

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 26th April 2018
7:30PM THE CIVIC CENTRE**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Cllr Ball, Leader Cllr Morris, Deputy Leader Cllr Horwood, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr Darrington, Cllr L Dyball, Cllr Halford, Cllr Hogg, Cllr Komolafe, Cllr Southern, Cllr Willingale

Officers: RFO Steve Innes,
Democratic Services Officer Barbara Playfoot

Cllr Ball invited Cllr Horwood to brief the council and the members of the public before the start of the meeting on the Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan.

Cllr Horwood explained that SDC were preparing a draft of their Local plan to be submitted to the Planning Advisory Committee in June and then to Cabinet. The plan is to identify plots of land for residential development with the government expecting SDC to build 13000 homes by 2032 which equates to 690 per year. Developers have been submitting sites and SDC has revisited their sites identified for development. The draft local plan will be available for consultation once it has been ratified by Cabinet. Tonight is to agree the council's position on call of land.

Public Session Cllr Ball asked if there were any questions.
Mrs Christine Hudson said that there were a considerable number of Swanley residents in attendance, who were not here to make trouble but were here to support whatever council proposes.
Mr Bob Brickell spoke of the Swanley Transport plan which had been discussed the night before at SDC and felt that the representatives from Swanley and Sevenoaks had put their issues and problems together well. He went on to say that there appears to be some good ideas one being the reroute of the A20 making easy access to Swanley but had some questions regarding some of the other proposals. He was going to email STC CEO Steve Nash with these.

10434 To receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Searles, Cllr N Scott

10435 To receive Declarations of Interest

NONE

10436 SEVENOAKS LOCAL PLAN

To agree an initial position of the Town Council on the Sevenoaks Local Plan (including a review of STC's submitted sites)

Cllr C Barnes asked Cllr Horwood to clarify the difference between the Swanley Town Centre plan and the Sevenoaks Local plan and can be confusing. Cllr Horwood explained that the Sevenoaks Local plan was last reviewed in 2015 and is a holistic plan put together for the whole of the district for residential development. It is put together by land owners offering their land for development, SDC then decides what sites to take forward. Swanley Neighbourhood plan is to define what the council and residents want in their town like sheltered housing, schools etc

Cllr Horwood went on to say that the purpose of the meeting is to withdraw 2 sites from the call of sites submitted in 2015. He proposed that the land at the Olympic and the land opposite the Olympic would be removed from the call of sites

Cllr Hogg said that we should preserve our land and whole heartily support the withdrawal of our land from the call of sites.

Cllr Dyball recalls the meeting back in 2015 and at the time the council were told that submitting the sites would not commit STC to anything. She is really pleased that there is now an opportunity to revisit the call of sites.

Cllr Horwood said that it will be really tough if SDC does not build in the amount expected it could be a very difficult preventing building on areas put forward by developers that could encroach on green belt so will have to look at every single site in context and assess each one individually.

Cllr Morris said that he had been Chairman of Development Control for 2 – 3 years and has been opposed to all building on green belt land. But, we have to appreciate that there will be some building on green belt so there is a need that the Swanley Neighbourhood plan identify and agree areas by residents/council.

Cllr Halford called for a recorded vote which will indicate to SDC that the council are in support of the withdrawal of sites and the interests of the residents of Swanley.

Cllr Hogg	For
Cllr Komolafe	For
Cllr Halford	For
Cllr Willingale	For
Cllr Dyball	For
Cllr C Barnes	For
Cllr Darrington	For
Cllr J Barnes	For
Cllr Horwood	For
Cllr Southern	For
Cllr Morris	For
Cllr Ball	For

Unanimous vote to remove the sites from the Local plan

10437 KCC TRAFFIC SURVEY

To agree a response to the draft KCC Traffic Survey

http://cds.sevenoaks.gov.uk/documents/s33972/06%20Appx%20Swanley%20transport%20Study%20-%20Stage%201%20Report_Final%20DRAFT.pdf?J=1

The SWECO survey has been put together to identify the problems with traffic and congestion through Swanley and surrounding areas. The survey has highlighted several ways to improve the flow of traffic and the problems with air pollution. Cllr Horwood said that he would coordinate the concerns and ideas which should be sent to him by email. He proposed that STC delegate the response to SDC to himself (Cllr Horwood) and he would respond on behalf of the residents and councillors which was agreed.

Meeting closed at 20.25

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Steve Nash, on 01322 611663 or snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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Deputy Leader Cllr L Dyball

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