



BATTLE TOWN COUNCIL

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As only eleven candidates were nominated for the seventeen seats on Battle Town Council in the May election, they were all duly elected to serve on the Council for the next four years.

At the first full Council meeting, Cllr Margaret Kiloh was re-elected to serve another year as Chairman of the Council and Mayor. Cllr David Furness was re-elected as Vice-Chairman and Deputy Mayor. The members also elected a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each of the four committees. The committees have drawn up detailed action plans and are already working hard to take these plans forward for the benefit of those who live or work in the Battle Council area.

Battle Town Council will be seeking to co-opt members to fill the six vacant seats. There are four vacancies in Watch Oak Ward and two vacancies in Marley Ward. If you are interested in serving the residents of Battle, please visit www.battletowncouncil.org.uk or contact the Town Clerk for details.



Battle Local Action Planning Group's Survey

The Battle Local Action Planning group (BLAP) aims to make a positive difference to Battle and the surrounding area. For example, members of the group lobbied hard for the provision of recycling facilities in the Market Square Car Park. The popular Multi- Use-Games-Area in the Recreation Ground in North Trade Road is one of BLAP's major successes and they are now working towards building the Battle Health Pathway.

BLAP has identified four domains, which they believe should be addressed in the future. They are now seeking the views of the community through a survey. Every resident's views are important, so please get a copy of the survey and record your rating against the four domains: Battle town appearance and promotion as a tourist town; Cycle and pedestrian routes; Sports facilities for Battle and Netherfield; and Traffic and Transport in the Battle area.

You will find copies of the survey in the Library, The Almonry, Battle Memorial Hall, Netherfield village shop and many more places around Battle. Surveys can be emailed to paulafisher@talktalk.net or placed in the box at The Almonry.



Battle Health Pathway Project

Battle Town Council has given their support for a Health Pathway to be built around the Recreation Ground in North Trade Road. The path will provide an all-weather route so that everyone can use the area throughout the year. It will enable people to enjoy a gentle perambulation by foot, wheelchair or mobility scooter, to take in the wonderful views. Children will have a safe path where they can learn to skate, scoot or ride their bike. At just over half a kilometre in length, the path will be useful for runners etc. in training. Battle Town Council has agreed to install some outdoor fitness equipment adjacent to the path. The path will also provide a traffic free route for cyclists between North Trade Road and Asten Fields.

The project group from BLAP is now seeking help to raise funds in order to get the path built. If you can help by joining the project group, holding a fundraising event or making a donation, please get in touch via battlehealthpathway@hotmail.com or visit [facebook.com/BattleHealthPathway](https://www.facebook.com/BattleHealthPathway). (Cheques made payable to 'BLAP' may be sent to the Almonry)

The project group wish to record their thanks to the Battle Scarecrow Festival Committee, which is supporting the Battle Health Pathway Project this year.

Competition to Design an Art Installation

Battle Town Council is looking for inspirational ideas for a work of art, on the theme of the Battle of Hastings, to be placed on the main roundabout in Battle to mark the 950th anniversary of the battle in October 2016. It is hoped that the roundabout will become the pride of the town and a major artistic attraction for visitors.

Entries must be submitted by 1st July 2015 and entry packs can be obtained from the Town Clerk at The Almonry. All the entries will be displayed in Battle Library from mid-July and the public will be asked to vote for their favourite entry. The judging panel will evaluate the top five designs and the winner will be announced by the end of August. The winning amateur designer will be awarded a prize of £250.





Battle Town Council Committees

The Planning and Transport Committee, under the chairmanship of Cllr Richard Jessop, will continue to consider planning applications within the Council's area and express their views to the Planning Authority. They will also develop a policy in relation to parking, public transport and highways and make recommendations to the relevant Authorities. This committee will be developing the Neighbourhood Plan, which will set out the policies for the location of houses, shops and offices or set the design standards for new development.

The External Relations and Town Development Committee is chaired by Cllr Sylvie Pry. Their most urgent action is to bring a new website online and then to further develop it in order to serve the needs of the Council and those who visit the website. As well as considering ways to communicate better with residents, voluntary and statutory bodies and local businesses in the Council area, the Committee is already working on joint projects with bodies outside the Council that will benefit residents and visitors.

The cemetery extension is a major project for the Environment Committee, which is chaired by Cllr Glenna Favell. The Committee is also working to improve the sports and leisure facilities as well as the allotments. Additionally, the members will be monitoring the appearance and maintenance of the Council's estate - the shaws and meadows as well as the seating, lighting and signage within the Council area.

Please visit www.battletowncouncil.org.uk to find out more about how the Council is organized and run. You can contact Andy Beams, the Town Clerk, or his deputy, Carol Harris, at The Almonry about any queries that you may have. Alternatively, you can get in touch with a Councillor.



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Forthcoming Meeting Dates

Full Council

21st July 2015

Environment Committee

28th July 2015

External Relations & TD Committee

4th August 2015

Finance & General Purposes Committee

7th July 2015

Planning & Transport Committee

1st, 15th and 29th July 2015

THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Heritage Trails for Battle

The External Relations and Town Development Committee of Battle Town Council has agreed to support the installation of works of art to form heritage trails in and around Battle. It is hoped that they will increase cultural and family tourism, which will have a positive impact on the local economy. The first phase is due to be completed by October 2016.

The initial route will be centred within the town and designed to provide access by all. It will explore the Growth of Battle, focussing on the buildings and local history. The second trail, looking at Battle Town and Country, will take visitors further afield, tracing the way that Battle sits within the environment. Both trails will have artworks installed along the routes.



Fresh Fruit and Veg

If you would like to experience the joy of growing fresh fruit and vegetables or flowers, but don't have a garden or a suitable plot of land, why not consider renting an allotment? There are still a few

plots available in Battle and Netherfield. They cost from just £16 a year, depending on the size.

It's not just plants that are cultivated on Battle Town Council Allotments – friendships are formed and grown, too. You don't even have to know much about horticulture, as other allotment holders are keen to share their knowledge and experience.

Battle Festival Fundraising Concert

Tim Rice-Oxley and Tom Chaplin of international hit band Keane, who have not performed together for over two years, will stage a fundraising concert in support of Battle Festival, of which Tim is a patron.

Details are still being finalised, but the event will be held in Battle, Tim's hometown. He said, "Last year's festival, the first, was a huge success and this year it is going to be even better, but the event is still in its infancy and a bigger budget would really help them." David Furness, Chair of the Festival Committee, has confirmed that there will be an allocation of reduced priced tickets for Battle residents.

