

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs A Dawson – Town Mayor
Cllr S Raikes – Deputy Town Mayor

Cllr P Allen
Cllr J M Canet
Cllr A S Clayton
Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree
Cllr A Eyre

Cllr R Hogarth
Cllr J F London
Cllr R J Parry
Cllr R L Piper
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe
(12)

Chief Executive & Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk

An apology for absence was received from Cllrs Brigden, Short and Towell

77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllrs Mrs Dawson and Piper being Members of Sevenoaks District Council, stated 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.

Cllr London declared a personal interest in any matters relating to Kent County Council and Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority

Cllr Parry declared a personal interest in all agenda items concerning Kent County Council and Kent Fire and Rescue Authority.

Cllrs Raikes and Mrs Walshe declared a personal interest in any matters relating to The Stag Community Arts Centre.

78 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 14 December 2009 were received, adopted and signed.

79 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11 January 2010 were received and adopted.

80 STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

A report relating to the signing of the 25 year lease for the Stag Community Arts Centre was received and noted.

Members thanked the Chief Executive for her hard work in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.

It was **AGREED that**

A letter be sent to Warners solicitors thanking them for the pro bono work they had undertaken on behalf of the Stag Community Arts Centre

81 PRECEPT

On the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

It was **RESOLVED that**

The Precept for the financial year 2010/2011 be £715,000, equivalent to 1.59% increase on Band D Council tax payers, be approved

The Capital Rolling Programme for 2010/2011 be adopted.

82 PRESS RELEASE

The Council considered that the 2010/2011 precept would be appropriate for a press release.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm

TOWN MAYOR