

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24th July 2023
in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG

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Meeting Commenced: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7.36 p.m.

Cllr Claire Shea, Mayor	Present	Cllr Chloe Gustard	Apologies
Cllr Libby Ancrum, Deputy Mayor	Present	Cllr Sally Layne	Present
Cllr Sue Camp	Present	Cllr Lise Michaelides	Present
Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet	Present	Cllr David Skinner OBE	Present
Cllr Tony Clayton	Apologies	Cllr Nick Varley	Present
Cllr Catherine Daniell	Present	Cllr Gareth Willis	Present
Cllr Peter Dixon	Present	Cllr Nigel Wightman	Present
Cllr Victoria Granville	Present		

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Senior Committee Clerk

Representations received from Members of the Public: None

236 Apologies for Absence: as shown above.

237 Requests for Dispensations: none received.

238 Declarations of Interest: none received.

239 Minutes of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 12th June 2023
RESOLVED: to accept and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 12th June 2023 as a true record.

240 Minutes of Committees

240.1 Planning Committee

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19th June, 3rd July and 17th July 2023 as true records.

240.2 Finance & General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 12th June 2023 as a true record.

240.3 Community Infrastructure Committee

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Community Infrastructure Committee held on 26th June 2023 as a true record

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240.4 Youth Services Committee

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Services Committee held on 28th June 2023 as a true record

240.5 Open Spaces & Leisure Committee

It was noted that due to typographical error, there was no minute no.202 in the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2023.

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee held on 10th July 2023 as a true record

241 Dispensations for Dual Hatted Councillors & Trustees of The Stag

RESOLVED that:

- 1) In accordance with Sevenoaks Town Council's Standing Order 13 and under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, the following Town Councillors had requested and been granted a Dispensation as a dual hatted Councillor to allow them to discuss and vote on matters where the only reason they would otherwise be prevented from taking part in discussion and voting is due to their membership of Sevenoaks District Council i.e. it does not permit Councillors to take part in discussion and voting automatically if they have a declaration of pecuniary interest unrelated to their membership of Sevenoaks District Council. This dispensation will be valid until the next Town Council Election in May 2027.

Cllr Sue Camp

Cllr Victoria Granville

Cllr Claire Shea

Cllr Nick Varley

Cllr Tony Clayton

Cllr Chloe Gustard

Cllr David Skinner

- 2) In accordance with Sevenoaks Town Council's Standing Order 13 and under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, the following Town Councillors had requested and been granted a Dispensation as a Trustee of the Stag Community Arts Centre to allow them to discuss and vote on matters where the only reason they would otherwise be prevented from taking part in discussion and voting is due to their role as Trustee of The Stag i.e. it does not permit Councillors to take part in discussion and voting automatically if they have a declaration of pecuniary interest unrelated to their membership of Sevenoaks District Council. This dispensation will be valid until the next Town Council Election in May 2027.

Cllr Libby Ancrum

Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet

Cllr Catherine Daniell

Cllr Victoria Granville

Cllr Sally Layne

Cllr David Skinner

Cllr Nigel Wightman

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242 20-mph Speed Limit for Sevenoaks – Public Consultation

Consideration was given to whether the Town Council could undertake public consultation on a 20-mph signage scheme for the town, similar to that carried out by Swanley Town Council and Weald Parish Council.

RESOLVED: that Sevenoaks Town Council could carry out the consultation on a 20-mph signage scheme for the town.

243 Land for Sale, off Oak Lane, Fig Street

The Town Council's attention had been brought to an area of land currently used for woodland which was being sold and community use displaced. It was noted that the land was currently under offer. It was also noted that the adjoining land currently used as a playing field was owned by Kent County Council freehold with a 125-year leasehold as of 2014 to the Kent Catholic Schools Partnership.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To progress, if possible, the registration of both areas of land as Assets of Community Value; and
- 2) To monitor the sale of the land and if comes on the market again, the Town Council to pursue purchase as per its Green Community Investment Plan.

244 Wednesday Market

The Town Council had been considering the location of the Wednesday market but had been advised by Sevenoaks District Council today that there was no possibility of relocating to the High Street. It was agreed therefore that opportunities to expand the market in its current location at Buckhurst Lane be pursued. At its Blue-Sky meeting in September the Town Council would be reviewing the town centre, including detailed consideration of the future of the markets.

245 Complaints Committee

The Committee received the outcome of a complaint received.

RESOLVED: That the outcome of the Complaint Panel Hearing held on 3rd May 2023 be received and noted.

246 Councillor Reports: Town Council Representatives on External Organisations

RESOLVED: To receive and note the reports from Cllr Dr Canet (KALC representative) and Cllr Granville (Sevenoaks District Arts Council representative).

247 Mayor's Engagements

RESOLVED: To note and accept the reports relating to Mayoral activities:

- a) functions attended by the Mayor or her representative up to 16th July 2023; and
- b) forthcoming Civic Events being organised by the Mayor during 2023-24

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The Mayor drew attention to the Mayor's Garden Party being held at the Bat & Ball Centre on Sunday 10th September, 2.00 to 5.00pm to raise funds for her nominated charities.

248 Press Release: None

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting.

Signed
Mayor

Dated