

**Sevenoaks Town Council**

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Held in the Council Chamber**

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.05 p.m.

**Meeting Concluded:** 7.10pm

**Present:**

Cllr Keith Bonin	Present	Cllr Lise Michaelides	Present
Cllr Nicholas Busvine OBE, Mayor	Present	Cllr Tom Morris Brown	Apologies
Cllr Sue Camp	Present	Cllr Rachel Parry	Apologies
Cllr Dr Merylyn Canet, Deputy Mayor	Present	Cllr Richard Parry	Present
Cllr Tony Clayton	Present	Cllr Robert Piper	Apologies
Cllr Andrew Eyre	Apologies	Cllr Simon Raikes	Present
Cllr Victoria Granville Baxter	Present	Cllr Claire Shea	Present
Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Present	Cllr Edward Waite	Present

**In attendance:** Town Clerk, Senior Committee Clerk

**Public Question Time:** There were 25 members of the public present.

Prior to the beginning of the Meeting the Mayor thanked the following volunteers for their contributions to the Sevenoaks in Bloom success for 2019 and presented them with certificates. The certificates for those not able to attend would be delivered to them.

- Rockdale Housing Association
- Soroptomists International of Sevenoaks
- New Beacon School
- Mr Adrian Cheeseman
- Sevenoaks Living Landscape Project
- West Kent Housing
- West Kent Mind

*The meeting was not recorded.*

**403. Apologies for Absence**

As noted above.

**404. Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**405. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Raikes declared a pecuniary interest in respect of Agenda Item 5 (Request to Rescind Resolution 197(iii) of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 05.08.2019). He took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon.

**406. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

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

**407. Rescindment of Resolution 197(iii) Finance and General Purposes Committee  
05.08.19**

Further to the request by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Council agreed to rescind the resolution requiring residents of Heathfield Road to pay outstanding charges for street lights for the last two years.

**RESOLVED:** that the following Resolution 197(iii) of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be rescinded:

“To all private roads entering into the scheme to also be charged from the time that the last road entered into the scheme.”

**408. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

**409. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

**410. Presentation of Paintings by the Mayor**

In line with Town Council tradition, the Mayor presented two paintings to add to the Town Council’s Art Collection of local scenes by local artists which created a visual social history of Sevenoaks.

**411. Mayors Engagements**

Council noted the functions attended by the Mayor or his representative during November 2019 and the forthcoming Civic Events being planned by the Mayor during 2019/2020.

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

The Mayor congratulated all involved in being presented with the National Railway Heritage Award for Bat and Ball Station, which was recently presented by HRH Princess Anne.

**412. Press Release**

It was agreed not to issue a Press Release.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting.

Signed .....

Chairman

Dated .....