

**Minutes of Sevenoaks Town Partnership Meeting held at the Town Council Chamber
On Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 6.30 p.m.**

Executive Board:

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Representing	Number	Current Member	Current Organisation	
Sevenoaks Town Council	3	CEO / Town Clerk Cllr Tony Clayton Cllr Simon Raikes		Present Apologies Present
Sevenoaks District Council	1	Cllr Avril Hunter		Present
Transport	2	Tony Clayton Austin Blackburn	Sevenoaks Rail Travellers Association Go Coach	Apologies Present
Leisure Facilities	3	Jane Parish CEO Andrew Eyre (Chairman) Knole	Sencio Stag Hannah Kay	Apologies Present Present
Chamber of Commerce	1	Nick Brooker		Apologies
Bligh's Meadow	1		Savills, agent for Bligh's owners Standard Life Investments	Apologies
Sevenoaks Chronicle	1			Apologies
Sevenoaks Society	1	Roger Walshe		Apologies
Large Business	2	Maxine Chakowa (Vice Chairman) Elizabeth Dolding	Specsavers Warners Solicitors	Apologies Present
Small Independent Business	2	Roberta Ware Glenn Ball	Francis Jones Jewellers Local Architect	Apologies Present
Resident Association	1			
Round Table	1			Apologies
Police	1			Apologies
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Also in Attendance:

Stephanie Harrison – Committee Clerk & Pink Week
 Cllr Marilyn Canet – Sevenoaks Town Council & Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum
 Mary Hayward – National Trust, Knole
 Cllr Richard Parry – Sevenoaks Town Council
 Cllr Victoria Granville-Baxter – Sevenoaks Town Council
 Susan Evans – Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum
 Richard Baxter – Sevenoaks Society

1. Apologies for Absence

As noted above.

2. Declarations of interest

None received.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Sevenoaks Town Partnership meeting held on 3rd April were received and agreed.

4. Sevenoaks Business Hub

Funding is being sought from Sevenoaks District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Fund.

5. Sevenoaks Business Awards

Nominees have all been informed, with judging taking place on Tuesday 6th August. Eddie the Eagle has been confirmed as guest speaker on 13th September.

6. Member Organisations

Glenn Ball – Vine Pavilion Ramp completed and was recently opened by the Mayor followed by Afternoon Tea.

Go-Coach – Enjoying a busy time and are preparing for the Sevenoaks Bus Network Consultation which takes place on the 25th July from 1-3.30pm at STC offices.

Senior Citizens Forum – Working on a loneliness and isolation report and research into transportation.

Sevenoaks Society – Thanked STC for the sponsorship of their recent exhibition which was a huge success. They now have a slideshow of the event available on their website.

Warners – Noted that they are enjoying a busy time at the moment.

Chamber of Commerce – Noted that they have had a busy few weeks with their annual golf day, which was a huge success raising over £2,000 for Lavender Fields and money for their three charities, along with their Summer reception at Wildernesse House, which was well attended and lots of fun. Also the Mixed Generation event and a Work Experience Week, Liz Dolding, speaking on behalf of Julie Phillips thanked Go-Coach and STC for providing transportation. The first Wednesday event will be held on the 7th August at the Vine Pavilion.

Knole – Reported a very busy June in which they held a Conservation Week, with 14 school visits and 31 group visits. They also held story telling and Babychino coffee mornings which proved to be a great success. Four tours were organised for visually impaired visitors. They have also been busy with their VIP/Celebration events as part of the evaluation process of the completion of their Heritage Lottery Funding.

Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum – This group of 80 artists operate within the Kaleidoscope Gallery at Sevenoaks Library. They aim to network and are hoping to produce signage to help make more people aware of the space they work within.

Pink Week – The organisation of Pink Week is picking up speed with lots of new events being added to this year's calendar. Sevenoaks Boxing Club will be holding a men's and ladies boxing event, with the ladies theme being 'Fight Like a Girl.' Talks are ongoing to organise a cooking competition and some pamper evenings.

Sevenoaks Town Council – Work has been delayed on the ramp at Bat & Ball Station due to problems with Network Rail and the HV and Doo cables. Construction of the Bat & Ball centre will begin soon. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will be resurrected, with the Arts Quarter of particular interest and aiming to hold a referendum in February 2020. The Community Rail Partnership is aiming to launch in September 2019. STC continue lobbying SDC to move the Wednesday market to the High Street.

Stag – Managed to secure the film Vita & Virginia, starting on Friday 12th July. The film was filmed at Knole over three days last year and it would be good to get lots of promotion for the film. The Stag Arts Festival will take place during the month of September, with a flag initiative to mark the 10 years since the Town Council took the lease on the Stag.

7. Date of next meeting

The next STP meeting will take place on 4th September at 6.30pm at the Town Council Chamber.

8. Press Release

None suggested.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.