

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Uckfield on Monday 18 July 2022 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Cllr. D. Ward (Chair)	Cllr. J. Love
Cllr. P. Sparks (Vice-Chair)	Cllr. C. Macve
Cllr. J. Edwards	Cllr. G. Johnson
Cllr. H. Firth	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Lewis – Administrative Officer
Minutes taken by Linda Lewis

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda, but nothing was forthcoming.

2.0 STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

None.

3.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A. Smith.

4.0 MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 6 June 2022

GP11.07.22 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee on 6 June 2022 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Action list

Members reviewed and noted the action list and agreed to remove the following items which had been completed: -

GP23.11.21- To consider an alternative proposal – to lease our Civic Centre rooms as office space.

GP38.04.22 - To note the current position of the Town Council's buildings.

GP06.06.22 – To consider an upgrade to the Town Council Server Cabinet and Network Security.

4.3 Project list

Members noted the project list and agreed to remove the following completed projects: -

no 70 Civic Centre Gutter Clearance and Bird Netting and
no. 73 WPA NHS Top-Up,

5.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note bills paid

Members noted the bills paid.

5.2 No income and expenditure reports are available due to year end processes.

5.3 Bad Debts

Members noted the report.

5.4 Finance Summary

GP12.07.22 Members considered the report of re-investment options and **RESOLVED** to instruct the Clerk to proceed with:
NatWest 12month fixed rate 2.25%

6.0 BUILDINGS

6.1 To note the current position with the Council's buildings

Members noted the report.

7.0 POLICY

None.

8.0 ADMINISTRATION

8.1 To receive a report on Health and Safety within the Council

Members noted the report.

8.2 To receive Members' audit reports (March and April 2022)

Members noted the audit reports.

9.0 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

9.1 To consider reports from: -

(i) Wealden Citizen's Advice

Nothing to report at this time.

(ii) East Sussex Association of Local Councils AGM

Nothing to report at this time.

(iii) Ridgewood Village Hall Management Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

(iv) Uckfield & District Housing Association Ltd Mgt Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

(v) Uckfield and District Preservation Society

Nothing to report at this time.

(vi) Uckfield Volunteer Centre

Nothing to report at this time.

(vii) Wealden Works

Nothing to report at this time.

(viii) Wealden District Association of Local Councils – Mgt Committee
Nothing to report at this time.

(ix) Wealden District Association of Local Councils – Planning Panel
Nothing to report at this time.

The Chair informed members that East Sussex Association of Local Councils had their AGM last Thursday, 14th July, and Cllr. Edwards advised that the Ridgewood Village Hall Management Committee meeting was being held this evening of the 18th July 2022.

The Chair reminded members that reports from working groups should be prepared by members and officers were not to be expected to do these.

10.0 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11.0 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk was not in attendance.

12.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

GP13.07.22

It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

12.1 To consider an update from Luxfords Restaurant
Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.