



Sevenoaks Town Partnership

Minutes of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held at the Town Council Chamber at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13th February 2018

Present:

Cllr Tony Clayton – Vice Chairman	Sevenoaks Town Council/SRTA	Not present
Linda Larter, Town Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Paul Towell - Chairman	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Richard Parry	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Rachel Parry	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Geoff Brown	Local Resident	Present
Cllr Elizabeth Purves	Local Resident	Present
Derek Medhurst	Local Resident	Present
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks District Senior Action Forum	Present
Cllr Simon Raikes	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Roger Johnson	Sevenoaks Rail Travellers Association	Present
Byron Brown	Bradbourne Residents Association	Present
Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Adrienne Rogers	Local Resident	Present

1. Apologies for absence

None received.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held on 16th January 2018

The minutes were received and agreed.

3. Station Matters

An update was received from the Town Clerk. A quote had been received for a new sign to be installed at Bat & Ball by KCC. The sign would cost £322.58, be double sided, designed and installed (copy of sign design and placement attached).

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to purchase the sign using current reserves from the Friends of Bat & Ball Station account.

There had been a significant police presence at the station recently which had resulted in arrests and a significant improvement to the anti-social problems in the area.

Thanks were given to Sevenoaks District Council for their speedy response to the request for litter clearing at the approach to the station.

It was noted that Kent County Council had recently pruned the trees that were blocking the large directional sign on the road leading to the station.

A spate of recent graffiti had been successfully removed by the Town Wardens.

4. Bat & Ball Building Refurbishment

An update was received from the Town Clerk. A meeting took place recently with HLF and permission to start was given. Permits for working near the railway were currently being reviewed by Southeastern.

Additional funding of £8,600 had been received from Railway Heritage Fund to be used towards the following:

- Railings
- Gates
- Original signage
- Waiting room seat
- 2 Vintage Clocks
- External lighting

Sevenoaks Museum had agreed to long term loan (3 years) a framed copy of a Travelling Fayre at Bat & Ball, 3 flints, a stone age Axe and display case. An original sign could be loaned for the opening event.

Funding had been applied for via the Sevenoaks District Community Infrastructure Levy however a decision would not be made until 8th May.

5. Activity Plan and Volunteers

The minutes of the Volunteer Heritage Group meeting on 29th January were received and noted.

It was agreed to produce a press release asking for volunteers and artefacts for the project.

It was agreed to contact National Trust at Knole & Bob Ogley for further information, photos and articles regarding Bat & Ball Station and any state visits.

It was requested that all volunteers keep a note of hours worked and email these to the Committee Clerk for our records.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20 p.m.