

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 16 January at 8:33pm.

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## PRESENT

Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree – Town Mayor  
Cllr R J Parry – Deputy Town Mayor

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| Cllr S L Arnold  | Cllr R M C Hogarth  |
| Cllr C L L Baker | Cllr Mrs M A London |
| Cllr J M Canet   | Cllr S G Raikes     |
| Cllr G R S Clack | Cllr M G Short      |
| Cllr A S Clayton | Cllr P E Towell     |
| Cllr A Eyre      | Cllr Mrs P C Walshe |

(14)

### In Attendance

Chief Executive/Town Clerk  
Responsible Finance Officer  
Committee Clerk

### Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Mrs A E Dawson and Cllr R L Piper  
Deputy Town Clerk

### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

### 313 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr R J Parry, being a Member of Kent County Council, stated he would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at County level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Kent County Council.

Cllr R J Parry, being a member of Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue, stated that he 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 A Eyre, R M C Hogarth, S G Raikes and P E Towell being Members of Sevenoaks District Council stated that they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at District level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Sevenoaks District Council.

Cllrs S L Arnold, S G Raikes and Mrs P C Walshe declared a personal interest in any items relating to the Stag Community Arts Centre being members of a user group.

313 MINUTES

**It was RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 5 December 2011 be received, adopted and signed as a true record.

314 PLANNING

**It was RESOLVED that**

- (a) the Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 12 December 2011 and 9 January 2012 be received and adopted
- (b) the comments on Tree Works [11/03268/FUL & 11/3254/WTPO] forwarded to Sevenoaks District Council under Chairman's actions be received and noted.

315 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Special meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19 December 2011 were received and adopted.

316 PRECEPT

On the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at 7pm on 16 January 2012, **it was RESOLVED that**

- (a) the Precept for the financial year 2012/2013 of £719,300, equivalent to 0% increase on Band D Council tax payers at £77.49, be approved [Minute 292 and 308 refers]

**RECORDED VOTE:**

| <b>Cllrs</b>          | <b>Recorded Vote</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Cllr S L Arnold       | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr C L L Baker      | AGAINST              |
| Cllr J M Canet        | AGAINST              |
| Cllr G R S Clack      | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr A S Clayton      | AGAINST              |
| Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr Mrs A E Dawson   | Apologies received   |
| Cllr A Eyre           | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr R M C Hogarth    | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr Mrs M A London   | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr R J Parry        | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr R L Piper        | Apologies received   |
| Cllr S G Raikes       | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr M G Short        | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr P W Towell       | FAVOUR               |
| Cllr Mrs P C Walshe   | AGAINST              |

The motion was passed.

- (b) the Rolling Capital programme for 2012/2013 be adopted.

317 STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**It was RESOLVED that** the minutes of the meeting of the Stag Community Arts Centre Trustees held on 12 December 2011 and 9 January 2012 be noted.

318 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

A Community Governance Review Consultation document produced by Sevenoaks District Council and circulated to members was received and noted.

**It was RESOLVED that::**

i) Proposed by Cllr Parry, seconded by Cllr Mrs Canet and agreed that delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk and Cllr Parry to prepare and forward a proposal to Sevenoaks District Council for the creation of a 'Greater Sevenoaks' Council.

ii) The proposal to be mindful of the geographical area including the built up areas as one authority; improving effective management; reducing overheads and boundary matters.

iii) Request that Sevenoaks District Council did not make any major changes without agreement from Town and Parish Councils concerned.

319 TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTSa) Town Mayor's Engagements 2011 to date

The functions attended by the Town mayor, Deputy Town Mayor or representatives from May to December 2011 were received and noted.

b) Proposed Civic Events 2012

The forthcoming Civic Events during 2012 being organised by the Town Mayor were received and noted. The Mayor thanked all who had stood in for her and those who attended events as her escort over the past few months. The Mayor reminded the committee of the coming Burns Night at Knole on 27 January 2012, the Bond Night at the Stag Community Arts Centre on 4 February 2012 and the Quiz Night at the Community Centre on 11 February 2012 and looked forward to their support.

320 PRESS RELEASE

**It was RESOLVED that** a Press Release be issued on the Council levying a precept of £719,300. This would be equivalent to a zero percentage increase on Band D council tax payers

The Meeting closed at 8:55 pm

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TOWN MAYOR