



SEVENOAKS **ANNUAL TOWN PUBLIC MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS FOR THE TOWN OF SEVENOAKS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN HALL AT THE SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE, CRAMPTONS ROAD, OFF OTFORD ROAD, SEVENOAKS TN14 5DN.

MONDAY 21st March 2016

6.30–7.00pm

Exhibition from local voluntary groups and recipients of Town Council Grants

Come and meet your local Town Councillors

7.00pm

Meeting commences – Chaired by the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Stephen Arnold

A G E N D A

- 1. WELCOME BY MAYOR, CLLR STEPHEN ARNOLD**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE 2015 SEVENOAKS ANNUAL TOWN PUBLIC MEETING**
- 3. PRESENTATION OF SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT
1 APRIL 2015 – 31 MARCH 2016.**
- 4. PRESENTATION OF SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL GRANT CHEQUES**
- 5. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUERIES FROM LOCAL PEOPLE ON ANY
MATTERS RELATING TO SEVENOAKS.**

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