



**Executive Board**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 6.30pm**

**Sevenoaks Council Chamber**  
**Bradbourne Vale Road**

**Executive Board Members:**

Representing	Number	Current Member	Current Organisation
Sevenoaks Town Council	3	Clr Simon Raikes Clr Victoria Granville-Baxter CEO / Town Clerk	
Sevenoaks District Council	1	Clr Avril Hunter	
Kent County Council	1	Clr Streatfeild	
Transport	3	Tony Clayton  Austin Blackburn Elliott Waters	Sevenoaks Rail Travellers Association Go Coach Southeastern
Leisure Facilities	3	Jane Parish CEO Andrew Eyre ( <b>Chairman</b> ) Knole	Sencio Stag Hannah Kay
Chamber of Commerce	1	Dawn Blee CEO	
Blighs Meadow	1	Andy Sims	Savills, agent for Bligh's owners Standard Life Investments
Sevenoaks Chronicle	1	Editor	
Sevenoaks Society	1	Roger Walshe	
Large Business	2	Maxine Morgan ( <b>Vice-Chairman</b> ) Elizabeth Dolding	Specsavers Warners Solicitors
Small Independent Business	2	Roberta Ware Glenn Ball	Francis Jones Jewellers Local Architect
Resident Association	1		
Round Table	1	Mike Williams	
Police	1		
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## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence

### 2. Declarations of Interest

### 3. Minutes

To receive and approve the minutes of the Town Team Board Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### 4. Patron

After many years of service, Sir Michael Fallon has stepped down from his role as Patron and our appreciation is expressed to him. Taking up the position, Laura Trott MBE, MP has already spoken publicly at the Business Awards about her enthusiasm for supporting business in Sevenoaks and we look forward to a long and rewarding relationship.

### 5. Personnel Changes

Elliott Waters, Station Manager at Sevenoaks and Bat & Ball has moved temporarily to Victoria Station. Until November, his place has been taken by Victoria Raggio.

At The Chronicle, Katie Boyden has left to take up a position with the Press Association and Gabriel Shephard has resumed responsibility.

### 6. Trail Tale

The Self Guided walk app produced by TrailTale is live and just over 100 downloads have taken place. According to the developers that is more than double the downloads of the trails for other towns which went live at about the same time. There is more work to be done in promoting the trail.

### 7. Childrens High Street Safari

The town's fourth trail, themed to the Jubilee, finished on 12<sup>th</sup> June. The user stats will be available after a few days. There is a prize of £100 gift voucher from Bat & Ball Sports which will be presented to the winner of a draw of those participants who completed the trail and entered. For the second time the trail was sponsored by Warners Solicitors.

### 8. Sevenoaks Business Awards

The event was held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the Bat & Ball Centre. The results were:

*Independent Business with less than 50 employees:*

Winner – Sevenoaks Sport & Wellbeing

Second – Prime Aesthetics

Third – Connectagroup



*Larger Business*

Winner – COOK

Second – Rockdale

Third – Paydens

*Green Business*

Winner – Mount Vineyard

Second – TN Card

Joint Third – Aquaoaks & Eat for Energy

*New Business – less than 5 years old*

Winner Sevenoaks Sport & Wellbeing

Second – TN Card

Joint Third – Eat for Energy & Aquaoaks

*Micro Enterprise*

Winner – Red Pizza Van

Second – Sevenoaks Sport & Wellbeing

Third – Connectagroup

*Customer Choice*

Winner – TN Card

Second - Aquaoaks

Third – Crop Hair

*Judges Choice* – Bill Terry of Wealden Properties

Main sponsor for the event was Manak Solicitors and thanks are expressed to them together with the category sponsors, Go Coach, Sevenoaks District Council, Kent County Council, Sevenoaks District Chamber of Commerce, Specsavers and Warners Solicitors.

The final figures are still coming in, and it is expected that the event will create a profit around £3,000 which will be put to good use by The Town Team.

The mayors Charity is the Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust and when a few IOU's are honoured the event will have raised £486.

## **9. Public realm**

On 6<sup>th</sup> June the STC Finance & General Purpose Committee approved the expenditure to repaint 64 public realm items in the Town Centre. These are all items that have an electric component such as lamp posts, Belisha beacons and illuminated traffic signs. This work will commence on 18<sup>th</sup> June and provided there are no weather delays should be complete four weeks later.



Six blue and white street name signs are being repainted, with just South Park outstanding.



The District Council is working through a programme to upgrade or replace more than 1000 bins in the District and already we have seen new bins appearing in the town centre. The “before and after” examples below are taken at Boots The Opticians.



There are other jobs to do, such as the painting of bollards and the historic building plaques (Knocker & Foskett have just done theirs) but the town is well on its way to having the principle public realm refreshed.

As part of their celebrations to mark 25 years of their Sevenoaks office Warners Solicitors are to be thanked for providing two new “parklets” for the town. These will be positioned in Suffolk Way and South Park.



The hoarding has recently been replaced at The Farmers site opposite Sevenoaks Station. STC has agreed with the owners that six Darent Valley Railway posters panels and a “Welcome to Sevenoaks” poster panel can all be displayed on the hoarding.

## 10. Wayfinding project

The Draft Strategy has been accepted by STC and funding has been agreed to create a detailed design for the scheme. The Draft Strategy is attached.



#### **11. Sevenoaks Business Hub**

An update from the Chamber will be presented.

#### **12. Britain in Bloom**

The Town Team is working with STC Officers on a range of works to present Sevenoaks in the best possible way for the judging. The Regional judging takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> July and the National Judging in early August.

#### **13. 20mph Zone consultation**

KCC is developing a scheme to widen the 20mph zone and as a pre-cursor to public consultation had a briefing meeting with TT members in May. In broad terms TT members welcomed the concept and gave some immediate input into the design of the scheme and how consultation could be fostered. The next step is for KCC to start advertising and promoting.

#### **14. Reports from Town Team Members**

To receive updates from partnership members and their organisation's activities.

#### **15. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022