

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 26 September 2011 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT

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

Cllr S L Arnold	Cllr Mrs M A London
Cllr C L L Baker	Cllr R L Piper
Cllr J M Canet	Cllr S Raikes
Cllr Mrs A E Dawson	Cllr P E Towell
Cllr A Eyre	

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In Attendance

John London, Freeman of the Town of Sevenoaks
Press Officer, Sevenoaks Chronicle
Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Cllrs G R S Clack, Cllr A S Clayton, Cllr R Hogarth, Cllr M G Short, and Cllr Mrs P C Walshe
- Mr Mark Whyman, Sencio
- Ms Liz Baldock, Head Teacher St Thomas' Roman Catholic School

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Mayor presented the South and South East in Bloom Certificates of Excellence to the Rockdale Housing Association and the Stag Community Arts Centre.

The Town Mayor paid tribute to organisations who made special contributions to the success of the Town Council's Silver Award:

- Rockdale Housing Association for their beautiful gardens
- St Thomas' Roman Catholic School for the kitchen garden tended by their pupils
- Sencio for their garden and wooden bench made by Mencap
- Stag Community Arts Centre for their flower baskets

Sencio are really pleased with the outcome and are very committed to working with the Town Council next year on the project.

It was agreed that a photographic record should be taken of the Open Spaces Team with the Mayor.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No other members of the public were present at the meeting.

167 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 S L Arnold, A Eyre, Mrs A E Dawson, R L Piper, 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 Raikes and S L Arnold declared a personal interest in any items relating to the Stag Community Arts Centre being members of a user group.

Cllr Mrs Dawson declared a personal interest in Minute No 162 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in relation to the grant application and award to Sevenoaks Day Nursery.

168 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 25 July 2011 be received, adopted and signed as a true record.

169 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 12 September 2011 be received and adopted subject to the following amendments:

Page 103 to note that Cllr Piper

- did not declare a personal interest in being a member of the Stag Community Arts Centre's user group
- declared a personal interest in VAWK and not West Kent Mediation

170 PLANNING

a) **It was RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1 and 15 August and 5 September 2011 be received and adopted.

b) The comments forwarded to Sevenoaks District Council under Chairman's actions be received and noted.

171 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 5 September 2011 be received and adopted.

172 STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

The minutes of the Stag Community Arts Centre Trustees held on 26 July, 15 August and 5 September 2011 were received and noted.

173 TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was RESOLVED that the terms of reference for the Youth Services Sub Committee be received and adopted subject to the following amendment:

Co-opted members be invited from other youth groups, for example:

- Hillingdon & Greatness Youth Forum
- Junior Sports Clubs
- Scouts and Guides
- Police
- KCC Youth Service
- Sevenoaks District Council Youth Service

This is not an exhaustive list and does not preclude other local youth groups.

174 TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

The notes of the meeting held on 6 September 2011 were received and noted.

175 PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES – BOUNDARY CHANGES – INITIAL PROSALS

The Freeman of Sevenoaks Town commented that research should be undertaken and comments submitted at a later stage.

It was RESOLVED that a response be sent to the Boundary Commission stating that the Town Council considers that the existing boundary arrangements should continue and is particularly concerned about the proposal to move the Westerham and Crockham Hill into the Tunbridge Wells constituency as there is a strong sense of community in the greater Sevenoaks area.

176 CIVIC EVENTS AND INFORMATION(a) Town Mayor's Engagements 2011 to date

The functions attended by the Town mayor, Deputy Town Mayor or representatives in July and August 2011 were received and noted.

(b) Proposed Civic Events 2011/2012

The forthcoming Civic Events during 2011 organised by the Town Mayor were received and noted subject to the amendment that the official opening of the Ice Skating Rink is on 19 December 2011 and not 17 December 2011.

177 PRESS RELEASE

The following items were considered appropriate for a press release:

- Sevenoaks in Bloom –presentations
- Boundary changes

The Meeting closed at 7:23 pm

TOWN MAYOR