



Sevenoaks Town Partnership

Minutes of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held at the Town Council Chamber At 6.30 p.m. on 14th August 2018

Present:

Cllr Paul Towell, Chairman	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Tony Clayton, Vice Chairman	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Linda Larter, Town Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Derek Medhurst	Sevenoaks Camera Club	Present
Cllr Andrew Eyre	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Rachel Parry	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Richard Parry	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Glenn Ball	Architect	Present
Byron Brown	Bradbourne Residents Assoc.	Present
Bonnie Tarling, Committee Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Linda Redden	Heritage Engagement Officer	Present
Gillian Paterson	Local Resident	Present
Alastair Boobyer	Local Resident	Present
Roger Walshe	Sevenoaks Society	Present

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from David Killingray, Cllr Elizabeth Purves, Cllr Simon Raikes, Cllr Marilyn Canet & Cllr Pam Walshe.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held on 10th July 2018

The Minutes were received and agreed as a true record. It was noted that the letter had not been written to Govia Thameslink regarding concerns over the timetable. This would be done shortly.

A suggestion had been received regarding changing the access to the station (picture attached). It was noted that this suggestion would not be possible due to the bike racks, storage bins and litters bins being placed behind the fence to the left of the entrance to the station platform. Concerns over the current garden area being badly lit were discussed and it was noted that the entire building would have more lights on the outside.



3. Station Matters

It was requested that any antisocial behaviour at the station be reported to 101 and also to the Town Council.

The recent drug problem at the station had improved due to coordination of more police patrols and a presence of site contractors. It was noted that there continued to be antisocial behaviour issues in Chatham Hill Road.

The station car park pay machine had now changed to card payments made by telephone only. This would need to be taken into account when the building is open for bookings and ensure that hirers are aware that they can not pay for a ticket at the station car park by cash.

4. Refurbishment Project

An update was received from the Town Clerk. Although the project start date had been pushed back due to various Network Rail issues the work was now ahead of target with the completion taking 24 weeks from start to finish.

5. Activity Plan & Volunteers

The Heritage Engagement Officer talked through the Activity Plan and the additional points were noted:

- i) Website
The website was currently 90% finished with the hope to go live to the public shortly. A link to the website would be sent to the Friends of Bat & Ball Group shortly for feedback. Staff at the Council had already given feedback regarding the website.
- ii) History Talk about Thomas Crampton
This event would take place on 23rd October, 7pm at the Town Council Chamber. Further details and a poster would be issued shortly.
- iii) Arts and Craft events
To note the following dates:

Thursday 16th August 12-4 at the Sevenoaks Community Centre
Wednesday 29th August 10-2 at the Sevenoaks Community Centre
- iv) Oral History Talks Training
It was noted that a training day for volunteers wishing to take part in the interviews for Oral History talks had changed to 5th September 9am till 3.30pm



Anyone wishing to volunteer for any upcoming activities should contact Linda Redden on 01732 459 953 or email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

It was suggested that a future Arts and Craft project incorporate children designing a Station Crest.

It was suggested that once the website went live to the public that Wikipedia be updated with a link included.

It was noted that the opening event for the station would take place in January 2019 and a further event was being planned for a Senior Royal to visit would take place in conjunction with Knole completion of its HLF project during early 2019. Further information about these events would be brought to a future meeting.

6. Future meeting dates

It was noted that the following meeting dates had been confirmed:

Tuesday 11th September
Tuesday 16th October

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.22pm

Signed
Chairman

Dated