Minutes of the meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council – 20th July 2026

Held in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG
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Meeting commenced: 20:10 Meeting Concluded: 20:34

Present:

Cllr Tony Clayton	Apologies	Cllr Sally Layne	Absent
Cllr Victoria Granville, **Mayor**	Present	Cllr Lise Michaelides	Apologies
Cllr Libby Ancrum	Present	Cllr Lionel O'Hara, **Deputy Mayor**	Apologies
Cllr Sue Camp	Present	Cllr Claire Shea, Leader	Apologies
Cllr Dr Merilyn Canet	Present	Cllr David Skinner OBE	Present
Cllr Catherine Daniell, Deputy Leader	Apologies	Cllr Nick Varley	Apologies
Cllr Dr Peter Dixon	Present	Cllr Gareth Willis	Apologies
Cllr Chloe Gustard	Present	Cllr Nigel Wightman	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk and Senior Committee Clerk.

Members of public present: 3

Public Questions: None

240 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To receive and note apologies for absence as shown above.

241 - REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Noted that all Councillors who were also Stag Trustees had a pre-approved dispensation, reference Minute 249 below regarding the Community Asset Transfer request for the Stag freehold.

242 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

243 - MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2026

RESOLVED: To receive, adopt and sign the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 15th June 2026 as a true record.

244 - MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the Minutes of the following Committee meetings:

Planning & Environment Committee

- 15th June 2026
- 29th June 2026
- 13th July 2026

Finance & Delivery Committee

- 8th June 2026

Youth Services Committee

- 10th June 2026

Community Assets (Open Spaces) Committee

- 6th July 2026

245 - REPORTS TO COUNCIL - STC REPESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Canet reported that she had attended the Green Flag Awards ceremony and been delighted to accept the award for the Vine for the 10th consecutive year.

She had also visited the Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve to try out motorised wheelchairs and accessible vehicles to provide feedback to Kent Wildlife Trust who planned to purchase a couple of suitable vehicles to support visitors with assistance needs.

Cllr Dixon reported that the annual exchange visit had taken place in Sevenoaks this year, with the Freunde von Sevenoaks Group visiting in May. Planning had begun for the return trip to Rheinbach next year. Friends of Rheinbach was organising an Oktoberfest social event for its members.

246 - MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

RESOLVED: to receive and note:

a. Functions attended by the Mayor or her representative up to 11th July 2026
b. Forthcoming Civic Events being organised by the Mayor during 2026/2027

247 - PRESS RELEASE: None

248 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that under the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded for the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

249 - STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

The Council noted the latest position in relation to negotiations with Sevenoaks District Council regarding the Town Council's Community Asset Transfer request for the Stag Freehold, including the advice received from King's Counsel, and proposed next steps.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the Meeting.

Signed: …….. Dated ……..
Chair