

Sevenoaks Town Partnership

Minutes of the Friends of Bat & Ball Station held at the Town Council Chamber at 7.00 p.m. on 10th November 2015

Present:

Adrian Cheeseman	SOLL	Present
Alastair Boobyer	Local Resident	Present
Mark Bradbury	Sevenoaks District Council	Present
Cllr Oliver Schneider	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Andrew Eyre	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Mrs Rachel Parry	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Tony Clayton	Sevenoaks Town Council/SRTA	Present
Cllr Paul Towell - Chairman	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Cllr Simon Raikes	Sevenoaks Town Council	Present
Geoff Brown	St Johns Resident Association	Present
Byron Brown	Bradbourne Residents Association	Present
Cllr Stephen Arnold	Sevenoaks Town Council	Apologies
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks Town Council	Apologies
Peter Stapleton	South Eastern Railways	Apologies

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence noted above.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 11th August 2015

The minutes were received and agreed.

3. Strategic Aims

An updated report was received and noted. The following updates were agreed and noted:

1III) – Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr Tony Clayton was elected Vice Chairman.

2V) – Structural survey had now been received.

2IX) – The new number 8 bus had now been introduced.

4. Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) 22nd December 2015

An updated document was received and noted. It was noted that more litter bins were needed at the station. A new card only ticket machine would be installed by Spring 2016. British Transport Police were now making regular visits to the station to help deter antisocial behaviour.

It was requested that the current financial figure for clearing litter at the station be requested from South Eastern and be made public via the noticeboard at the station.

5. Visit to Etchingam Station 7th September 2015

An update was received from the Town Clerk. It was felt that the building was very impressive with a nice café area and garden to the rear. The building now acted as a community hub with lots of social events taking place during the evenings. Some ideas from the visit would be taken forward to use in future projects at Bat & Ball Station.

6. Bat & Ball Station Building

An update was received from the Town Clerk. The structural survey had now been received with negotiations to start shortly regarding the management and lease to Sevenoaks Town Council from the current owners. Funding for the project would need to be sought.

Suggestions from A2D Architects was received and noted.

7. Finance Report

A finance report was received and noted. Praise was given to the committee for all that had been accomplished within the first year.

8. Frequency and dates for future meetings

It was agreed to have quarterly meetings to discuss general items on the agenda with extra meetings that would focus solely on the building projects and regeneration. It was requested that Bat & Ball junction traffic be placed on a future agenda.

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 9th February, 7pm at the Town Council Chamber and would concentrate on the potential uses for the station building.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 p.m.