

T H E UCKFIELDVOICE

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I am delighted to have been re-elected as Uckfield's Town Mayor for a second year. It is an honour and I am proud to represent this town that I love. I look forward to continuing to work with Councillor Jackie Love, Deputy Mayor over the next twelve months.

New Councillors

It is wonderful to be able to welcome six new councillors to the Town Council. They bring with them fresh ideas and new



GRANTS 2020/2021

Applications invited from Uckfield Voluntary Organisations

Application forms can be downloaded from www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk or requested by post via: Uckfield Town Council, Civic Centre, Uckfield TN22 1AE Tel: 01825 762774 Email: grants@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE

Friday 23 August 2019

After which date the Council will be unable to consider applications



Cllr Spike Mayhew, Mayor

experience which are always appreciated. I am looking forward to working with them all.

Youth members

I am also thrilled that we have two youth members joining the council. Lewis WestWood Flood and Ashley Brunsdon are both studying A-levels at Uckfield College and have a keen interest in politics. We look forward to including them in our debates and discussions and hearing their views on the town.

> Contact us through: admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk @uckfieldtowncouncil

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YOUR NEW TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Councillors sit on various committees to progress the agreed Annual Plan and Priorities of the Town Council.

The General Purposes Committee

This committee deals with Finance, Human Resources, overseeing the running of all council buildings and any maintenance issues arising from them.

The Environment and Leisure Committee

The E&L Committee deals with leisure and events, grounds maintenance, open spaces and community safety.

Plans Committee

The Town Council is a statutory consultee on Uckfield-based planning applications.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2019-2020

Following the Annual Statutory Meeting held on Monday 13 May 2019, the following councillors have been appointed to the Town Council committees.

General Purposes Committee

9 members - reports to Full Council

Cllr. C. Macve Chairman Cllr. D. Ward Vice-Chairman Cllr. B. Cox Cllr. J. Edwards Cllr. H. Firth Cllr. J Love Cllr. A. Smith Cllr. C. Snelgrove Cllr. P. Sparks

Plans Committee

7 members - reports to Full Council

Cllr. D. French Chairman Cllr. D. Bennett Vice-Chairman Cllr. J. Beesley Cllr. B.Cox Cllr. J. Love Cllr. C. Macve Cllr. S. Mayhew

Personnel Sub-Committee

5 members - reports to the General Purposes Committee Cllr. D. Ward Chairman Cllr. P. Sparks Vice-Chairman Cllr. J. Edwards Cllr. H. Firth Cllr. C. Macve

Environment and Leisure Committee

9 members - reports to Full Council

Cllr. J. Beesley Chairman Cllr. D. French Vice-Chairman Cllr K. Bedwell Cllr. D. Bennett Cllr. B. Cox Cllr. J, Edwards Cllr. G. Johnson Cllr. S. Mayhew Cllr. A. Smith

Finance Sub-Committee

5 members - reports to General Purposes Committee Cllr. P. Sparks Chairman Cllr. B. Cox Vice-Chairman Cllr. J. Beesley Cllr. C. Macve Cllr. D. Ward

The Voice Editorial Panel

3 members

Cllr. J Edwards Cllr. D. French Cllr. C. Macve

Uckfield East



Cllr Donna French



Cllr Chris Macve Uckfield Ridgewood



Cllr Paul Sparks



Cllr Jes Beesley



Cllr James Edwards Uckfield North



Cllr Karen Bedwell



Cllr Jackie Love



Cllr Angie Smith Uckfield New Town



Cllr Colin Snelgrove



Cllr Duncan Bennett Uckfield New Town



Cllr Ben Cox



Cllr Helen Firth

Cllr Diane Ward



Cllr Spike Mayhew Uckfield West

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Cllr Gary Johnson



LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

Confirming our commitment to Plastic-Free

Members have re-confirmed their commitment to building a plastic free community in Uckfield. The town's plastic free working group, which grew out of the information sessions held at the end of March, by Brighter Uckfield, local blogger Zero Waste Maman and Uckfield Town Council are now taking forward work to reduce the use of single-use plastic in Uckfield. This will include delivering the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Community Toolkit and setting up a Refill campaign



in Uckfield to encourage people to purchase fewer plastic bottled drinks and refill their reusable drink containers at local refill stations around the town. Working to the 'Surfers against Sewage' campaign requires the Town Council to lead by example, to encourage plasticfree initiatives and form part of the working group.

The wider group plan to engage with local businesses, schools and community groups to get the campaign off the ground over the next few months, so watch this space!

Supporting the Ridgewood Village Hall Committee with their lottery bid

Town Councillors agreed at their full Council meeting on 13 May to reallocate funding set aside in earmarked reserves to replace the car park adjacent to the hall, to support the wider Ridgewood Village Hall improvements. There will be an expectation that a newly resurfaced car park will form part of the overall cost of the project.

This change was made to show the Town Council's support to the Village Hall Committee with their application to the National Lottery Community Fund, for grant funding towards refurbishing and extending the hall.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Full Council agendas and minutes can be seen at Uckfield Library. If you wish to ask a question at a meeting, on items on the agenda, it is advisable to submit

MON 3 JUNE	- ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 17 JUNE	– PLANS
MON 24 JUNE	- FULL COUNCIL
MON 1 JULY	- GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 8 JULY	– PLANS
MON 15 JULY	- ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 29 JULY	– PLANS

your question beforehand to allow a full response to be given at the meeting. All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

COMING NEXT MONTH

- Councillors representation on
 Outside Bodies
- Weald on the Field