

**Sevenoaks Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy (STSS) Working Group**  
**Held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at the Town Council Offices**

**Meeting Commenced:** 18:00

**Meeting Concluded:** 18:50

**In attendance:**

Sevenoaks Town Council	<b>Cllr Dr Peter Dixon (Vice Chair)</b>
Sevenoaks Town Council	<b>Cllr Nigel Wightman (substituting for Cllr Victoria Granville)</b>
Sevenoaks Town Council	<b>Cllr Lionel O’Hara (substituting for Cllr Catherine Daniell)</b>
Sevenoaks Town Council	<b>Georgina Jackson – Responsible Finance Officer</b>
Sevenoaks Town Council	<b>Nicholas Cave – Open Spaces Manager</b>
Sevenoaks Town Council	<b>Anna Rosinska – Open Spaces &amp; Leisure Committee Clerk</b>
Samsara Bike & Skateboarding	<b>Oliver Ireland</b>
Sevenoaks Football Club	<b>Paul Lansdale</b>
7OAKSTRICLUB	<b>Simon Mann</b>
Sevenoaks Sports Council	<b>Edward Oatley</b>
West Kent Sport & Wellbeing	<b>Steve Rowley</b>

The quorum of 3 elected members was met.

**111. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gareth Willis (Chair of STSS Group), Cllr Dr Merilyn Canet, Cllr Catherine Daniell and Cllr Victoria Granville.

**112. Requests for Dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**113. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**114. Minutes of the Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy Working Group held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

It was agreed to receive and accept the minutes as a true record.

**115. SDC & S.106 Agreement for Indoor Cricket Facilities in Sevenoaks Parish**

The Working Group had received and noted correspondence from SDC to STC regarding the s.106 Agreement for indoor cricket facilities. It was noted that a Freedom of Information request had been submitted to obtain clarification on how the funds were being invested within Sevenoaks.

**116. Update Report from SDC Senior Planning Officer Regarding SDC Sports Strategy**

The update regarding the SDC Sports Strategy was received. The Working Group noted concerns over delays in the publishing of the Sports Strategy by SDC as well as the lack of detailed information in current updates. It was noted that the Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy would be released after the publishing of SDC consultations and strategy and that it would hopefully contain more detail than the SDC Sports Strategy.

**117. Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy – Recent Results**

The Working Group received and noted the responses to the Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy survey since the last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The importance of assigning space for pitches and sports fields in the expansion of the Greatness neighborhood on the site currently owned by Tarmac Ltd was mentioned.

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It was noted that three tenders for the new pavilion for Sevenoaks Town Football Club had been received with great variability in quotes provided. It was advised that the Football Club was awaiting a meeting with surveyors to progress the project further.

The chair of the 7OAKSTRICLUB noted the increase in Sunday parking fees by SDC which would affect next year's triathlon event.

**118. Dates of Future Meetings**

The future Working Group meeting dates were noted:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**119. Press Release: None**

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