Minutes of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council
Held on Monday, 24 August 2026 in the Harry Garrett Hall, Bat & Ball Centre, Cramptons Road, TN14 5DN

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Meeting commenced: 19:00 Meeting Concluded: 21:10

Attendance

Present: Councillors Granville (Mayor) (Chair), Ancrum, Camp, Clayton, Gustard, Merilyn Canet, Michaelides, O'Hara (Deputy Mayor), Shea (Leader), Skinner OBE, Willis (joined the meeting at 19:03)

Apologies: Councillors Daniell (Deputy Leader), Layne, Dr Dixon, Varley, Wightman

Also present: Town Clerk / Chief Executive, Planning Committee Clerk

Members of the public present: 1

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions were submitted by members of the public.

285 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Daniell (Deputy Leader), Cllr Layne, Cllr Dr Dixon, Cllr Varley and Cllr Wightman.

286 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Noted that all Councillors who were also Stag Trustees had a pre-approved dispensation, reference Minute 293 below regarding the Community Asset Transfer request for the Stag freehold.

287 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

288 MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 10TH AUGUST 2026

RESOLVED: to receive, adopt and sign the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 10th August 2026.

10 SEVENOAKS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)

The Town Council considered progress on the development of the Sevenoaks Business Improvement District (BID), noting the development of the Business Plan and the legal formalities required, including necessary notification periods, towards a ballot of businesses.

Sevenoaks Town Council on behalf of Sevenoaks Town Team **RESOLVED** to proceed with the actions required to progress the Sevenoaks BID referendum subject to final agreement on timetable.

11 PRESS RELEASE

None.

12 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was **RESOLVED** that, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s.1(2), the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the Council by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

13 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER - THE STAG

Written notice of a special motion, signed by four members of the Council, had been received by the Proper Officer, in accordance with Standing Order 7.

The motion was:

“To review the Resolution in Minute 284 of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th August 2026. “

The written notice was signed by Cllr Ancrum, Cllr Shea, Cllr Skinner and Cllr Wightman.

The Town Council noted that the Resolution in Minute 284 of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th August 2026 was:

“It was RESOLVED unanimously but with regrets that such action is necessary to proceed with legal action in relation to the Sevenoaks District Council’s decision for the Community Asset Transfer of the Stag Community Arts Centre.”

It was **RESOLVED** by Sevenoaks Town Council that:

1. The motion to review the Resolution in Minute 284 of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th August 2026 be approved

2. It was therefore **RESOLVED **to not proceed with the proposed Judicial Review. It was also requested that the Town Council's litigation solicitors write to Sevenoaks District Council in an Open Letter that can be published on the Town Council's website.

3. The Town Council consider the following three Sevenoaks District Council options to proceed at its next meeting to be held on 1st September 2026:

- Transfer of the Freehold at a cost of £650,000
- Enter a new 30 Year Lease
- Remain with current lease

The meeting closed at 19:30.

Signed: _____

Chair of the Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council

Date: _____