

FOR FELIXSTOWE

The newsletter of Felixstowe Town Council



TOWN TALK

- Boundary Committee publishes further draft proposals for Suffolk** – The Boundary Committee for England has published further draft proposals for new unitary local government arrangements in Suffolk and is asking for people in the county to give their views on the proposals. This follows the Committee's earlier consultation which took place between July and September 2008. The Committee has published two draft proposals: a single unitary council for the whole of the current Suffolk County Council area; and a two-unitary pattern featuring an Ipswich & Felixstowe unitary authority and a Rural Suffolk unitary authority comprising the rest of the county. The proposals also set out key features of the way in which neighbourhood empowerment structures might work in a future unitary structure. The boundaries of the Ipswich/Felixstowe proposal are the same as those published in July 2008's draft proposal report, although after consideration of evidence received in consultation undertaken in 2008, the Committee has decided that Lowestoft should be included in the further draft proposals for Suffolk, so no change is proposed to the current external boundaries of the county. The new consultation is as a result of the Committee adapting its process as a result of High Court judgments that allowed it to publish more than one proposal for consultation.

There are other options for the future of Suffolk being proposed by various other bodies including Suffolk Coastal District Council. If you want more information about the Suffolk Coastal District Council proposals, please visit their website at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

We would urge you to respond to the Boundary Committee on this extremely important issue for the future of our community. Responses to the draft proposals can be made by filling in an online form at www.boundarycommittee.org.uk or writing to:

Review Manager
(Suffolk Review)
The Boundary Committee for England
Trevelyan House
Great Peter Street
London SW1P 2HW

Email: reviews@boundarycommittee.org.uk

The period for responses closes on 14th May, 2009. The Committee will then consider the responses before providing any advice to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government by 15th July, 2009.

- Town Council Website** – The new Town Council website is now up and running. It includes a wide range of information about the Town Council, its members and the services it provides to the community. Please visit the website at www.felixstowe.gov.uk
- Felixstowe in Flower 2009** – Felixstowe in Flower is competing in Anglia in Bloom 2009. We would welcome your support for the 2009 campaign, the aim of which is to make Felixstowe an even more attractive place in which to live or to visit. We would welcome sponsorship for Felixstowe in Flower.

Sponsors are invited for hanging baskets in Hamilton Road, High Street, Walton, High Road West, Undercliff Road West, Sea Road, Beach Station Road and Seaton Road at a cost of £50 each (£30 each if more than one is sponsored) including VAT. Tubs and troughs can be sponsored in Hamilton Road at a cost of £65 (including VAT). Each basket and trough has the sponsors name clearly displayed. All sponsors will receive a support sticker for display. If you would like to help Felixstowe in Flower by sponsorship please contact Rosemary Brown on 01394 282086 or email: rosemary.brown@felixstowe.gov.uk.

An important part of Felixstowe's entry are the Felixstowe in Flower competition gardens. We would welcome you as a competitor. Entry to all competitions is free but we always welcome donations to Felixstowe in Flower. To enter the competitions please click on the link next to this newsletter and return the form to:

Mrs S Robinson, Town Clerk, Town Hall, Felixstowe, IP11 2AG.

- CCTV in Felixstowe** – A new camera has been added to the CCTV network in Felixstowe. This camera is located near the Beijing Restaurant in Hamilton Road.
- It has been generously donated by the Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce and by the Yeo Group, owner of The Alex and Benncotta restaurants. CCTV in Felixstowe is the result of a great community effort. It is another example of Felixstowe's community coming together to provide a facility needed by the town.

- **Felixstowe Town Hall** – The newly refurbished Felixstowe Town Hall is proving to be a very popular venue for meetings, events and exhibitions. We are also letting some of the areas of the Town Hall for both temporary and permanent office use. In addition to the Registrar we have provided accommodation for the consultants who have been carrying out the Leisure Study for Felixstowe and we are currently negotiating for further lettings. During the current financial year during which the Town Hall has only been available for part of the year, we are likely to have generated over £7,000 in income already. We are currently applying for a licence for weddings and as soon as the building becomes licensed we will let you know. Many groups have enjoyed visits to the Town Hall over the last few months. These have included High School students, the Top Time group from the Library, the Rotary Club of Felixstowe, the local Architectural Society and individual members of the public. Please contact us if you would like a tour of the Town Hall.

- **Welcome to our new Councillor** – Following the by-election in the East Ward of Felixstowe held on 26th February Graham Newman was elected as a Town Councillor. Graham is already a member of Suffolk County Council. His contact details are:

1 Mellis Court
 Felixstowe
 IP11 2YQ
 Tel: 01394 670316
 Email: glnservices@ntlworld.com

The results of the election were:

Harriet Katherine Bennett – Labour – 84

Gillian Mary Mason – Save Felixstowe
 Countryside – 404

Graham Leslie Newman – Conservative – 535

Bernard James Price – Liberal Democrat - 473

There was a good turnout for the by-election. Unlike many Town and Parish Councils which co-opt some or all of their members or where members are returned unopposed, all seats at Felixstowe Town Council are regularly contested. In the last 28 years there has only been one co-option to the Town Council.

- **The Mayor's Charity Ball** – Two very worthwhile local charities, Level2 and Home Start Suffolk Coastal have benefitted from the Mayor's Charity Ball. Many charities are finding great difficulties in the current financial climate and both the Mayor's charities need as much support as possible to continue to provide vital services for families and young people in our community. Level2 has recently experienced real financial difficulties and at one time there was the possibility that it would close but fortunately Level2 has been reprieved.
- **Mayor's Awards** – There have been a large number of nominations for this years Mayor's Awards and the Committee has had a difficult job in deciding between the many outstanding individuals who contribute to our community. The number and standard of nominations show very clearly what a caring and compassionate community we live in. The names of the award winners will be announced at the Civic Awards ceremony which is to be held in early May. The names of the winners will be included in the next edition of the newsletter.
- **Tribute to Felixstowe's Clergy** – Every year the Mayor hosts a gathering for all the Clergy, including retired Clergy, in Felixstowe. This year the Clergy were entertained by the Mayor, Mike Deacon and the Mayoress, Anne Deacon at Felixstowe Town Hall on 20th March. This was a very pleasant occasion and it was an opportunity for the Mayor to thank the Clergy who make such a contribution to the community in Felixstowe.

FACTS ABOUT FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

How to contact us

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Officials of the Council: -

Town Clerk: Mrs Susan Robinson

Technical Advisor: Mrs Rosemary Jones

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

Forthcoming meetings:-

13th May – Annual General Meeting
7.15pm at Felixstowe Town Hall
3rd June at Felixstowe Town Hall
5th August at Felixstowe Town Hall

What We Do....

Some services the Town Council provides

Allotments, Felixstowe in Flower, Cemetery
Senior Citizens/Community Centres
(Broadway House and Walton)
Felixstowe Town Hall
Grants to local organisations
Youth forum
Civic occasions
Flood Memorial

Some of what we do in partnership

Consultation on planning applications
Highways matters/transport issues
Town Centre Management/Libraries
Safer neighbourhoods ,
Landguard Partnership
Felixstowe Futures
Twinning, Christmas Lighting
Play area/sports facility.

LIST OF FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCILLORS

EAST WARD

A by election for this seat - 26th February, 2009.

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SOUTH WARD

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SOUTH EAST WARD

One Vacancy

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WEST WARD

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County Councillors:

One vacancy [Felixstowe Coastal Division]

Mr Graham Newman, 1 Mellis Court, Felixstowe IP1 1 2YQ [Felixstowe Coastal Division]

Email: Graham.Newman@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk Phone: 01394 670316

Mr John Goodwin, 23 Beatrice Avenue, Felixstowe IP11 9HB [Felixstowe North/Trimley Division]

District Councillor:

for the South Ward: **Mr P Coleman**, 18 Cavendish Road, Felixstowe IP11 2AR.

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What do YOU think?

We want to hear your views. Please let us know by telephone, fax or email..and why not come along to our Council meetings to see what's going on.