

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at Sevenoaks Town Council Offices,
On Monday 17 November 2014 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr S Raikes (Mayor), Cllr S L Arnold (Deputy Mayor), Cllr C L L Baker, Cllr J M Canet, Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree, Cllr A Eyre, Cllr R H Hogarth, Cllr R J Parry, Cllr R L Piper, Cllr P E Towell, Cllr P C Walshe

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Committee Clerk

Apologies for Absence: Cllr N J L Busvine OBE, Cllr G R S Clack, Cllr A S Clayton, Cllr Mrs A E Dawson, Cllr Mrs M A London

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

259. DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensations.

260. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Eyre declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item No 10 of Minute No 268 and abstained from the discussions and voting thereon.

261. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2014

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the Minutes of the Meeting as a true record.

262. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2014

RESOLVED: To receive, note and adopt the Minutes of the meeting as a true record.

263. PLANNING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: To receive, note and adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 and 27 October and 10 November 2014.

263. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2014

RESOLVED: To receive, note and adopt the Finance & General Purposes Committee minutes of 3 November 2014.

264. KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2015

RESOLVED: To adopt the new KALC Community Awards Scheme supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Chairman of Kent County Council and Mayor of Medway Council and that the Town Clerk submit a procedure for the Town Council to submit nominations timely to meet the dated line of Friday 30 January 2014.

265. LOCAL BUS SERVICE – LETTER FROM KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL DATED 6 NOVEMBER 2014

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk investigate further by contacting Go Coach and the Clerk of Kemsing Parish Council and bring a report to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

266. STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: To adopt the revised Standing Orders [*Minute No 213 6 October 2014 refers*] attached as APPENDIX A and to further discuss the Code of Conduct at a future meeting of the Town Council in 2015.

267. MAYOR'S – CIVIC EVENTS AND MAYOR'S CADET

RESOLVED: To receive and note

- a) the functions attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or their representatives and to note the forthcoming Civic Events being organised by the Mayor during 2014/2015 be received. **NOTED** that the Luncheon at Chevening will now be held on 8 April 2015
- b) the recommendation to appoint a Mayor's Cadet, aged between 13 and 19 and a member of a local uniformed cadet group, on an annual basis be adopted.

268. SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES & PROJECTS

RESOLVED: To receive, note and adopt the recommendations from the Blue Skies Meeting held on 1 November 2014:

- a. To sell the Sevenoaks Town Council Offices and invest capital receipts into new community centre/offices.
- b. To appoint RIBS South East to arrange professional specifications, community consultation, shortlist of 3 architect plans for further public consultation/decision in early 2015 for submission of planning permission by end of March 2015. Funding for appointment of RIBA from Homes & Community Agency grant.
- c. To meet SP10 requirements for Raleys Gym to contribute £95,000 from Raleys Capital Receipts towards refurbishment of Sencio.
- d. To replace Indoor Cricket school by pursuing 2 options (i) indoor bowls club or (ii) new school at Wildernessse for the replacement of Indoor Cricket School to the value of £150,000 from Raleys Capital Receipts.
- e. Café on the Vine – should the Cricket Club not be able to meet the commitments previously agreed, the Town Council to move forward on this project.
- f. To investigate the feasibility of providing a large play area in a location close to the Town Centre, budgeted at £100,000.
- g. To work with the Football Club with the development of their plans with the aim to convert the current pavilion at Greatness Recreation Ground into a small community building, incorporating small café, meeting room and public toilets once the Football Club had secured funding for its new facilities.
- h. To provide a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) up to £100,000, location to be reviewed.
- i. To set aside the provision of £120,000 for the provision of 'free' play facilities to include – outdoor gym equipment, outdoor table tennis, basketball nets, additional play equipment. Spread across the town in appropriate green sites.

- j. To set aside the provision of up to £250,000 to support the provision of arts within the Stag Community Arts Centre – trustees to submit proposals.
- k. To set aside £1,000,000 from the Capital Receipt from the sale of Raleys for providing match funded for projects identified within the Sevenoaks Sports Strategy.
- l. To set aside £385,000 for community capital projects identified in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- m. To set aside £500,000 from Capital Receipts from Raleys for contingency and project management of recommendations.
- n. To update the Town Council's priorities to reflect projects agreed and create information document – 'Community Investment Plan', both of which would be public documents.

Items (a) to (i) and (k) to (n) were unanimously agreed. Item (j) was unanimously agreed but it should be noted that Cllr A Eyre had abstained from any discussions and voting in relation to this item concerning the Stag Community Arts centre.

269. PRESS RELEASE

RESOLVED: To produce a press release relating to the Mayor's Cadet and adoption of the Blue Skies recommendations.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the Meeting at 7.45 p.m.

Signed

Mayor

Dated