

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 7 October 2013 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Cllr R M C Hogarth – Mayor

Cllr S L Arnold	Cllr A Eyre
Cllrs C L L Baker	Cllr Mrs M A London
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Cllr R J Parry
Cllr J M Canet	Cllr R L Piper
Cllr A S Clayton	Cllr S G Raikes
Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree	Cllr Mrs P C Walshe
	(13)

Also Present

Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk

Freeman of Sevenoaks John London
13 Members of the public

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs G R S Clack and P E Towell

FAIRTRADE TOWN STATUS

The People of Sevenoaks were presented a certificate by Richard Anstead from the Fairtrade Foundation to the Council renewing the Fairtrade Town status which was originally awarded to the town in 2005. Mr Anstead congratulated and thanked Sevenoaks for its continuing support of Fairtrade. Mr Anstead was accompanied by Gwyneth Brearley, Chairman of the Sevenoaks Group.

PRESENTATION FORMER COUNCILLOR

The Mayor presented an engraved decanter to Maurice Short in recognition of his long service to the Town Council from 1978 to 20012 excepting a short break. Maurice Short had been Mayor of Sevenoaks three times and had chaired all the standing committees of the Council during his office.

Maurice Short thanked the Mayor and Council and said he was honoured to receive the gift in acknowledgement of his time as a Councillor. He said that he had particularly enjoyed his office as Mayor and wished the current Mayor an enjoyable mayoral year.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were raised

176 DISPENSATION

No requests from Members regarding any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any items on the agenda were received [S31 &33 Localism Act 2011 refers].

177 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

178 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 19 August 2013 be received, adopted and signed as a true record.

179 PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committees held on 8 and 22 July, 5 and 19 August, 2, 16 and 30 September 2013 be received and adopted as a true record.

The Planning Committee's recommendation forwarded Sevenoaks District Council under Chairman's Action on 26 September 2013t was noted. [SE/13/02145/MMA – Chantry Medical Practice South Park]

180 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9 September 2013 be received and adopted as a true record.

181 SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP

The minutes of the meetings of the Sevenoaks Town Partnership held on 31 July and 3 September 2013 were received and noted subject to the following corrections:

- i. The minutes of the 31st July 2013 incorrectly state the date as the 31st *August* in the header of page one
- ii. The minutes of the 3rd September 2013 incorrectly state that it was agreed that Cllr Clayton chair the meeting in Cllr Arnold's absence under the "Apologies for absence" heading, this was accidentally carried over from the minutes of the 31st July. Cllr Arnold was in the chair, and in fact Cllr Clayton was not present at the meeting.
- iii. Steven Dedman being listed at representing National Trust at Knole

182 COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

It was RESOLVED that the amended Complaint Procedure be received and adopted

183 USE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER

It was RESOLVED that

Sevenoaks Society be permitted free use of Council Chamber for meetings concerning Local Listing for an inaugural period of one year. [*Commercial bookings of the chamber to take precedence*]

184 CIVIC EVENTS

The Council received and noted the

- a) functions attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or representative from August to September 2013
- b) Civic Events hosted/to be hosted by the Mayor for the period July 2013 to April 2014

185 PRESS RELEASE

It was AGREED that the following items be issued as press releases:-

- i. Presentation to long standing former Councillor
- ii. Renewal of Fairtrade status of Sevenoaks Town

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed by _____
MAYOR