raise awareness about homelessness in Beverley and offer community kitchen, shower/drink project and attending partnership meetings	£500.00
Citizens Advice Hull & East Riding	Office materials, postage stationery and utilities and rates	£625.00
Beverley Male Voice Choir	To contribute to the travel for two concerts in Mansfield	£650.00
Beverley Arts Trust/Beverley Puppet Festival	Contribution to a large scale outdoor walkabout puppetry performance, portaloos and venue hire of East Riding Theatre and The Friary	£3,000.00
Beverley and District Talking Newspaper	To provide laptop, insurance, disks and envelopes of local and regional news to those who cannot read it themselves	£870.00
Beverley Blues	To contribute to venue hire, staging and sound and promotion of the three day festival in October 2018	£500.00
Toll Gavel United Church	To provide boards, art supplies for the Tree of Hope art installation, to contribute to purchase of plants and soil for the planters, towards an Artist and art supplies for community art session, to contribute to the Opening of the event and provide metal frame and waterproof covering	£2,000.00
Beverley Folk Festival	To contribute towards the cost of street entertainment at the Folk Festival and to support the free entry of under 12s	£1,000.00
King's Church Beverley, Swinemoor Youth (Pilot) Project	To contribute towards the publicity, staffing, session bus costs and craft resources	£1,250.00
The Track Fitness & Boxing Club	To contribute towards new bags, floor mats, skipping ropes, boxing gloves, mits, sparring gloves and mits and other items.	£1,500.00

Annual Report for Beverley Food Festivals

Pancake Race and NGS Open Allotments Day

Helen Watson Town Clerk

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 four seasonal events including the revival of the Big Beverley Pancake Race.

The 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 for its residents and tourists to enjoy. Over 25,000 people attended the Beverley Food Festival and approx. 8,000 people attended the Christmas Festival of Food & Drink. The NGS Open Allotment Day attracted around 300 visitors to the site. Great amusement was taken from the imaginative Scarecrows on site. We had some local celebrities along with Alan Titchmarsh, well in scarecrow form! The Big Beverley Pancake Race was revived by the Rotary Club of Beverley in partnership with the Town Council. This brought the community together to race in a competitive pancake relay, providing some good family fun, thanks to the terrific support of the Rotary Club of Beverley.

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

2017 was the 12th annual Beverley Food Festival, and there were 140 stalls. The Street Food Revolution continued this year, which attracted new stalls and attractions to this popular event.

There were 60 stalls at the Beverley Town Council's 6th Christmas Festival of Food and Drink, held inside Beverley Minster.

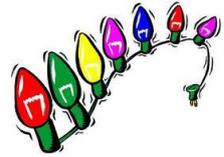
The Community Training Allotment plot situated on Sparkmill Lane in Beverley continued to be put to good use, with local charity FIND 2 using the plot to extend their learning opportunities for young people and adults with learning difficulties.

Press and promotion has been a key feature in delivering our project remit, and we have made good 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 aim of all these events and services was 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

Thanks to a larger than usual injection of cash from the Town Council this year, the hard work of the Christmas Lights Group made up of voluntary people who raise money by running events, the displays in the town have again, moved forward and improved. They continue to get better each year.

Thanks are also due to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council lighting team who do a sterling job to maintain and get the items in place.

Congratulations to all involved.



Beverley in Bloom

Group Chairman

Linda Freeman



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 the judging by Yorkshire in Bloom last July, not only did we win gold, but also were awarded Best Town in Yorkshire - what an achievement! Following on from this, we received even better news in that we have been put forward for the finals of Britain in Bloom! There are only 9 entries in this group throughout the whole of the U.K. so it just goes to show how well we have done. Of course this does mean that we cannot rest on our laurels as we obviously want to maintain the high standard we have set ourselves.

We have been fortunate this year in attracting even more volunteers so that will help to spread the work-load. Also we have received very generous donations from the Catholic club (they used to meet in the building overlooking station square) and the Beverley & District Chrysanthemum Society. Unfortunately the Chrysanthemum Society has had to close after more than 100years and they wanted any money left in their account at closure to go into a like-minded community group. This money will be used to purchase 2 new planters and a tree in the sensory garden part of the Coronation Garden. Added to this, I have just been informed that we are to get a grant from Community Rail to do some work at the railway station. This is very good news as the station can look a bit drab at times so new planters will really brighten up this area of the town.

We are also running the Town Competition again this year so if you have a garden or floral displays that you would like to show off to the rest of the residents or a shop or community group, please enter the competition. Application forms are available from the Town Council office in Well Lane. We are hoping to get a new web-site up and running and an application form will soon be available there.

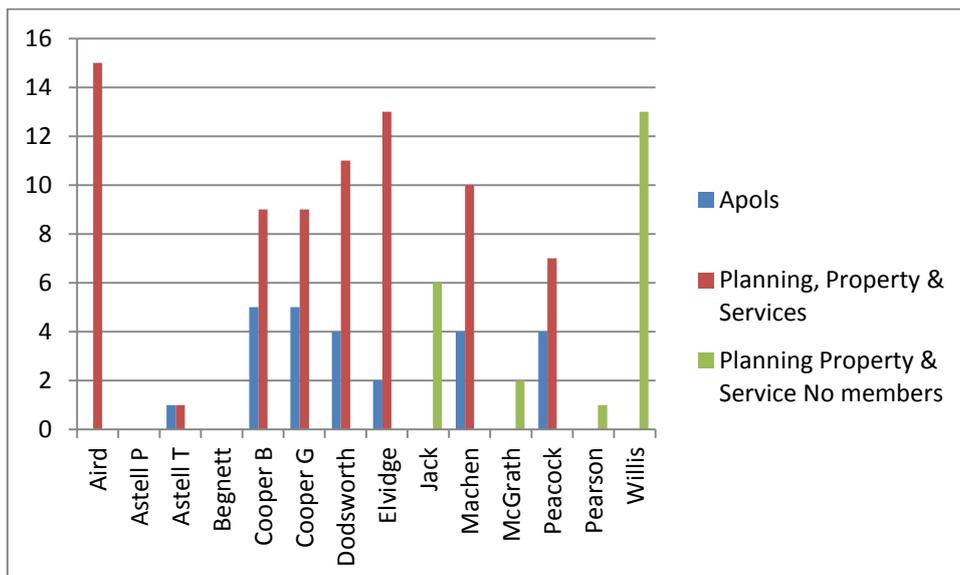
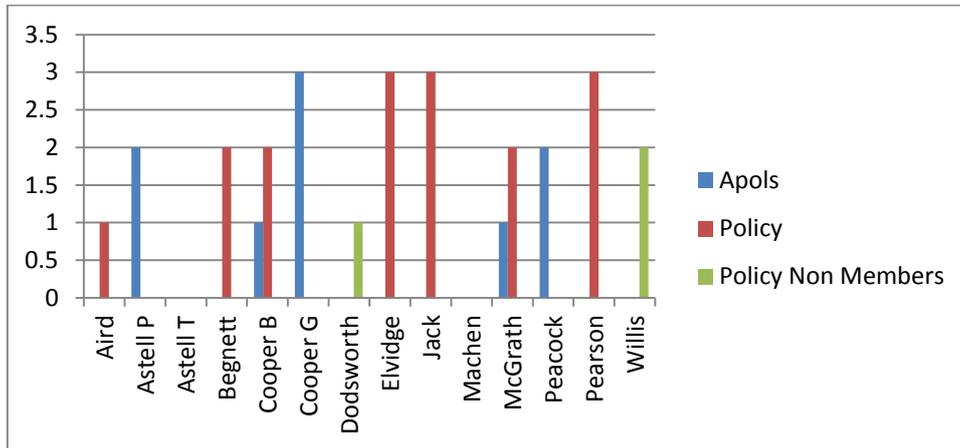
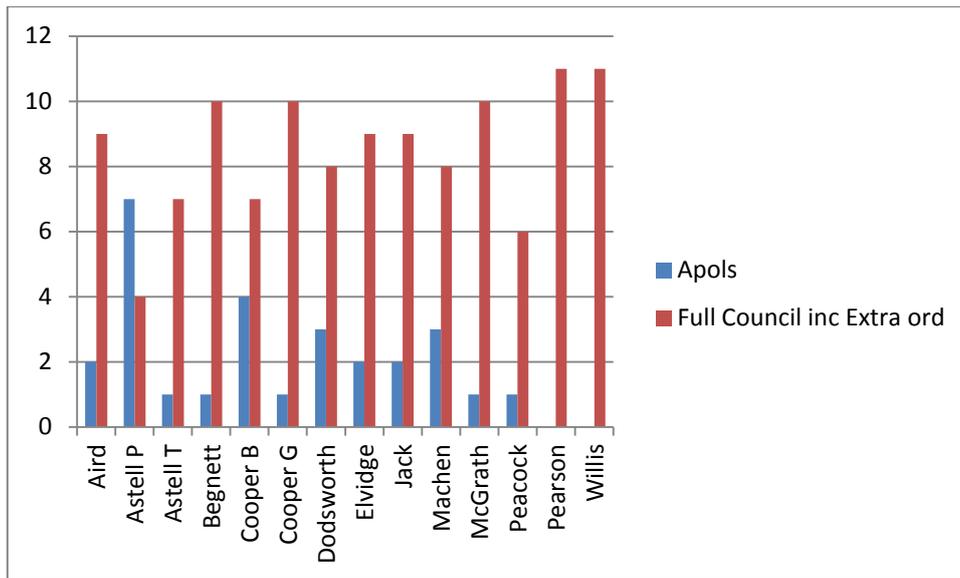
Beverley in Bloom work hard to get young people involved and I am pleased to say that several schools have signed up to take part in a Bumble Bee survey to monitor which bees prefer which plants so we can try and plant the right ones to attract them. The children are also taking part in a "Tallest Sunflower" competition and one school are designing a poster for shops stating that we are through to the finals of Britain in Bloom.

As you can see, we are all kept very busy in a very satisfying and rewarding past-time and we can all enjoy the fruits of our labours throughout the town so if you would like to join us, please get in touch with Beverley Town Council – we would love to hear from you, whether it is through committee work, planting etc. or the Town competition or school involvement – 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, a big thank you to all our sponsors, especially the Town Council for their financial, management and clerical support throughout the year.

Best Wishes and happy gardening!

Councillor Attendance Figures



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Annual Accounts 2017/18

31st March 2016		31st March 2017
	Operating Income	
910	Civic and Democratic	3,718
31,806	Grants	21,724
2,500	Town Maintenance	4,422
1,030	Town Events	3,347
6,848	Allotments	7,200
264,751	Income	268,040
307,844	Total Income	308,450
	Running Costs	
78,041	Staff Costs	80,914
18,567	Administration	13,579
23,742	Accommodation	27,735
8,972	Civic and Democratic	8,495
41,109	Grants	42,637
35,905	Town Maintenance	29,554
19,603	Town Events	16,223
4,548	Allotments	4,338
230,486	Total Expenditure	223,476
	General Fund Analysis	
411,982	Opening Balance	488,015
307,844	Plus : Income for Year	308,450
719,826		796,465
230,486	Less : Expenditure for Year	223,476
489,340		572,989
(1,325)	Transfers TO /FROM Reserves	1,325
490,665	Closing Balance	571,664

Town Councillor Allowances
The Local Authorities (Member's Allowances)
(England) Regulations 2003
2016/17 Financial Year

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

	Allowance	Travel
Aird		
P Astell	£250.00	
T Astell	£250.00	
R Begnett	£250.00	
B Cooper	£250.00	
G Cooper		
Dodsworth	£250.00	
Elvidge		
Jack		
Machen		
McGrath	£250.00	
Peacock		
Pearson		
Willis	£250.00	

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