

Minutes of the Sevenoaks Town Forum Meeting held on 17th June 2015
At Sevenoaks Town Council offices

Present:

Cllr Peter Fleming (Chairman)	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Andrew Eyre	Sevenoaks Town / District Council/ Stag Theatre
Cllr Avril Hunter	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks Town / District Council
Cllr Robert Piper	Sevenoaks Town / District Council
Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Sevenoaks Town / District Council
Cllr Richard Parry	Sevenoaks Town / Kent County Council
Roger Walshe	CPRE
Helen Wills	National Council of Women
Jonathan Drury	White Hart Estate Residents Association
Keith Loney	Lyle Park Residents Association
Ann Howard	West Kent Mediation
Henry Pound	KPRA
Edward Oakley	St John School / Hollybush Residents Association
Sheila Bishop	Redlands Residents Association
Dr Geoff Brown	St John's Resident Association / SAHA
Byron Brown	Bradbourne Lakes Resident Association
Linda Larter, Town Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council
Michele McDonald, Cttee Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Pam Walshe

2. Minutes of the Town Forum Meeting held on 4th February 2015

These were agreed to be a true record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Updates

4.1. Bradbourne Lakes

Byron Brown reported that SDC were now seeking funding for improvements from the HLF Heritage Fund rather than Parks & People Fund and this looked promising.

As more visitors were attracted to the lakes public toilets were needed particularly on the 6 events per year.

It was noted that there might be grant funding available to assist this in the short term.

4.2 Bat & Ball Centre

At the request of the Chairman the Town Clerk provided an update stating that a winner of the RIBA Competition for a concept design and architectural team. The Town Council would be reviewing how it moved forward on this project.

4.3 Cricket School

The Town Council was still in negotiations with the hope of putting the replacement Indoor Cricket School on the Wildernesse Sports / School site. Decisions were dependent on the outcome of the grammar school decision.

4.4 Farmers Site

Cllr Fleming reported that SDC were continuing discussions with the owner of the site.

4.5 Edwards Electrical Site

It was noted that there was no progress to report on the sale or development of the site.

4.6 Buckhurst Car Park

SDC would be submitting a new design for planning permission in the near future.

5. Open Forum

5.1 Boundary Commission recommendations for changes to number of Kent County Councillors for Sevenoaks.

This matter was discussed.

5.2 Bradbourne Vale Road – 30 mph Signage

Clearer and increased signage was requested for the 30 mph restriction, and where required cutting back of foliage where signs were obscured.

5.3 Band Practice Room / Vine Café

It was noted that the Band Practice Room formally used for storage was in the process of being restored and refurbished to make a café. Unfortunately during the building process the structural condition of the building was found to be far worse than originally anticipated. Profits from the café would be reinvested into facilities in the area.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.