

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9th December 2024
Held in the Council Chamber, Town Council offices, TN13 3QG

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Meeting Commenced: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7.14 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer, Community Engagement Manager, and Senior Committee Clerk

Apologies also received from Cllr Richard Streatfeild, Sevenoaks District Council and Kent County Council.

Members of Public in Attendance: 50

Representations received from Members of the Public: None

459 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received and accepted as shown above.

460 Requests for Dispensations: none received.

461 Declarations of Interest: none received.

462 Minutes of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 25th November 2024

RESOLVED: to accept and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 25th November 2024 as a true record.

463 Minutes of Committees

463.1 Planning & Environment Committee

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 2nd December 2024 as a true record.

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463.2 Finance & Delivery Committee

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Delivery Committee held on 25th November 2024 as a true record.

464 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 create a visual social history of Sevenoaks.

The Mayor was pleased to welcome artist Melvyn Evans to the meeting and to present his painting of the Vine Cricket Ground.

465 South & South East In Bloom 2024: Presentation of Certificates

The Mayor was pleased to present Certificates of Excellence to the following volunteers for their contributions towards the Gold Award achieved for Sevenoaks Town Centre:

- Rockdale Housing Association
- Soroptimist International Sevenoaks
- Adrian Cheeseman
- West Kent Housing Association (not present at meeting, certificate to be forwarded)

466 Councillor Reports: Town Council Representatives on External Organisations: None

467 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 30th November 2024; and
- b) forthcoming Civic Events being organised by the Mayor during 2024-25.

Attention was drawn to the changed date for the Mayor's Quiz Night which would now take place on 1st March 2025.

468 Press Releases

RESOLVED: That press releases be issued in respect of:

- 1) Painting added to the Town Council's Community Art Collection
- 2) Awarding of In Bloom certificates

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting.

Signed
Mayor

Dated