

Sevenoaks Town Partnership

Minutes of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held at the Sevenoaks Community Centre at 7.00 p.m. on 26th October 2016

Present:

Cllr Tony Clayton – Vice Chairman	Sevenoaks Town Council/SRTA	Present
Cllr Paul Towell - Chairman	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Dr Geoff Brown	St Johns Resident Association	Present
Linda Larter, Town Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Richard & Rachel Parry, Alastair Boobyer and Adrian Cheeseman.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held on 3rd August 2016

The minutes were received and agreed.

3. Bat & Ball Station Building.

An update was received from the Town Clerk. Builders instructed by Southeastern were now on site, some issues had arisen regarding the condition of the flooring and asbestos in the roof. It was hoped that their work on the building would be completed before Christmas.

The following comments were received by email from Alastair Boobyer:

Good news: The Ticket Machine is up and running at last. The litter on the station approach and between the tracks is much improved.

Bad news – someone or something has destroyed the free-standing information stand outside the Station. Still no road sign to the station, just the out of date sign for “St John HQ” and another one outside the station. The finger post sign to the station at the top of the road is still difficult to see from most angles, no evidence of litter clearance behind Platform 1 and it can only become more visible when the foliage dies back shortly.

These comments were forwarded to Kelly Webb at SDC for response. To date no response had been received.

4. Heritage Lottery Fund

A report was received regarding the HLF Conservation Deficit.

It was noted that the Bid process was underway with budget details needed for 31st October and supporting documents needing to be submitted for 28th November for first round consideration.

A draft report for the HLF Activity Plan was received and noted. A final report would be published in due course.

5. Progress with improvements to Bat & Ball Station Environment

Damage at the Station to the new information sign had been reported to SDC, to date no update had been received.

It was noted that the new card payment only ticket machine had now been installed and was in working order.

Cllr Canet agreed to enquire of SDC progress relating to the installation of cycle racks.

6. Planned train times from Govia Thameslink

The report was received and noted.

7. Dates for future meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place at the end of January 2017 with date to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.