

Sevenoaks Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 5th December 2022 Bat & Ball Centre, Crampton's Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN

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Meeting Commenced: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7.15 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Planning Committee Clerk

Present: 40 members of the public.

Representations received from Members of the Public: None

466 Apologies for Absence: as shown above

467 Requests for Dispensations: none received.

468 Declarations of Interest: none received.

469 Minutes of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 21st November 2022
It was agreed that the end time of the meeting be amended to 7.18pm.

RESOLVED: subject to the amendment shown above, to accept and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 21st November 2022 as a true record.

470 Minutes of Committees
Council was asked to consider and adopt the Minutes of Committees as follows.

470.1 Planning Committee

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 14th November and 28th November 2022 as true records.

470.2 Finance & General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 21st November 2022 as a true record.

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471 Sevenoaks Town Council Draft Precept Recommendations for 2023-2024

Council received and noted the following recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st November 2022 [*Minute 450.3 refers*]:

“To approve in principle the draft Precept recommendation of £1.365M for 2023/2024 which is a *5.4% increase to the 2022/23 Precept, this equates to a Band D equivalent of *£139.79 per year. The draft Precept to be subject to further review of the impact of inflation, December year to date performance, and actuarial pension review prior to submission to Council for approval in January 2023.

**Both subject to confirmation of Band D baseline”*

472 Annual Presentation of Painting by the Mayor

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

473 Presentation of In Bloom Certificates

The Mayor thanked the following volunteers for their contributions to the Sevenoaks in Bloom and Britain in Bloom success for 2022 and presented them with certificates. The certificates for those not able to attend would be delivered to them.

Adrian Cheeseman
Rockdale Housing Association
Sevenoaks Soroptimists
Bonnie Tarling
West Kent Housing Association
House in the Basement Youth Café
Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership

474 Mayor’s Engagements

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

- a) the functions attended by the Mayor or her representative up to 29th November 2022
- b) the forthcoming Civic Events being organised by the Mayor during 2022/23

475 Press Release

RESOLVED: To issue a press release regarding the presentation of the In Bloom certificates.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting.

Signed

Mayor

Dated