



# THE UCKFIELD VOICE

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### THIRD YEAR IN THE RUNNING...

*As we welcome sunnier days and hopefully(!) warmer weather, we start a new municipal year at the Town Council.*

by Louise Eastwood

At the Annual Statutory Council meeting on 8th May 2017 I was very fortunate to be elected to the position of Town Mayor for one more year, with Deputy Mayor Cllr Duncan Bennett. Our civic roles enable us to learn so much about the town and the people who work and live here. Thank you to you all for inviting us to your events and activities, we love to hear about the work that you do!

I was invited to Uckfield Community Technology College's (UCTC) Mock Election Debate in May which was a fantastic exercise organised by the politics students. Local politicians were in attendance from the various parties and the students asked some excellent questions which created good healthy debate within the room. Will some of these students be our future politicians? I'm not sure, but they asked some challenging questions!

We have welcomed three non-voting youth members onto the Town Council over the past couple of months to participate in our discussions about local issues. All three are politics students from UCTC; Callum Boyce, Owen Coleman and Daniel Manvell.

We look forward to working closely with them over the course of the year.

I'm often asked about matters within the town centre whilst carrying out civic duties. I'd like to reassure residents that the Town Council has agreed to upgrade the CCTV system within the town centre. We plan to install the latest modern camera technology and join the Sussex CCTV Partnership led by Sussex Police, which provides a direct link to their control room. This not only means improved clarity in the footage captured but also means that as the partnership reviews its systems, the Town Council can ensure the equipment used remains in line with the latest technology. The Town Council has also agreed to replace the Town Clock as the existing one is unfortunately broken beyond repair.

I'm looking forward to the summer months – a full calendar of events and activities for Uckfield residents and visitors. A big thank you to all of the volunteers and community groups who make this happen! You make our town one to be proud of!



Cllr. Louise Eastwood

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# UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018

The new committee memberships were agreed at the statutory meeting of the council held on 8th May 2016

### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (9) (Reports to Full Council)

1	Cllr. D. Ward	Chairman
2	Cllr. J. Love	Vice-Chairman
3	Cllr. M. Dean	
4	Cllr. L. Eastwood	
5	Cllr. K. Everett	
6	Cllr. H. Firth	
7	Cllr. P. Meakin	
8	Cllr. I. Smith	
9	Cllr. P. Sparks	

### ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE (9) (Reports to Full Council)

1	Cllr. M. Dean	Chairman
2	Cllr. D. French	Vice-Chairman
3	Cllr. J. Beckford	
4	Cllr. D. Bennett	
5	Cllr. K. Everett	
6	Cllr. H. Firth	
7	Cllr. S. Mayhew	
8	Cllr. I. Smith	
9	Cllr. D. Ward	

### PLANS COMMITTEE (7) (Reports to Full Council)

1	Cllr. S. Mayhew	Chairman
2	Cllr. D. French	Vice-Chairman
3	Cllr. J. Anderson	
4	Cllr. D. Bennett	
5	Cllr. D. Everett	
6	Cllr. J. Love	
7	Cllr. C. Macve	

### FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE (9) (Reports to General Purposes Committee)

1	Cllr. P. Sparks	Chairman
2	Cllr. C. Macve	Vice-Chairman
3	Cllr. J. Beckford	
4	Cllr. P. Meakin	
5	Cllr. D. Ward	

### PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE (5) (Reports to General Purposes Committee)

1	Cllr. H. Firth	Chairman
2	Cllr. P. Meakin	Vice-Chairman
3	Cllr. L. Eastwood	
4	Cllr. P. Sparks	
5	Cllr. D. Ward	

### NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL (3) (Reports to General Purposes Committee)

1	Cllr. D. French	
2	Cllr. C. Macve	
3	Cllr. P. Meakin	

# UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2017-2018



### FULL COUNCIL

ORGANISATION	NUMBER REQUIRED	COUNCILLOR(S)
Uckfield Town Centre Regeneration Joint Committee	2	Cllr. L. Eastwood, Cllr. D. Ward
Uckfield Town Centre Regeneration Joint Committee – Substitute Members	2	Cllr. D. French, Cllr. J. Love
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	2	Cllr. P. Sparks, Cllr. C. Macve
Gatwick Airport Consultation Group	1	Cllr. C. Macve, Cllr. D Bennett - substitute

### ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee	1	Cllr. C. Macve
West Park L .N. R.	1 & substitute	To be appointed at the first meeting of Environment and Leisure Committee on 30th May 2017.
Hempstead Meadows L. N. R	1 & substitute	
Uckfield and District Twinning Association	1	Cllr. S. Mayhew
Age Concern (AGM only)	1	Cllr. C. Macve, Cllr J. Love - substitute
Luxford Centre Management Committee	1	Cllr. C. Macve
Wealden Bus Alliance	1	Cllr. K. Everett

### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Uckfield Volunteer Centre	1	Cllr. P. Meakin
Citizens Advice Bureau	1	Cllr. P. Sparks
Ridgewood Village Hall Management Committee	1	Cllr. K. Everett
Uckfield and District Preservation Society - Bridge Cottage Committee	1	Cllr. D. French
Wealden District Association of Local Councils Management Committee	1	Cllr. D. Ward
Wealden District Association of Local Councils Planning Panel	1	Cllr. H. Firth
(East) Sussex Association of Local Councils (Attendance at AGM only)	2	Cllr. D. Ward, Cllr. H. Firth - substitute
Emergency Planning Co-ordinators	2	Cllr. L. Eastwood, Cllr. D. Bennett

# LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

*Each month Councillors take part in a number of committee and other meetings, including a Full Council meeting every two months. Here are some of the decisions which have been taken by those committees during April 2017:*

The Environment and Leisure Committee reviewed a report on the ecology of Harlands Pond. On receiving concerns from local residents about the condition of the water, a survey was commissioned. The pond was recently designated as a Local Wildlife Site by Wealden District Council due to its significant toad population. It was recommended that the public be dissuaded from feeding wildlife within the pond.

Members also agreed to restore the Cardale Memorial and for it to remain at Victoria Pleasure Ground. However, if a more suitable location were to be found in the future it would be relocated. The General Purposes Committee considered a

recommendation from the Environment and Leisure Committee which requested funds from the Town Council to support the running of a Saturday bus service between Forest Row and Heathfield. Despite one of the five parishes pulling out of the arrangement, members agreed to provide a financial contribution towards the service on the proviso that the other three parishes were still able to contribute.

Detailed Minutes of all Council committees can be seen on the Uckfield Town Council website [www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk](http://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk) under 'Your Council'.

## UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



### GRANTS FOR 2017/2018

Uckfield voluntary organisations.

Application forms can now be downloaded from [www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk](http://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk)

or

are available by applying to:

**Uckfield Town Council**

**Civic Centre**

**Uckfield**

**East Sussex TN22 1AE**

**Tel: 01825 762774**

**Email: [linda@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:linda@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)**

#### **CLOSING DATE:**

**Friday 25th August 2017**

After which date the Council would be unable to consider applications.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### JUNE

5th	-	GENERAL PURPOSES
12th	-	PLANS
19th	-	FULL COUNCIL

### JULY

3rd	-	PLANS
10th	-	ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE
17th	-	GENERAL PURPOSES
24th	-	PLANS
31st	-	FULL COUNCIL

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