

**Beverley Town Council**

*Making a difference*



**Annual Report  
Municipal Year  
2012/13**

**Overview of Beverley Town Council**  
**Her Worshipful the Mayor of Beverley**  
**Councillor Margaret Pinder**

I am grateful to my chosen charities: Cherry Tree Community Association and Beverley Chamber Music Festival for their support at the fund raising events throughout the year.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout the municipal year. I wish you all well for the future and wish my successor well. Once again many thanks for allowing me to serve as Mayor of Beverley.

**Policy and Finance Committee**

**Committee Chairman**

**Councillor Paul McGrath**

**Grants Committee**  
**Committee Chairman**  
**Councillor David Sweet**



The Grants Committee met twice in 2012. The amount of funding distributed to local groups and organisations in June was £12,172, and in November £6,560.

Seventeen organisations received funding, compared to fifteen in 2011/12, though this year individual amounts were smaller. Only two beneficiaries, Beverley Folk Festival (£3,000) and Beverley Open Doors Project (£2,210), were awarded grants above £1,500.

Of the total spend; about 45% went to 'charitable' groups, namely those supporting the more disadvantaged or vulnerable within the community. This compares to a figure of 37% for the previous year. Because demand for grants this year did not exceed the annual budget it was not necessary to prioritise the applications by these groups as required by Town Council policy.

Grants Awarded 2012/13

£	
3000	Beverley Folk Festival
2210	Beverley Open Doors Community Project
1500	Special Smiles
1500	Beverley Town Football Club
1500	Beverley Arts Trust
1500	Civic Society
1250	Cornerstone
1000	Cherry Tree Community Association
1000	Beverley Minster Youth
772	Beverley Widows' Friendship Group
750	Hull Thursday Road Club
700	Beverley Division Rangers
500	Beverley Male Voice Choir
500	Beverley Blues Festival

# **Planning and the Environment**

## **Committee Chairman**

### **Councillor Elaine Aird**



It has been a very interesting year for the committee. Whilst we have diligently scrutinized all the smaller planning applications we have also been busy looking at large applications.

As well as planning applications from householders for anything from extensions to dormer windows to conservatories, we have also had applications in from businesses for change of use – the most recent was change of use from offices to a Japanese restaurant.

The committee's views are also sought on tree applications, on which the Town Council has been consulted by the Local Environment Planning Authority. We are also informed of planned road closures

The major planning application that we have been consulted on has been the Flemingate Development. The house building on the site is well underway. We have been consulted at all stages by the developers. The site will include a Premier Inn, a 4/5 screen Cinema and various shops – the lead one being Debenhams. Beverley College will also be on the site and will be situated at the railway station end of the site.

We were also consulted on the Gallows Lane site of Beverley College. This is still an ongoing planning application. The installation of floodlights at the Tennis Club on Seven Corners Lane also caused some controversy but some floodlights will now be able to be installed.

We have also had presentations on the emerging East Riding Local Plan and the effect that it will have on Beverley and the surrounding area especially in Molescroft and that area south of Beverley near the Southern Relief Road.

The Committee have also been consulted on a number of occasions regarding the Market Place development and especially the setts.

I would like all the members of the Committee for all their input in the meetings and 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.

**Property & Services Committee**

**Committee Chairman**

**Councillor Peter Astell**



# Beverley Food Festival

## Beverley Food Festival

Town Clerk

Helen Watson



The seventh Beverley Food Festival proved, once again, to be a success, this year we were blessed with glorious sunshine which brought residents and visitors out in droves, to taste and purchase the finest food the East Riding of Yorkshire has to offer in our beautiful medieval market town. It was officially opened by Peter Levy of BBC Look North. The Beverley Food Festival was funded partially by the Field to Table National Lottery Project.

Stall holders were very happy with the results and it proved to be a profitable day along with providing awareness and educational information on local produce and nutrition. Many local producers ran out of stock due to the high demand for local seasonal food, as did the charity BBQ stall.

This year there was a greater demand for stalls, so we increased to ninety three stalls and still had a number of businesses on the waiting list. Peter Levy officially opened the festival at 9.30am. The BBC Radio Humberside team was on hand through the day and did an outside broadcast, interviewing local people and stallholders. We had a wide variety of demonstrations by local chefs, cooking local produce in the Food Theatre Marquee, which was busy all day.



Many families and visitors also enjoyed the musical entertainment from Beverley Brass Band, Professor Fiddlesticks and John the Rotter, who also gave an interesting presentation on composting and food waste. Professor Fiddlesticks entertained visitors with his circus skills workshop. Beverley Garland Dancers performed in the afternoon with their wonderful band.

Beverley Town Council would like to thank David Nowell, Food and Beverage Executive of Beverley Tickton Grange who helps the Town Council officers organise and managed the festival over the years, and I would like to thank all the Councillors, volunteers and other Town Council officers who supported the event over the years. This is one of Beverley's most highly regarded events and is arguably the Town Council's most high profile event.



The event adds to Beverley's festival calendar and it supports the local business and rural economy.



# Field to Table Project

## Town Clerk: Helen Watson and Local Food Coordinator: Marie Louise Robinson

Residents of Beverley have been given the opportunity to grow their own food thanks to a funding boost of just over **£105,000** received from the Big Lottery Fund's Local Food scheme. The Local Food scheme is a £57.5 million programme which provides funding for projects working to make local food more accessible and affordable to communities.

Beverley's project, called 'From Field to Table', has involved a number of activities aimed at promoting local food, and allowing the community to get their hands dirty and start to grow their own, including an NGS Open Allotments Day, Beverley Food Festival, Christmas Festival of Food and Drink and a Community Training allotment at Sparkmill Lane.

Allotment holders have volunteered to become allotment champions. Space for community growing has been provided on the town's community training allotment, under the expert guidance of seasoned gardeners, to help train young people aged 5-19 and other interested residents in basic growing techniques. The Town Council has worked with external organisations such as Mires Beck Nursery, which is a registered charity providing training and work experience for people who have a learning difficulty or disability.

Throughout the year, the council will run four seasonal events aimed at promoting local produce as well as an open day to showcase their allotment champions, local food markets and an awards event.

**Helen Watson, Beverley Town Council Town Clerk, said:**

*"Beverley Town Council is delighted to announce the successful 'Field to Table' funding application from the Big Lottery Fund's Local Food scheme. We are looking forward to implementing the 'Field to Table' project in celebration of local food. This will benefit residents of all ages and encourage healthy growing, production and eating of local seasonal foods. We have a fantastic variety of high quality, seasonal local food in Beverley and the surrounding area. We are motivated to spread the excitement of growing and buying local produce."*

**Mark Wheddon, Local Food Programme Manager, said:**

*"Projects like this have a wide and lasting impact on the community and we are delighted to support them. Our scheme is about promoting the benefits of locally-grown food, and this project demonstrates how these can stretch far beyond simply eating more healthily, to giving people new skills, new confidence and a closer connection with their local community."*



## Christmas Lights Working Group

### Group Chairman

### Councillor Kate Gray

The Christmas Lights Switch on has developed year on year involving the community and this year the late night shopping event brought the Chamber of Trade board again. Everyone's contribution made the evening a success especially having Luke Campbell, the Olympic Gold winner, to light up the tree in Wednesday Market. People enjoyed the fireworks, which finished off the event.



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The small committee of dedicated members who represent their organisations in the town have met on a very regular basis throughout the year to bring about the lighting up of the town for the festive season.

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like to thank all the people behind the scenes who make the really sparkle and attend to the infrastructure required and replacement of lighting features plus raising funds, with which achieve the finished displays. Thanks to

- Harry Burton and the Lions who decorate the Market

Cross and organise a service involving the schools and churches;



- Beverley Town Council with substantial support from the Beverley Lights Appeal Group, who have built on this initial ceremony with a large Christmas Tree on



the corner of Cross Street and the snowflakes and larger street decorations;



- Prue Blake and the committee, who raise funds throughout the year for

the small trees that help Beverley to sparkle every year. This year Prue has worked with the Quality Solicitors, who donated the cone tree in Wednesday Market;

- Peter Jacobsen and his team from the East Riding, who have the electrical and technical expertise;
- the Rugby League Club and Andy Maw our handyman. This year we were not fortunate with the weather, but they never let us down putting up the small trees in a very short space of time, and their hard work is greatly appreciated;
- my two colleagues Councillors Bottomley and Whitfield for their support;

- Carol Oliver, Assistant Clerk, Beverley Town Council, whose administrative support has been essential and who sorts out the problems, which always arise.



possible.

As Chairman of the Christmas Lights Committee I extend my thanks to everyone involved in this real community success. In this coming year we will be looking to raise a considerable sum of money as the lamp standards are being replaced in Saturday Market and will be too small to take the snowflakes we have been using. So please support our fund raising events whenever



## **Beverley in Bloom**

**Group Chairman**

**Councillor Jim Whitfield**



**Beverley Renaissance Partnership**

**Committee Member**

**Councillor Peter Astell**

**Beverley and Rural Neighbourhood**

**Action Team**

**Council Representative**

**Councillor Peter Astell**

**Beverley War Memorial Hall**  
**Council Representative**  
**Councillors Margaret Pinder**



# Association of Charter Trustee Towns

## Councillor Representative

### Councillor Kate Gray

Meetings were held in Bath and Grantham, and I attended both as the Chairman of the Association.

Delegates from East Retford, Bath, Beverley, Hereford, High Wycombe, Kidderminster, Grantham, Newbury and Cleethorpes have attended meetings this year. Bath hosted the meeting in September 2012 and Grantham in February 2013 and both were delighted to be able to welcome the guests to their Guildhalls for the meetings. However, with the current economic difficulties we had decided in future to only meet twice a year as our members cover a wide area. Beverley Town Council invited the Association to hold the AGM and Executive meeting in the town in September 2013. This is a popular venue as the delegates speak highly of the town.

The Localism Act 2011 had made it easier to create parish councils and we were happy to hear of town councils created in Margate, Crewe, Ellesmere Port and Macclesfield. The delegate from Cleethorpes was very interested in the benefits of having parish status as they were actively seeking a review. Durham was also in the position of a boundary review and interested in holding the title City of Durham. Precedents have been set for this in Hereford and Salisbury.

Discussion took place about the requirement of the power of competence, which really sets out the basic conditions for eligibility for a council. Our Hon. Treasurer Keith Bannister asked if any of the towns represented had received the compensatory grants from their principal authorities. He also answered questions about the new audit requirements. Although NALC offered advice to town/parish councils it was felt there was a gap in training about Mayoralty and associated civic protocol

Kidderminster had used the Electoral Reform Society to gather the required percentage for a petition to be parished as they have a population of 60,000, it produced a higher than necessary majority but now has to wait the result of a referendum, which appears to be quite unnecessary as the original vote was totally independent and a letter was to be sent to the Secretary of State.

Newbury have taken over a range of services such as parks and cemeteries and are seeking more opportunities from the district council.

Good news!! Our **right to grant honorary titles of freemen and freewomen for persons of distinction or persons/organizations who have, in the opinion of the Town Council, rendered eminent services to the town of Beverley.** Legislation has amended Section 249 of the Local Govt. Act 1972, specifically amending and extending the definition of 'relevant authority' to include ' a parish (town) or community council. We have exercised this right and bestowed this honour on three townfolk. We also have the right to grant freedoms to regiments and raises the fact we could also grant freedom in our own right as well as the UA.

Beverley has a strong part to play in the Association as one of the initial towns to gain a Town Council as local government changes to Unitary Authorities we need to strengthen the role of the lower and only tier that is close to local people.

## Annual Accounts 2012/2013

### Operating Income

Civic and Democratic	500
Grants	57,689
Town Maintenance	5,320
Town Events	16,841
Allotments	5,601
Income	<u>281,104</u>

Total Income **367,056**

### Running Costs

Staff Costs	100,926
Administration	20,535
Accommodation	24,310
Civic and Democratic	8,857
Grants	59,434
Town Maintenance	47,556
Town Events	56,719
Allotments	<u>2,845</u>

Total Expenditure **321,182**

### General Fund Analysis

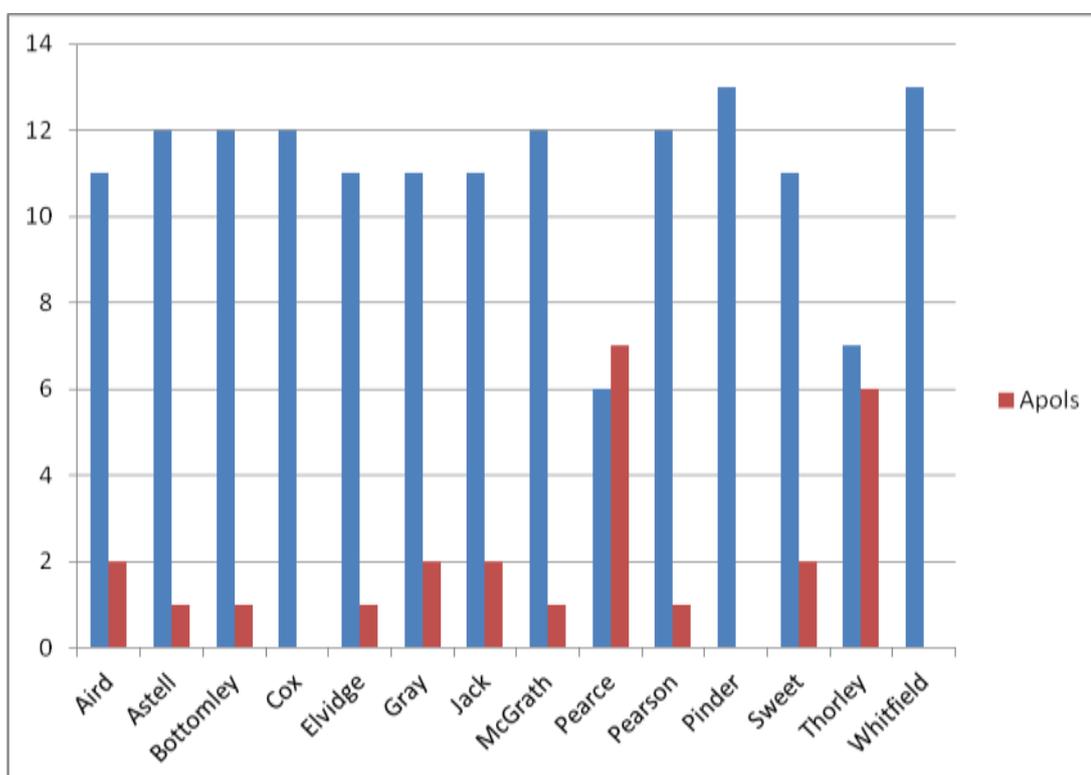
Opening Balance 165,746  
Plus : Income for Year 367,056

532,802  
Less : Expenditure for Year 321,182

211,620  
Transfers TO / FROM Reserves 23,000  
**Closing Balance 234,620**

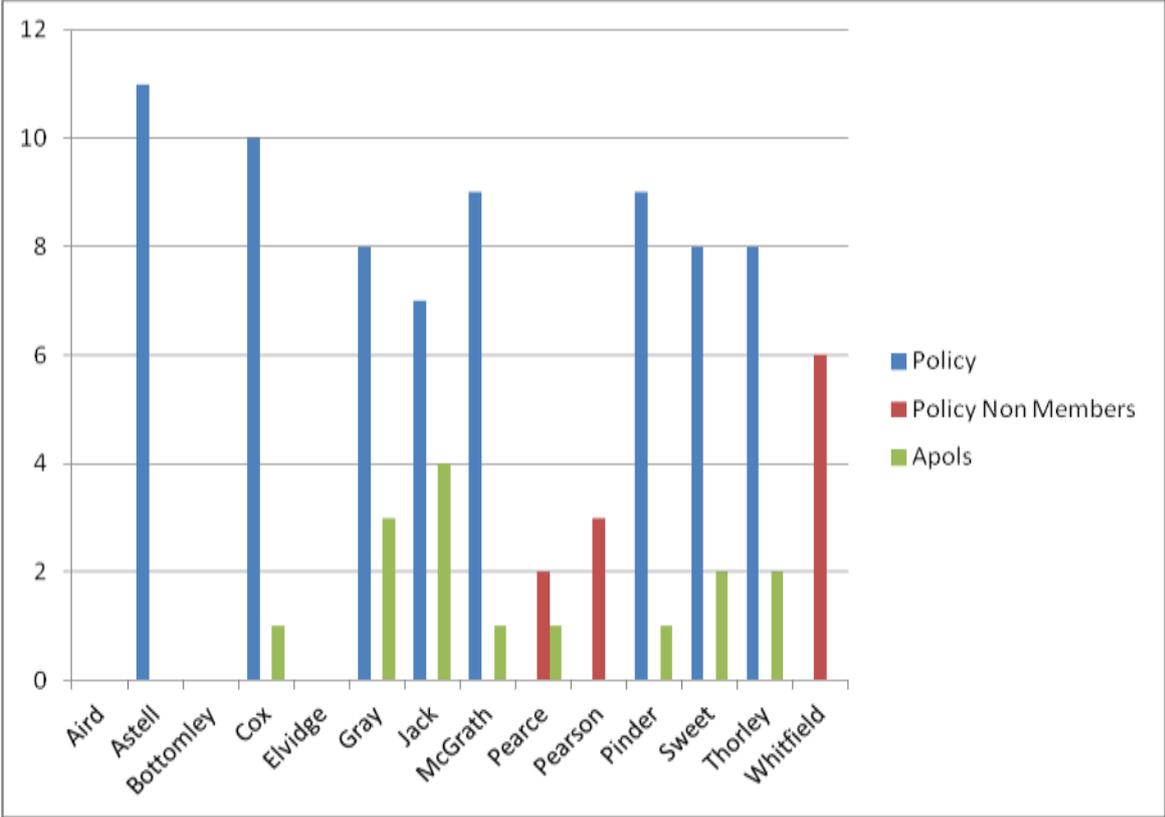
## Councillor Attendance Figures

### Full Council including Extra-Ordinary Meetings (13 Meetings)

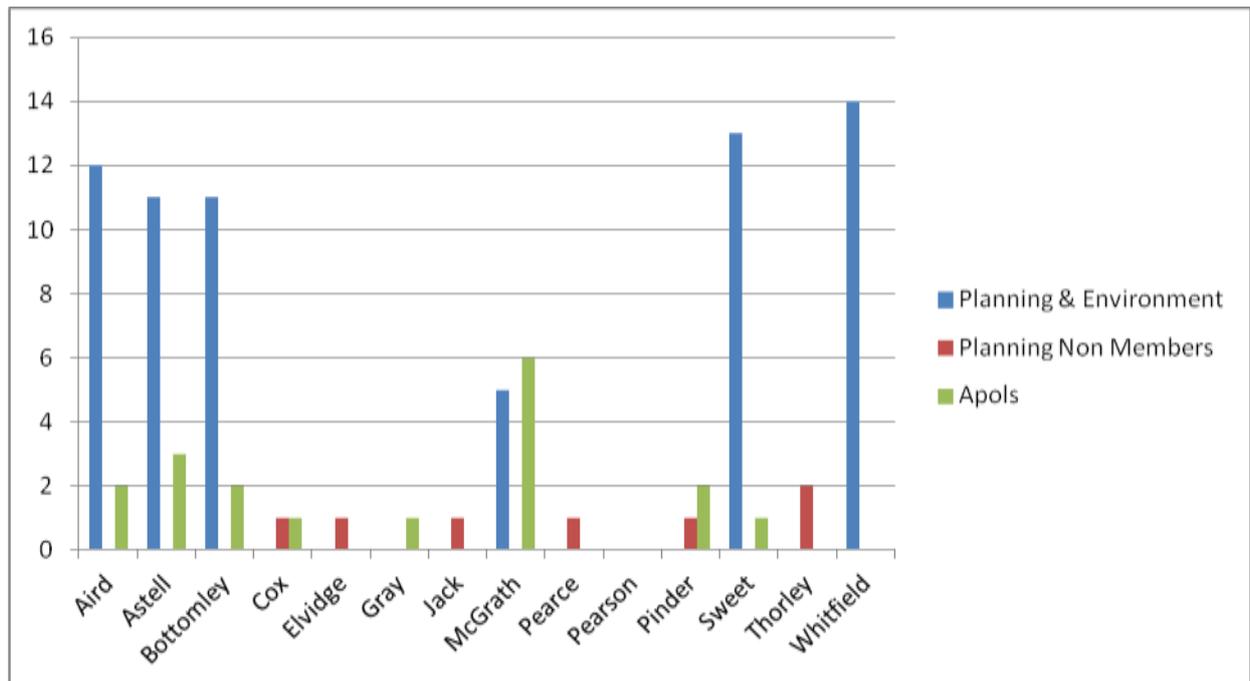


Councillor Pearce resigned on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

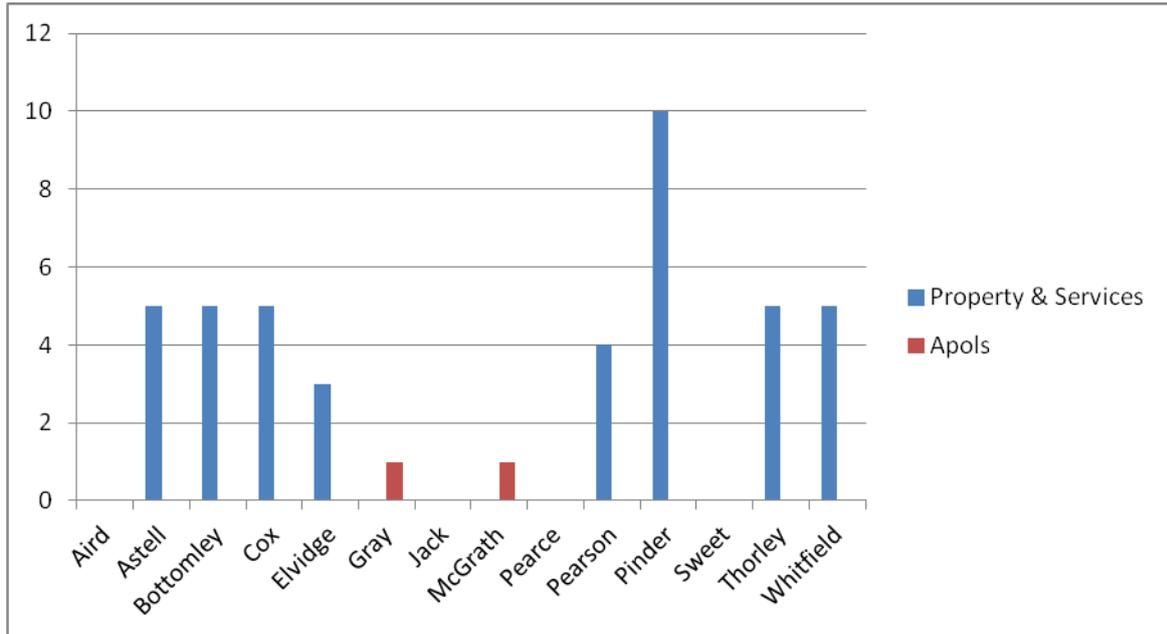
# Policy Meeting (11 meetings)



## Planning & Environment Committee (15 meetings)



# Property & Services Committee (5 Meetings)



**Town Councillor Allowances**  
**The Local Authorities (Member's Allowances)**  
**(England) Regulations 2003**  
**2012/13 Financial Year**

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

	<b>Basic Allowance</b>	<b>Travel</b>
Aird		
Astell	£250.00	£1550.90
Bottomley	£250.00	£ 35.88
Cox	£250.00	£ 196.01
Elvidge	£250.00	
Gray		£ 265.85
Jack		
McGrath	£250.00	
Pearson		
Pinder	£250.00	£ 755.25
Sweet	£250.00	
Thorley	£250.00	
Whitfield	£250.00	£ 36.40

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**Handyman:** Mr Andy Maw

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