

Sevenoaks Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council Held on 8th December 2025 at the Bat & Ball Centre, Crampton's Road, TN14 5DN

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Meeting commenced: 19:00

Meeting Concluded: 19:09

Present:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Senior Committee Clerk and Planning Committee Clerk.

Members of public present: 60

There were no public questions submitted

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 Carole Aston to the meeting and to present her print of Bradbourne Lakes.

527 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence as noted above.

528 - REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

529 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

530 - MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLVED: To receive, adopt and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 24th November 2025 as a true record.

531 - MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

- 1) To receive and adopt the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

Planning & Environment Committee

- 1st December 2025

Finance & Delivery Committee

- 24th November 2025

- 2) It was noted that the Planning & Environment Committee held on 1st December 2025 (Minute 520 refers), had resolved that the full draft response to Sevenoaks District Council's consultation on its Draft Local Plan be approved for submission, subject to the revisions agreed at the meeting and that Delegated Authority be granted to the Working Group to approve any further minor amendments proposed by Councillors by Friday 5th December 2025. The Working Group had now approved the final version.

RESOLVED:

That Sevenoaks Town Council's response to Sevenoaks District Council's consultation on its Draft Local Plan be approved for submission and publication on the Town Council's website.

532 - REPORTS TO COUNCIL - STC REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports were received.

533 - MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Mayor thanked fellow Councillors for their support in attending events on his behalf when he was unavailable.

He drew attention to the Mayor's Concert being held at The Stag on 19th March 2026, to raise funds for his nominated charities, Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT) and Citizen's Advice North West Kent. The concert would feature the Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra, Green Street Blues and Sevenoaks Sings.

The Mayor reported that the launch of Bob Ogley's book, The Story of Knole Park, had been very successful. Part of the proceeds of the sale of books would be donated to the Mayor's Charities.

RESOLVED: To receive and note:

- a. Functions attended by the Mayor or his representative up to 2nd December 2025
- b. Forthcoming Civic Events being organised by the Mayor during 2025/2026

534 - PRESS RELEASE:

It was agreed that press releases be issued in respect of:

- the painting presented by the Mayor for inclusion in the Town Council's collection
- the approval and submission of the Town Council's response to the District Council's Draft Local Plan consultation

There being no further business the Mayor closed the Meeting.

Signed
Chair

Dated