

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at Sevenoaks Town Council Offices,  
Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 6 December 2010 at 7pm.

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## PRESENT

Cllr S G Raikes – Town Mayor  
Cllr J F London – Deputy Town Mayor

Cllr Mrs S Camp (arr 7:10)	Cllr Mrs M A London
Cllr J M Canet	Cllr R J Parry
Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree	Cllr P E Towell
Cllr A Eyre	Cllrs Mrs P C Walshe

(10)

## In Attendance

Chief Executive/Town Clerk  
Committee Clerk  
11 members of the public

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Brigden, Clayton, Mrs Dawson, Hogarth, Piper and Short.

The Town Mayor welcomed the Youth Councillors and members of the public and thanked them for attending.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the members of the public present.

## 246 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest from Members in respect of items of business included on the agenda were received:-

Cllrs London and Parry, being Members of Kent County Council, stated they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at County level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Kent County Council.

Cllrs London and Parry, being members of Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue, stated that they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at the Authority, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority.

Cllrs Raikes and Mrs Walshe declared a personal interest in any items relating to the Stag Community Arts Centre being members of a user group.

Cllrs London declared a personal interest and Cllr Mrs Crabtree a personal and prejudicial interest and did not vote on this matter. Agenda Item No 11, Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club refers.

**247** MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 22 November 2010 be received, adopted and signed as a true record.

**248** PERSONNEL COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Personnel meetings held on 22 November:

- i. for the Town Council be received and adopted
- ii. for the Stag Community Arts Centre be received and noted.

**249** STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

It was **RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the meeting of the Stag Arts Centre Trustees held on 22 November 2010 be received and noted.

**250** PLANNING

It was **RESOLVED that** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 29 November 2010 be received and adopted.

**251** NALC & FUTURE JOBS FUND

The letter received from the Department for Work and Pensions dated 8 November 2010 in response to NALC's letter dated 13 October 2010 was received and noted.

It was **RESOLVED that** representation be made by the Town Clerk to the local and Kent MPs in support of the newly formed Work Programme to be launched in Spring 2011 comprising two schemes, Work Clubs and Work Together, be swiftly and speedily and implemented by Jobcentre Plus for the benefit of the unemployed to gain valid experience to help them gain future employment.

**252** CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2010

The Town Clerk verbally reported that a very large crowd of approximately 4000 members of the public attended the Christmas Lights Switch On evening in Sevenoaks town centre on Friday 26 November 2010 and that many compliments had been received.

The Councillors thanked all staff of Sevenoaks Town Council, Stag Community Arts Centre and Sevenoaks District Council for all their hard work in making the evening a success.

**It was RESOLVED that** the Town Clerk send a thank you letter on behalf of the Town Council to the:

- i) Chronicle for their immense support of the festivities this year
- ii) Sevenoaks Freemasons who financed the Stage.

**253** ROYAL WEDDING 2011

The Town Council encouraging street parties by the provision of a fund was discussed.

**It was RESOLVED that** the Councillors meet early January 2011 to discuss

ideas to commemorate the Royal Wedding in 2011.

254) RALEY'S CENTRE

It was **RESOLVED that** the Town Council authorise the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk to sign and seal a lease between Sevenoaks Town Council, Barnies Limited and Ann Windsor relating to Raley's Centre.

255) PACT (PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER)

**It was RESOLVED that** the Town Clerk be authorised to set up a PACT group for the Greatness and Hillingdon area of Sevenoaks and to allow free use of the Community Centre for the meetings.

256) SEVENOAKS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

**It was RESOLVED that** the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be authorised to sign and seal a new lease once negotiations are satisfactorily finalised with Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club.

257) TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Town Mayor's engagements from May to November 2010 were received and noted. The Town Mayor was congratulated on his proactive attendance of events both in Sevenoaks and Kent thereby raising the profile of Sevenoaks

258) PRESENTATION OF PAINTING

An oil painting by Mary Fowdrey entitled "St Nicholas From Six Bells Lane" was presented by the Town Mayor to the Town Council

259) PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE

The Town Mayor on behalf of the Town Council, presented a cheque for the sum of £764.67 following a concert on Armed Forces Day 27 June 2010 to Mr Edward Prentice for Help for Heroes. Mr Prentice sincerely thanked all those involved.

260) PRESS RELEASE

**It was RESOLVED that** a press release be issued asking for local residents for their ideas to celebrate the Royal Wedding and the presentation to the Help for Heroes Charity.

The Meeting closed at 7:30pm

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TOWN MAYOR