

Minutes of a Meeting of the Forty Second Annual Assembly of the Townspeople of the Town of Sevenoaks held in the Plaza Suite at the Stag Community Arts Centre, Sevenoaks on Monday 23 March 2015 at 7:00 pm.

S G Raikes – Mayor of Sevenoaks

S L Arnold
C L L Baker
N J L Busvine OBE
J M Canet
G R S Clack
A Eyre

R M C Hogarth
M A London
R J Parry
R L Piper
S G Raikes
P C Walshe (13)

Also Present:

J F London, Freeman of the Town of Sevenoaks
Chief Executive / Town Clerk
Assistant Town Clerk
Committee Clerk
71 Members of the Public

Apologies for absence: Cllrs A S Clayton and P E Towell

The Mayor, Mr Simon G Raikes, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Forty First Annual Parish Meeting of the Townspeople of Sevenoaks held on 24 March 2014 were adopted and it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that
the Mayor sign the Minutes of that meeting as a true record.

2 PRESENTATION BY STEVEN DEDMAN, GENERAL MANAGER AT KNOLE

Mr Steven Dedman provided a presentation relating to the planned future new facilities and activities at Knole.

3 ANNUAL REPORT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL 2014/2015

The Mayor presented the Annual Report of the Town Council and invited the Town Clerk to summarise the Town Council's achievements to date for the period 2014/2015.

The Chief Executive/Town Clerk, Mrs Linda Larter MBE, provided a précis of some of the Town Council's achievements over the past year [*Appendix A attached*].

The Town Clerk invited questions and welcomed the public to email her at a later date with any questions relating to the annual Report which had been distributed, to council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk.

4 SEVENOAKS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk advised that responses to the questionnaire have been posted to the website: www.STNP.co.uk

Additional consultation would be arranged. However, this would not be until at least late May 2015.

5 MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES TO LOCAL VOLUNTARY GROUPS

The Mayor presented cheques to the following organisations:-

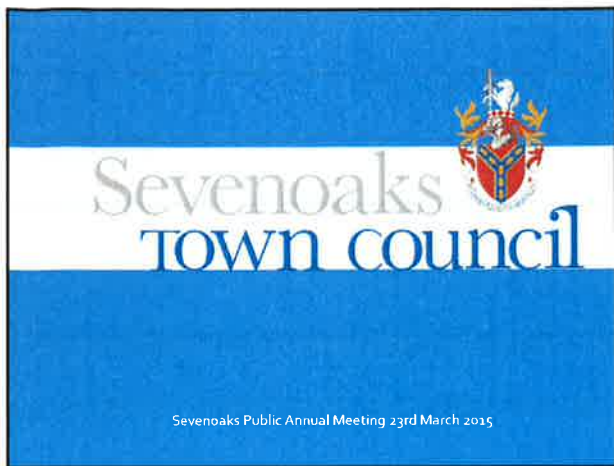
- £500 - Mr Anthony Weston-Smith representing the Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group, to help keep costs low for elderly on low incomes using the service.
- £300 - Ms Sheila Mackenzie representing the Sevenoaks Literary Celebration, to run an annual event free for local school children.
- £250 - Ms Evy Drew on behalf of the Friends of Pontoise to support twinning activities [France].
- £250 - Mr Mike Wither on behalf of the Friends of Rheinbach to support twinning activities [Germany].
- £250 - Ms Ann Bridges representing the South East Open Studios to assist with promotion of events.
- £250 - Mr Roland Courtney representing Sevenoaks Art Club to assist with advertising costs.
- £500 - Mr Sander Priston of Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra to provide a free Youth Jazz Workshop to local young musicians on the evening of 23 June 2015.
- £6,500 - Mr Neil Wood representing Sevenoaks Summer Festival funding towards 2015 Summer Festival.
- £500 - Mr Richard Baxter representing The Sevenoaks Society towards the Remarkable Trees of Sevenoaks Exhibition being held at Knole and various locations summer 2015.
- £2,000 - Ms Jill McGrogan representing Bulfrog Productions to subsidise young Sennokians at their performances.

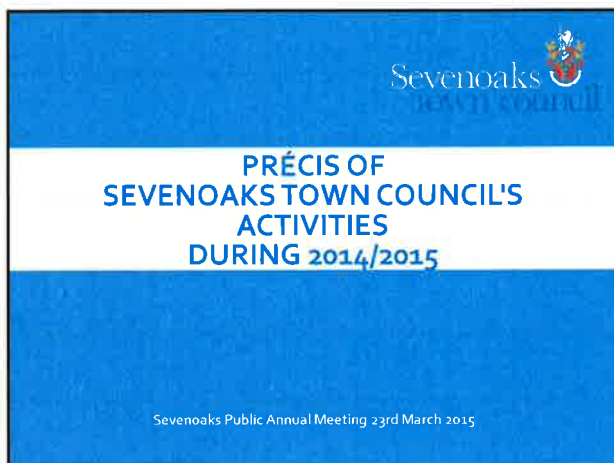
6 GENERAL QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL PEOPLE

The Mayor invited the public to ask any questions to the Town Clerk or raise queries relating to Sevenoaks. No questions were asked.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:55 pm

MAYOR







MAY 2014

Sevenoaks
TOWN COUNCIL



Mayor's Sponsored Green Walk –
Sevenoaks Common and Knole Park

MAY 2014

Sevenoaks
TOWN COUNCIL



Cllr Simon Raikes elected as Mayor

MAY 2014

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Saturday Markets
High Street &
Blighs Meadow

Markets are managed by
Sevenoaks
TOWN COUNCIL
T: 01752 439953
or council@sevenoaksw.gov.uk

Wednesday Market
Buckhurst Lane



Love Your Local
Market 2014
campaign

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JUNE 2014

Sevenoaks
Town Council



Refurbishment of Bandstand completed.
Help for Heroes Concert
Sevenoaks Summer Festival

JUNE 2014

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Town Council



Sevenoaks Town Partnership
wins
ACTM Town Team of the Year.

JULY 2014

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Town Council



Sevenoaks judged for
South East in Bloom wins
2014 Silver Gilt Award.

JULY 2014

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Vintage Bus back for the summer

JULY 2014

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Bandstand programme commences
not just for Sundays but also
Thursdays

JULY 2014

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Programme of Free Play Days

AUGUST 2014

Sevenoaks
TOWN COUNCIL



WW1 Commemoration service held, families for all 226 names inscribed on the War Memorial invited.

'Sevenoaks War Memorial – The Men Remembered' book published.

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Mayors Fundraising Cocktail Party at Knole

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Italian Market in Blighs

Programme of Free Play Days

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sevenoaks
TOWN council



Sevenoaks Business Awards
Award for Sevenoaks in Bloom



OCTOBER 2014

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Pink Street Party



NOVEMBER 2014

Sevenoaks
TOWN council



Creation of Friends of
Bat & Ball Station

NOVEMBER 2014


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Sevenoaks Torchlight Parade
&
Fireworks

Remembrance Service

NOVEMBER 2014


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New Youth Council elected.

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Christmas Lights
Switch On Ceremony
with New Christmas
Lights.

DECEMBER 2014

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£4m Community Investment Plan launched.

Work commences on joint project with Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club to improve sports pitches and facilities at Knole Paddock and Raleys Field.

JANUARY 2015

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Planning permission submitted for new café on the Vine.

FEBRUARY 2015

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RIBA Competition launched for designs for new Bat & Ball Centre

MARCH 2015


Sevenoaks
town council

Commonwealth Day &
WWI Commemoration
