

**Minutes of Sevenoaks Town Partnership Meeting held at the The Stag Theatre on
Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 6.30pm.**

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 Present Present
Sevenoaks District Council	1	Cllr Avril Hunter		Present
Transport	2	Tony Clayton Austin Blackburn	Sevenoaks Rail Travellers Association Go Coach	Present Present
Leisure Facilities	3	Jane Parish CEO Andrew Eyre (Chairman) Knole	Sencio Stag Hannah Kay	Apologies Present Apologies
Chamber of Commerce	1	Julie Phillips CEO		Present
Bligh's Meadow	1		Savills, agent for Bligh's owners Standard Life Investments	Apologies
Sevenoaks Chronicle	1			Apologies
Sevenoaks Society	1	Roger Walshe		Present
Large Business	2	Maxine Morgans (Vice Chairman) Elizabeth Dolding	Specsavers Warners Solicitors	Apologies Apologies
Small Independent Business	2	Roberta Ware Glenn Ball	Francis Jones Jewellers Local Architect	Apologies Apologies
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

Cllr Victoria Granville-Baxter – Sevenoaks Town Council

Elliott Waters – Sevenoaks Station Manager

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 29th May 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

Ticket sales are down from last year and suggestions were made to add an additional category next year. Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards is guest speaker.

6. A Celebration of Retail in Sevenoaks 2020

Cllr Victoria Granville-Baxter put forward ideas for celebrating and recording the 900th year of retail in Sevenoaks. It was suggested that all shops be photographed with shop staff in a similar vein to those from 1996.

7. Member Organisations

Go-Coach – Enjoying a busy time at the start of the new term. Planning is underway for National Heritage Open Day on the 21st September where they plan to run seven buses, including the iconic No 7 Route-master. Route 8 doing very well with daily numbers peaking at 138 passengers. It was agreed to issue a press release relating to the Vintage Bus operating for one day and recruit volunteer bus conductors.

Senior Actions Forum – Hoping to influence future arrangements for a better base service with SRTA. Reported Maidstone East was up and running.

Sevenoaks Society – Nothing to report.

Chamber of Commerce – Noted that the Next Generation was doing very well. Will be holding a Brexit Breakfast on the 5th November 2019. Will be holding a Cheese & Wine Evening and a Quiz Night.

Pink Week – The organisation is on track, with more events being added and posters arriving soon.

Train Stations – No information available about future franchise. There are timetable changes proposed for December and the consultations end on 9th September 2019. Staff have been trained to help disabled and accessibility. Introduced flower troughs at mainline stations to act as barriers. Advertising opportunities on the station for local events are available. National Rail Passengers Survey taking place.

Sevenoaks Town Council – Work nearing completion on the ramp at Bat and Ball Station connecting the Community Centre to the station. The recent Community Rail Partnership linking together six Kent stations event held on 1st September and was a very successful day, culminating in a ride on the Vintage Bus. As well as the Business Awards STP are looking forward to the Ferrari day being held at The Vine on the 15th September.

Stag – Are having a successful time and are looking forward to the Sevenoaks Arts Festival. New poster boards have been installed. The main doors to the theatre need replacing and funding needed. Screening of Bat & Ball Station Sevenoaks Youth Trust film to be shown on 22nd September 2019 at 5.30pm.

8. Date of next meeting

The next STP meeting will take place on 8th October at 6.30pm at Bat & Ball Station. Guest speaker- Police Commissioner Matthew Scott. Members were asked to assist with encouraging good attendance.

9. Press Release

As previously agreed, details of the Vintage Bus operating to Knole on the 21st September 2019.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.