

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Community Centre User Group held at the Sevenoaks Community Centre
on Wednesday 10th August 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Barbara Attwaters	North West Kent Family History
Janet Davies	Sevenoaks Day Nursery
Pamela Holmes	KNADFAS
Bryan Miles	Tea Dance
Bryan Richardson	Sevenoaks District Arts Council
James Turner	Oaks Martial Arts
Nick White	U3A
David Williams	PROBUS
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Maxine Chakowa	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Andrew Eyre	Sevenoaks Town Council
Liz Hodgson	Sevenoaks Town Council
Linda Larter MBE	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Robert Piper	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Richard Parry	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Simon Raikes	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Mrs Pam Walshe	Sevenoaks Town Council

Prior to the meeting there was a site visit of the Bat & Ball Station.

Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence.

Cllr Raikes chaired the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting Cllr Raikes requested that all present introduced themselves.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Community User Group held on 29th June 2016

It was noted that Angela Holmes should read Pamela Holmes and that subject to this the Meeting Notes were accepted as a true record.

2. Quality of Service Feedback

There were no reports from the representatives of the user groups present.

3. Bat & Ball Station Building

Agreed pre-lease hand over contract work would be carried out by Southeastern and Network Rail in approx. 4 weeks' time. On completion of the work, Sevenoaks Town Council was expecting to sign a 25-year lease with Southeastern and Network Rail.

Sevenoaks Town Council hoped to apply for Heritage Lottery funding for extensive refurbishment works. Should the Town Council not be successful in obtaining the funding, it will put in place a programme of works as funds become available.

The representative from North West Kent Family History commented that parking at the Station Building could be a problem as free parking was only available at the Community Centre. The Town Council said they were considering talks with local businesses about the possibility of shared parking. In addition measures would be put in place as with other town council car parks.

Questions were asked by the user groups as to whether there was demand for additional rooms for hire at the station building. It was pointed out by the Town Council that the Town Council Chamber would no longer be available once the building was sold. The Red Cross building, which is on the same site as the Town Council premises and which offered rooms for hire was currently closed due to structural safety issues.

Representatives present said they would use the facilities. The Town Council confirmed that a Business Plan had been drafted and a final versions being worked on.

The representative from KNADFAS enquired if there would be sufficient seating and storage for seating and tables in the station building. It was answered that there would be an area in the main room for storing chairs and tables.

4. Dates of Next Meetings

The next Community Centre User Group meeting would take place on 29th September at 7pm.

Future schedule of meetings:

03.11.2016

18.01.2017

22.03.2017

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

Dated