



Mayor's Highlights

- Councillor Iain Emmett

I have enjoyed my first year as Town Mayor. It has been an honour to represent both the town and the Council at numerous events over the past year. It is rewarding to see so many people actively helping others in the community. I firmly believe that the Town Council is moving Cullompton forward in many areas and adapting to the increasing demands placed upon it by central Government, Devon County Council (DCC) and Mid Devon District Council (MDDC).

During the past year it has been my pleasure to attend:

- An excellent cocktail party at Hillesdon House to raise money for the Swimming Pool Campaign and Art House project.
- Raising the flag ceremony for Armed Forces Day at Phoenix House.
- Presentation by Tesco of approx. £300 from book sales to the 'Save Cully Play Parks' Group for Head Weir Road play area.
- Consultation in the Town Hall on Friday 23 June re NW Urban Extension proposals.
- Presentation at Woodmill when they received an 'outstanding' Quality Care Award. Wonderful facility in the town.
- Remembrance Day services.
- Devon County Council Highway Conference.
- Assemblies at all three local schools to present the prizes in my Town Mayor's Christmas Card competition.

The Town Council is working hard to promote Cullompton, improve facilities, keep the town clean and looking attractive. It works with DCC and MDDC on short and long term projects that will benefit the town. Planning decisions are a major part of the council's work especially with all the new large housing development in the area and the Councillors have attended many meetings throughout the past year with both the district and county councils to talk about and plans for new housing development to both the West and East of Cullompton and also about improvements to the town's leisure facilities and commercial development.

In April 2017 the Council's Youth Council met for the first time, we are still looking for more young people to join the group and contribute to the decisions that are being made about the future of Cullompton.

In May the Council agreed to purchase the unused phone box in Honiton Road, however, due to its location, we are still looking for a good use for it.

In June the Council organised a footpath walk and an outdoor cinema event as part of the Cullompton's Festival Event. Also in June we invited Barclays Bank to a Council meeting to explain its decision to lose the local branch.

In August a group of Group of young people from the National Citizens Service carried out voluntary work to clean the leat and path between Higher Mill and Middle Mill. They did a very good job.

In November the Council organised and switched on the Christmas lights. The Christmas Festival Event was very well attended and included a very successful lantern parade. The Council is very grateful to everyone that helped to make this a brilliant day that we hope those that took part will remember it long into the future. We will be building on this success this year and hope that everyone will support us this again year as we couldn't do it without you.

As Mayor, I would like to thank all the Town Councillors for their work and commitment in attending meetings, reading documents and planning projects and events. The Council has been pleased to welcome several new Council members and say goodbye to others. I would like to thank Karl Busch, Camille Harrison and Chris Standford for the contribution they made to the work of the Council during their time as Council members, All Councillors are volunteers who give their own time to attend meetings and work to help sustain and improve the quality of live for all those that live in Cullompton. Richard Thorne has also recently decided to resign from the Council and we will soon be looking to fill the vacancy.

I believe positive things are happening in Cullompton, there are more shops and new businesses opening and more informed discussions and planning for the town. As Cullompton is gradually becoming the strategic development point for Mid Devon it should also attract more businesses that want easy access to the M5. I think Cullompton has a great future ahead of it.

As Mayor, I extend my thanks to the community of Cullompton, the majorettes, the scouts and brownies, the sporting clubs, the businesses, the traders and every group who actively works to support the town, and all those individuals who work with me on a huge variety of projects. Each one in its own way makes the town a better place to live in.

Community Support

Some of the other things the Council did during the year include to support the local community include:

- Giving a total of £2,493.00 in grants to support local community group and organisations.
- Paying the cost of maintaining the public toilets in Station Road to ensure that they remained open.
- Paying for the youth club sessions at the John Tallack Youth & Community Centre.

- Arranging for the production and delivery of a quarterly newsletter to all households in the parish. Anyone who would like an article or advertisement in the Cullompton Crier should contact the Town Clerk. The Crier is an excellent publication and is very good at informing the public of Town Council plans and asking for feedback.
- Continuing to support the street markets.
- Supporting a Townscape Heritage application to the lottery to make major improvements to some of the buildings in the town centre. The application was turned down the first time it was submitted, but this was not entirely unexpected as we had been told that applications are seldom approved at their first submission. The application was updated and refreshed and resubmitted in December last year, we should know the outcome in May. The Council has set aside £12,500 in its budget in the expectation that the application will be approved and the project will start to move forward during 2018.

During the year the Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding for a number of projects including:

- £1,400 from the Town & Parish Fund towards the widening of the leat path between Station Road and Higher Mill plus a further £5,000 from Devon County Council to complete the project.
- £2,000 from the Tesco Bags for Life Community Fund towards a project working with the three local schools to create lifesize willow statues to join the town's Christmas Parade.
- £8,598.00 from Groundworks towards preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Cullompton.
- £750 from the Town & Parish Fund towards landing lights for the Air Ambulance at the Cullompton Rugby Club. Devon Air Ambulance contributed the balance required to complete the project.
- £500 from the Town & Parish Fund towards cleaning the War Memorial
- £100 from the Town & Parish Fund towards the printing of a 5k circular route leaflet.

The Council also received a grant of £250 from Cllr John Berry's Locality Budget towards the SpringFest being held on 14 April 2018 and he also contributed £2,000 to the "Save Cully Play Parks" Campaign towards new play equipment at Head Weir Road play area.

YOUR COUNCIL

as at 31 March 2018

TOWN MAYOR

Iain EMMETT

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Daniel BARNES

Eileen ANDREWS

Jordann Mollie BARGE

James BUCZKOWSKI

Gordon GUEST

Kathryn Joanne HASLETT

Janet JOHNS

William Oliver JONES

Lloyd KNIGHT

Liza OXFORD-BOOTH

Rachel SINCLAIR

Martin SMITH

Mike THOMPSON

RESIGNATIONS

during 2017-2018

Karl BUSCH

Camille HARRISON

Richard THORNE

Working Groups

There are several working groups that report to the standing Committees and the council such as the Policy Review Working Group and the Traffic and Environment Working group. These groups will make recommendations to the Committees or council as appropriate who will, in turn, adopt these recommendations or not as it sees fit.

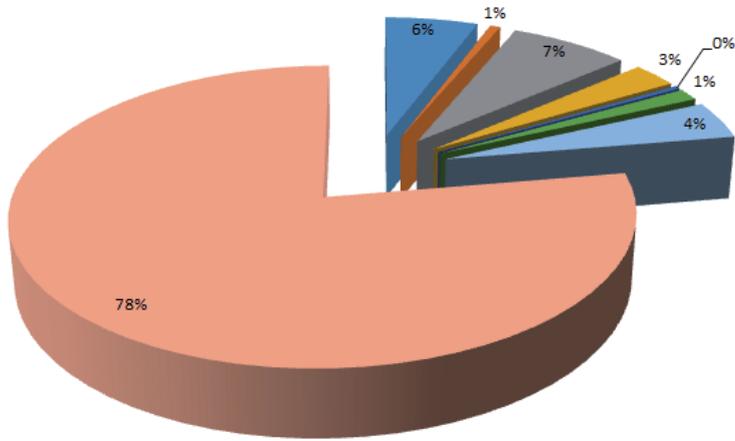
In addition, there are several outside bodies that have standing council representation such as the Cullompton Community Association, the Swimming Pool Campaign and the Cullompton United Charities.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

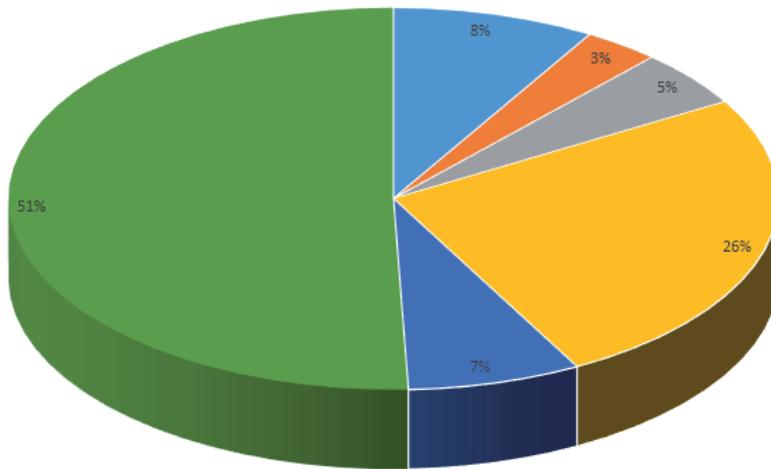
Committee	What they do...
Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee Chair James Buczkowski	Scrutinises the finances of the council together with formulation and review of policy documents and personnel matters. Meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday.
General Purposes Committee Chair Iain Emmett	Manages the maintenance of the council's fixed assets such as the Town Hall, Cemetery and play areas. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday.
Planning Committee Chair Gordon Guest	Meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday to consider and make representations on behalf of the council to the Planning Authority concerning planning applications in the Parish.
Community Wellbeing Committee Chair Eileen Andrews	Tasked with matters concerning the wellbeing of the community including the production of publicity material, town events, festivals and the Christmas lights display. Meets monthly on the second Tuesday.
Market Committee Chair Eileen Andrews	Manages the weekly street market including the promotion and improvement of it. Meets quarterly and has membership from outside the council.

Where the money came from...

- Cemetery Fees
- Miscellaneous and Administration
- Service Agreements
- Town Hall Hire
- Interest
- Council support grant
- Underspend 2016.17
- PRECEPT



How the money was spent...



- General Purposes
- Planning and Licensing
- Community Wellbeing
- Policy, Finance and Personnel
- Miscellaneous
- Payroll Expenses

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