



Sevenoaks Town Partnership

Minutes of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held at the Town Council Chamber At 6.30 p.m. on 16th October 2018

Present:

Cllr Paul Towell, Chairman	Sevenoaks Town Council	Apologies
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
Bonnie Tarling, Committee Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Linda Redden	Heritage Engagement Officer	Present
Gillian Paterson	Local Resident	Present
Alastair Boobyer	Local Resident	Present
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Roger Johnson	Sevenoaks Rail Travellers Association	Present
Cllr Simon Raikes	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Geoff Brown	Local Resident	Present

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from David Killingray, Cllr Elizabeth Purves, Cllr Richard Parry and Cllr Paul Towell.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held on 11th September 2018

The Minutes were received and agreed as a true record.

3. Friends of Bat & Ball AGM 19th December at the station

Date agreed and noted.

4. Station matters

An update was received from the Vice Chairman. Currently the trains were running to the new timetable that had been put in place. To date no reply had been received from Govia Thameslink to the letter sent regarding concerns over the impact of the new timetable.



5. **Station Building Refurbishment**

The building refurbishment was on schedule with the building to be handed over on 2nd December. There were issues with the Utilities that were out of the Town Council's control which were being addressed.

Additional funding had been received for further works to the station area, the work would be completed after the main building work is complete.

It was hoped that the Café would be fully operation in the new year once a premises licence had been issued.

6. **Activity Plan and Volunteers**

The updated Activity Plan was received and discussed. The following points were noted:

- Still in need of Vintage Luggage (pre 1950's)
- If anyone has any teapots that they no longer wanted please donate them to the Town Council to be used in the new café as part of a community art project.
- Currently in need of Vintage brown tables and chairs for the café. If anyone has any they wish to donate please contact Linda Larter on 01732 459 953

7. **Community Rail Partnership**

The creation of a Community Rail Partnership to be named Samuel Palmer Line had previously been discussed and agreed in principle. Initial talks had been very positive with all stations on the proposed line keen to be involved. Sevenoaks District Council would arrange a meeting for everyone with dates and details to follow shortly.

In order to become a Community Rail Partnership staff working at the station needed to have training by the Station Manager. A training session would take place on 25th October, 2,30pm at the Bat & Ball Station. Any members wishing to attend please contact the Committee Clerk on 01732 459 953 or email admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



8. Future meeting dates

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

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 19th December, 6.30pm at the Bat & Ball Station

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.23pm

Signed
Chairman

Dated