

Tuesday, 02 September 2025

Meeting of Sevenoaks Youth Council
10th September 2025 at 6.00pm
Sevenoaks Council Chamber,
Bradbourne Vale Road,
Sevenoaks,
TN13 3QG

Youth Council Members:

Simba Li- Chair	Sahej Kandhari
Rosie Blackmore- Vice-Chair	Esme Lefevre
Harry King- Treasurer	Joshua Marelane
Bianca Agarwal	Riddley McDermott
Aryanna Mahdavi Ardestani	Sofia Moschini
Catherine Barden De Leon	Ayaan Motwani
Jasper Barnes	John Ng
Dexter Buhmann	Errol Okundi
Lily Blackburn	Jaxon Pang
Catherine Campbell-Pitt	Madeleine Politzer
Charlotte Doe	Elif Sabanci
Ayush Gautam	Drago Schwalber-Janaway
Maya Goodrich	Jospeh Soanes
Bea Hayward	James Tang
Lizzie Hunt	Ines wang
Christian Hunter-Garcia	Aditya Vara
Ishwar Sharma	

AGENDA

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive and note apologies for absence.
2	MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY To receive and adopt the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th July
3	FINANCE REPORT To note the budget for 2025/26
4	CURRENT& COMPLETED MATTERS REPORTS To receive and note the Current & Completed Matters reports:
5	SUMMER EVENTS REPORT To receive and note the Summer events report for 2025.
6	HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HiTB) YOUTH CAFE To receive and consider the Managers report:

7	<p>FUNDING HITB BROADSTAIRS TRIP</p> <p>Summary:</p> <p>House in the Basement organised a youth trip to Broadstairs and is seeking support from the Youth Council to help fund part of the cost for the coach travel. The total cost was £850 and it is requested that the youth council contribute £250 towards this.</p> <p>Additional Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small £5 sign-up fee is charged to young people to cover ice cream, reviewed at Darren’s discretion. • Funding would ensure the trip remains affordable and accessible for all participants. <p>Decision Required: To consider a contribution of £250 towards the total coach cost.</p>
8	<p>WEST KENT BADGER GROUP</p> <p>To receive a Presentation from the West Kent Badger Group.</p>
9	<p>YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS</p> <p>To note that the Youth Council Elections have started as of the 1st of September and will run until the 1st of October. Any Youth Councillors who wish to continue for another two years need to resubmit their entry forms if they have not done so already.</p>

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Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council

Held on Wednesday 09 July 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG

Meeting commenced: 18:00

Meeting Concluded: 18:48

Sevenoaks Youth Councillors:

Simba Li- Chair	Apologies	Ishwar Sharma	Present
Rosie Blackmore- Vice-Chair	Present	Sahej Kandhari	Absent
Harry King- Treasurer	Present	Esme Lefevre	Apologies
Bianca Agarwal	Apologies	Joshua Marelane	
Aryanna Mahdavi Ardestani	Present	Riddley McDermott	Present
Catherine Barden De Leon	Apologies	Sofia Moschini	Present
Jasper Barnes	Present	Ayaan Motwani	Apologies
Dexter Buhmann	Absent	John Ng	Absent
Lily Blackburn	Apologies	Errol Okundi	Apologies
Catherine Campbell-Pitt	Absent	Jaxon Pang	Apologies
Charlotte Doe	Absent	Madeleine Politzer	Absent
Elena-Teodora Dragoi	Present	Elif Sabanci	Absent
Ayush Gautam	Absent	Drago Schwalber-Janaway	Absent
Maya Goodrich	Apologies	Jospeh Soanes	Absent
Bea Hayward	Absent	James Tang	Absent
Lizzie Hunt	Present	Ines wang	Present
Christian Hunter-Garcia	Present	Aditya Vara	Absent

1 – In the absence of the Chair, Rosie Blackmore, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting.

2 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received and accepted as noted above.

3 - THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF SEVENOAKS

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Victoria Granville, attended the Youth Council meeting and thanked all the Youth Councillors for their amazing two-year service, spanning 2023-25, noting that they are the largest Youth Council post-COVID, with more youth councillors than Town Councillors. All of the Youth Councillors present received a certificate signed by the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Tony Clayton.



4 - MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 07TH MAY

It was agreed to receive and accept the minutes as a true record.

5 - FINANCE REPORT

The Youth Council noted that they had received a £500 increase in the budget

RESOLVED: To note the current Youth Council Budget for 2025/2026 was £1,500.37

6 - HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HiTB) YOUTH CAFE

Daren Mountain, Manager of House in the Basement, reported that they are still seeing large numbers of young people attending. It was noted that many of the Duke of Edinburgh young people have helped with the preparations at House in the Basement for the In Bloom Judging, which has included cleaning areas and planting plants.

Daren noted that there was a series of events happening over the summer holiday, including:

- Three Open Mic Nights- 11th July at House in the Basement, 14th August on the Vine Bandstand, 12th Sept at House in the Basement.
- A free BBQ facilitated by Perfect Cuisine for the 12th of July.
- Skate Park event at Greatness on the 25th of July.
- Broadstairs trip on the 20th of August.

Daren reported that during the summer holidays, House in the Basement will be open from 2 pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. However, the SEN sessions will continue to be on a Tuesday from 5 pm to 8 pm throughout the summer holidays.

7 - EVERY CAN COUNTS

The Youth Council heard that STC are currently exploring different ways to help with recycling. The Youth Council were asked if they wanted to partner with Every Can Counts, which supplies free can collection bin packs for organisations to use. It was thought this might be of use at House in the Basement.

It was noted that while Every Can Counts supplies the bins, they do not collect them and leave this for standard collection. The Youth Councillors also heard that the waste collection laws for businesses have changed, meaning the businesses are now

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obligated to separate their waste. As such STC are currently looking at different providers to facilitate this.

8 - DJ EQUIPMENT FOR HITB

The Youth Council received a request from House in the basement to help fund DJ equipment for young people to use to help them learn how to DJ.

RESOLVED: To fund the purchase of DJ equipment for House in the Basement for £172.59

9 - SEVENOAKS TOWN CENTRE DRAFT MASTER PLAN

The Youth Council received a talk on the Sevenoaks Town Centre Draft Master Plan from the Sevenoaks Town Council, Planning Committee Clerk. They explained the importance of having a Masterplan as it helps create a coherent picture of what people might want the town to look like, which helps developers add and improve the town, as without this, you could end up with one or two developers duplicating what has already been provided. The Youth Council did a short exercise where they each drew either a head, torso, legs or feet (please see the appendix for the image of the outcome of the exercise).

One of the Youth Councillors asked if the local residents would be consulted on the master plan. The Planning Committee Clerk mentioned that the Surveys for the Sevenoaks Town Centre Draft Master Plan are already out and offered the Youth councillors to take one and fill it out.

10 - YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Youth Councillors noted that the Youth Council election process will start in September. They were informed that if they would like to continue on the Youth Council, they just had to send in a completed form before Wednesday, the 1st of October 2025.

11 - UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

The Youth Council noted there was a large range of free Youth Events happening over the summer, including Skateboarding Sessions, the Skate Jam event and Open Mic nights at House in the Basement and on the Vine Gardens.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the Meeting.

Sevenoaks Town Council's Draft Town Centre Masterplan

What is a Masterplan?

What does the Masterplan want to achieve?

Who will fund and deliver the improvements
that are proposed?

What is a Masterplan?

- ▶ A visual Plan for how to make the town centre better in the future - like a design your “dream town” but for the whole town to agree. E.g:
- ▶ Where should new buildings go?
- ▶ How can we make it easier and safer to walk or cycle here?
- ▶ Are pavements wide enough for two people to walk next to each other?
- ▶ Can we plant more trees or add benches to make the area more pleasant?



Guiding principles:

1



TRANSFORM THE SENSE OF ARRIVAL

2



RESPECT AND CELEBRATE SEVENOAKS' UNIQUE HERITAGE

3



BE ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE

4



ENHANCE THE TOWN CENTRE OFFER

5



STRENGTHEN THE CULTURAL OFFER

6



ENCOURAGE ACTIVE MODES OF TRANSPORT AND REDUCE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

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CREATE A PEOPLE-FOCUSED PUBLIC REALM

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GREEN THE TOWN CENTRE

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PROVIDE A RANGE OF NEW HOMES

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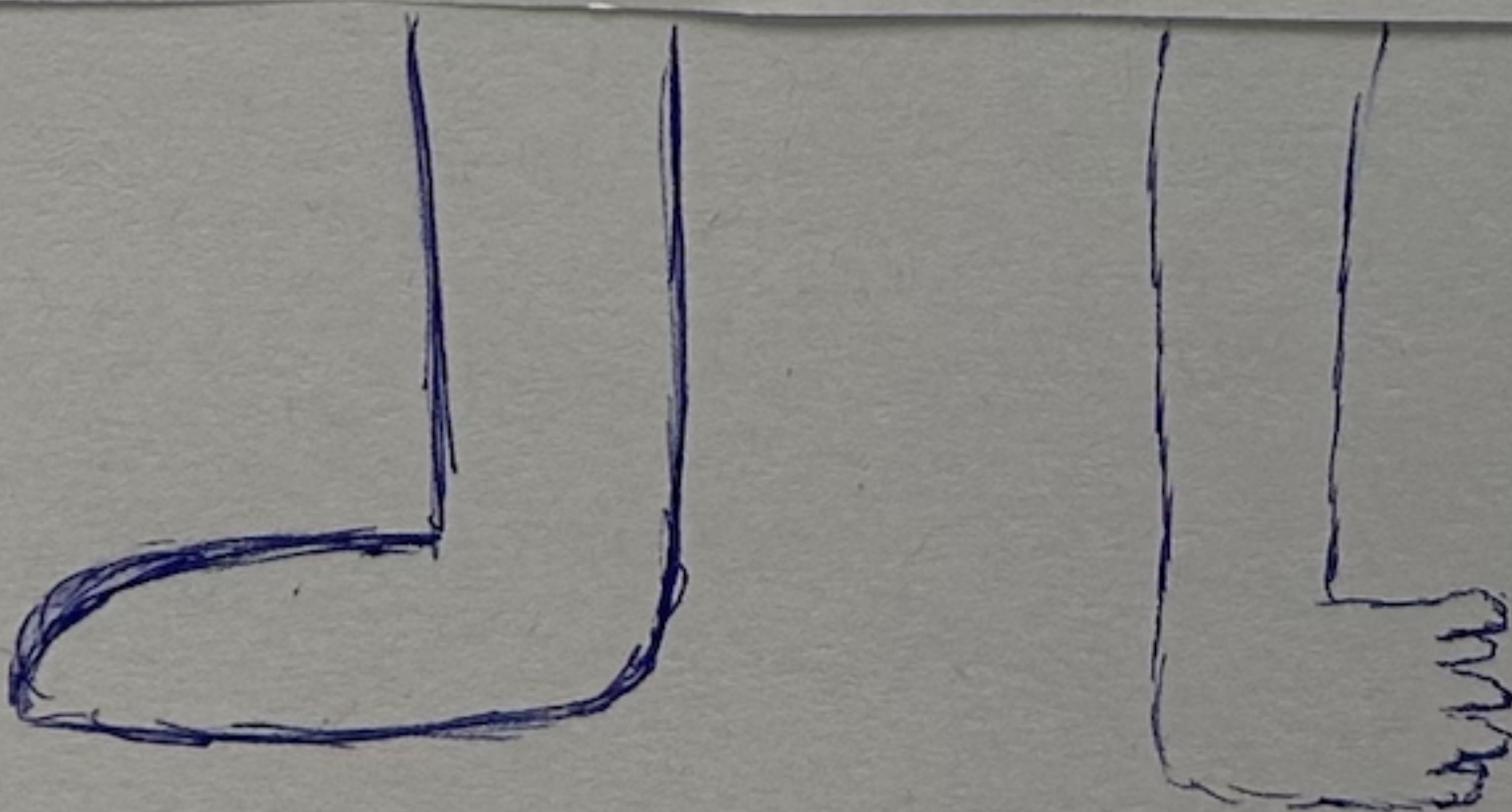
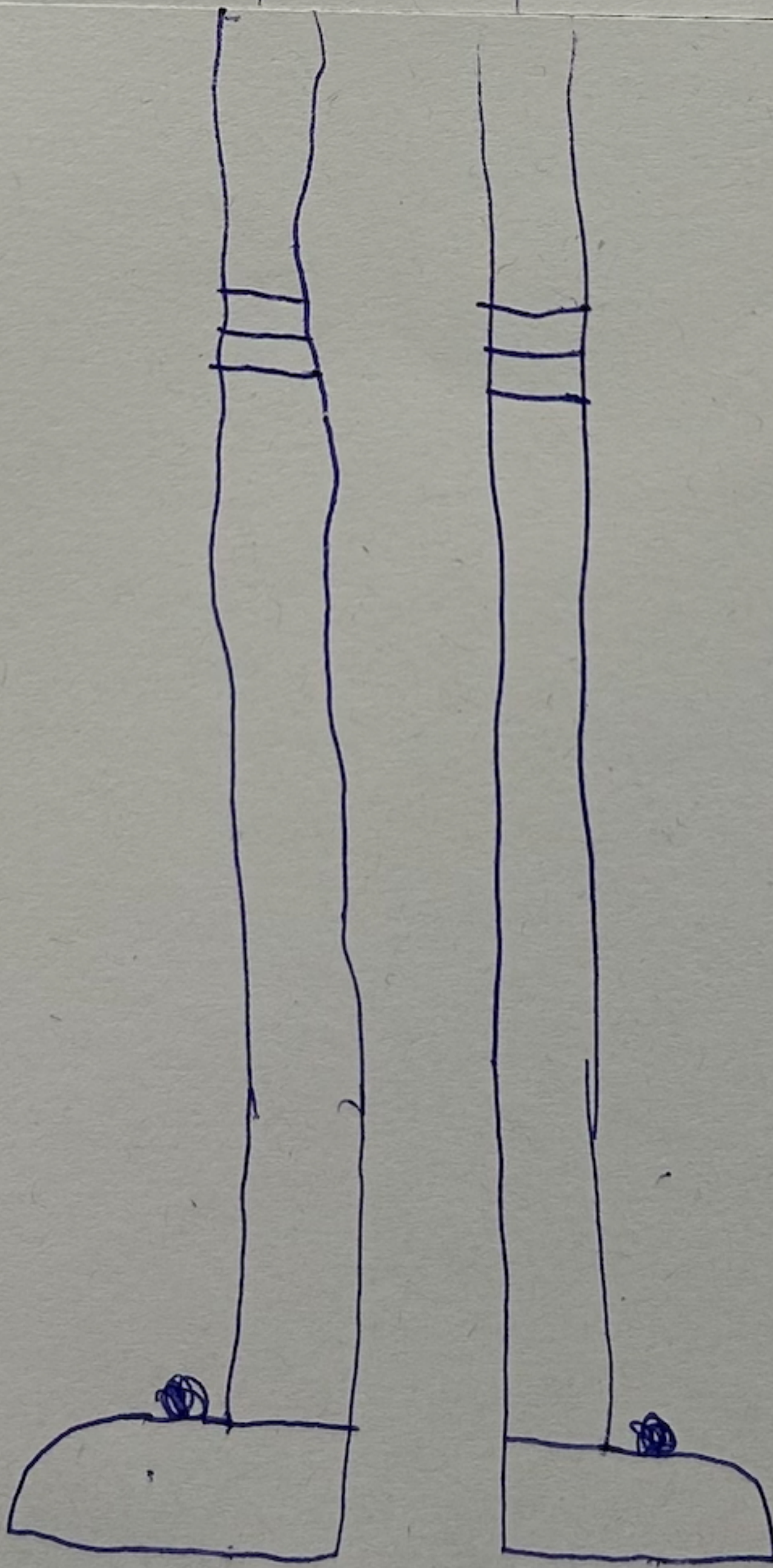
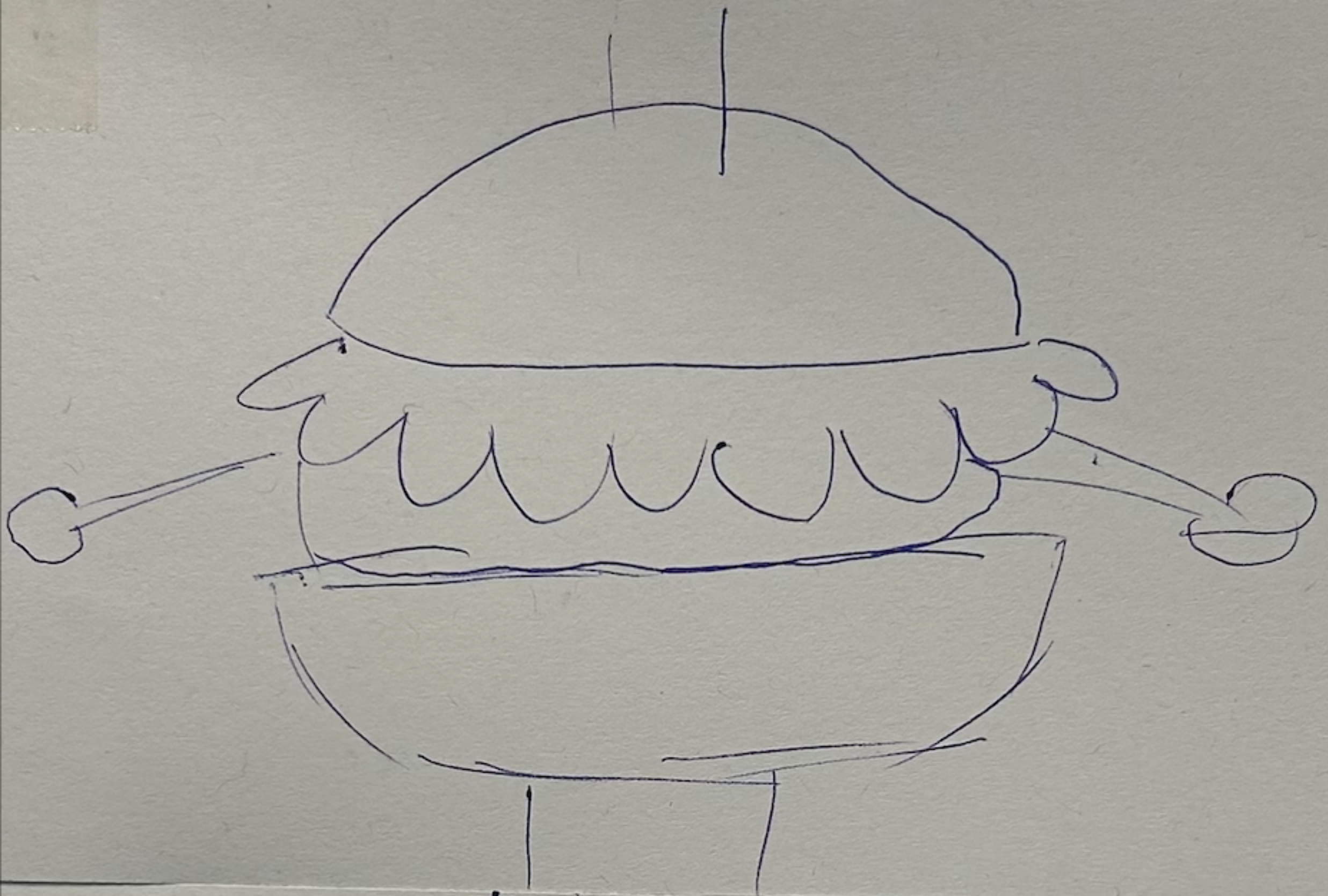
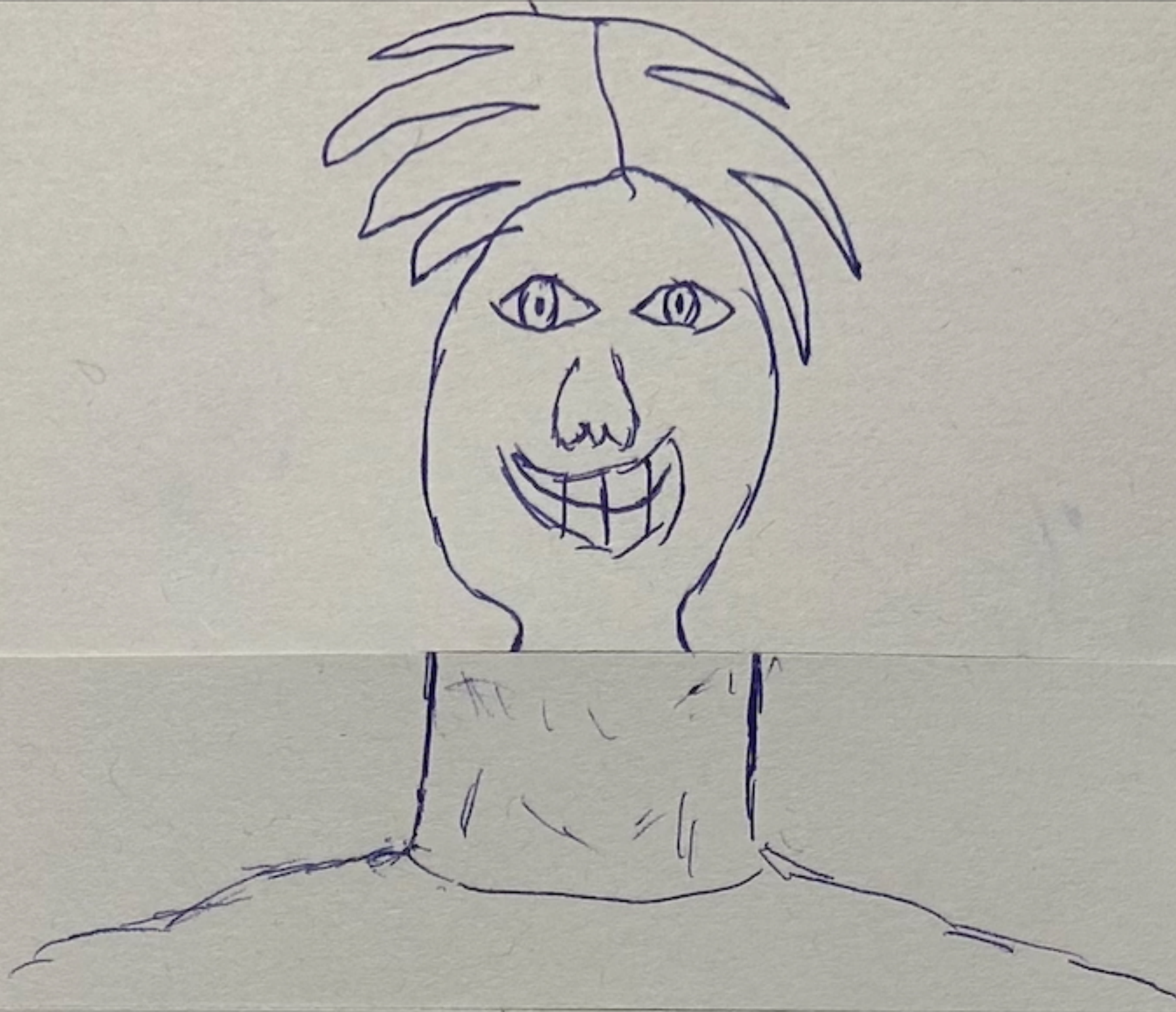


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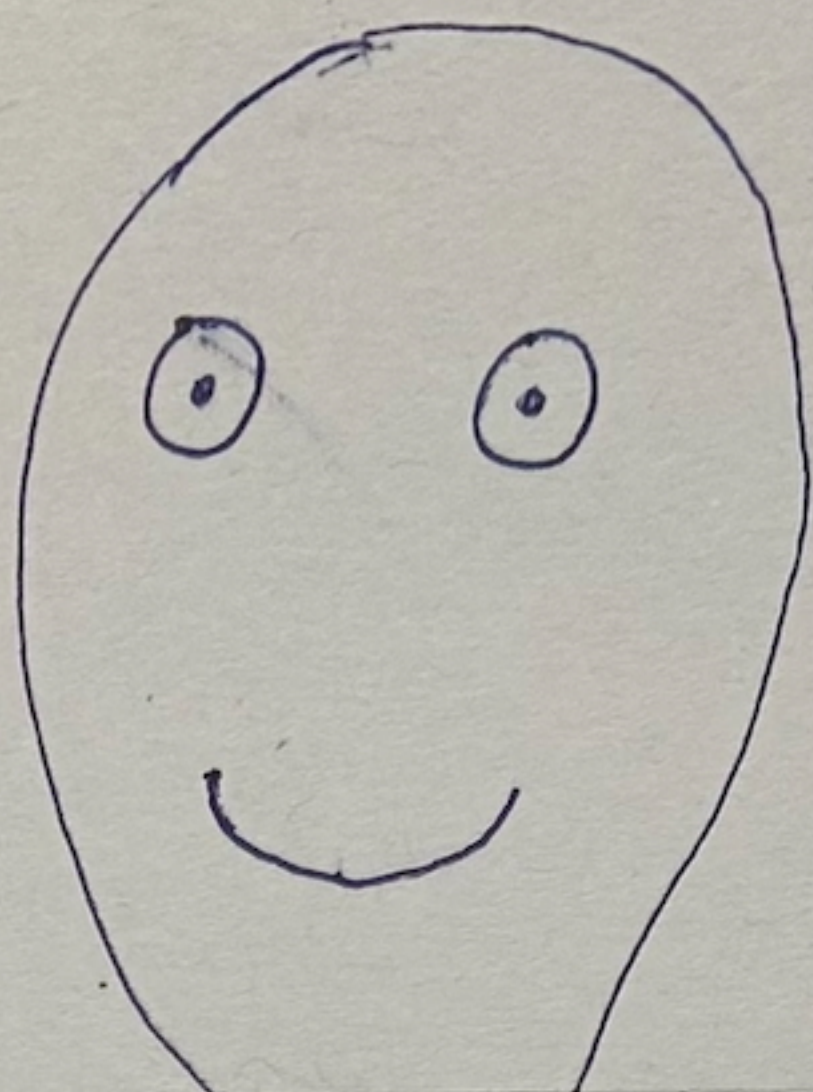
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- ▶ Local landowners / developers
- ▶ Businesses
- ▶ Councils
- ▶ Groups, Organisations, Clubs

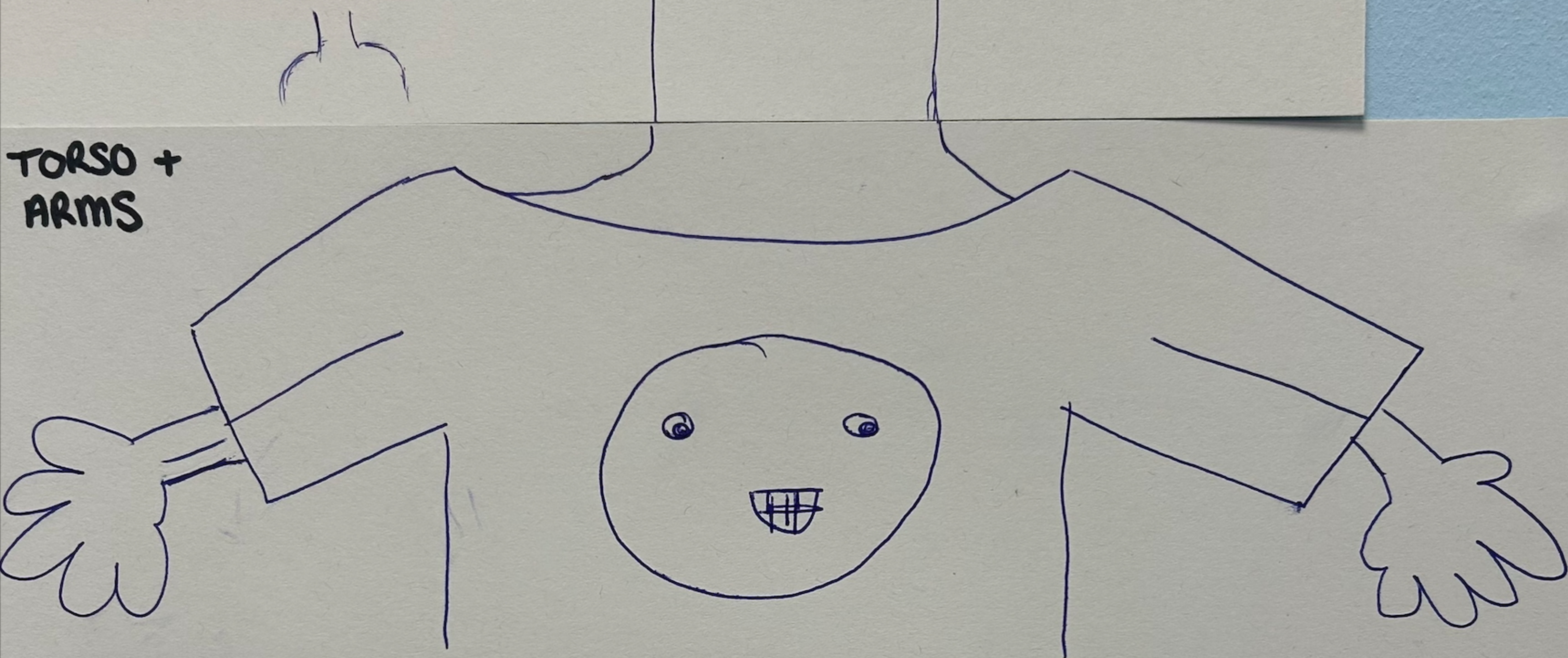




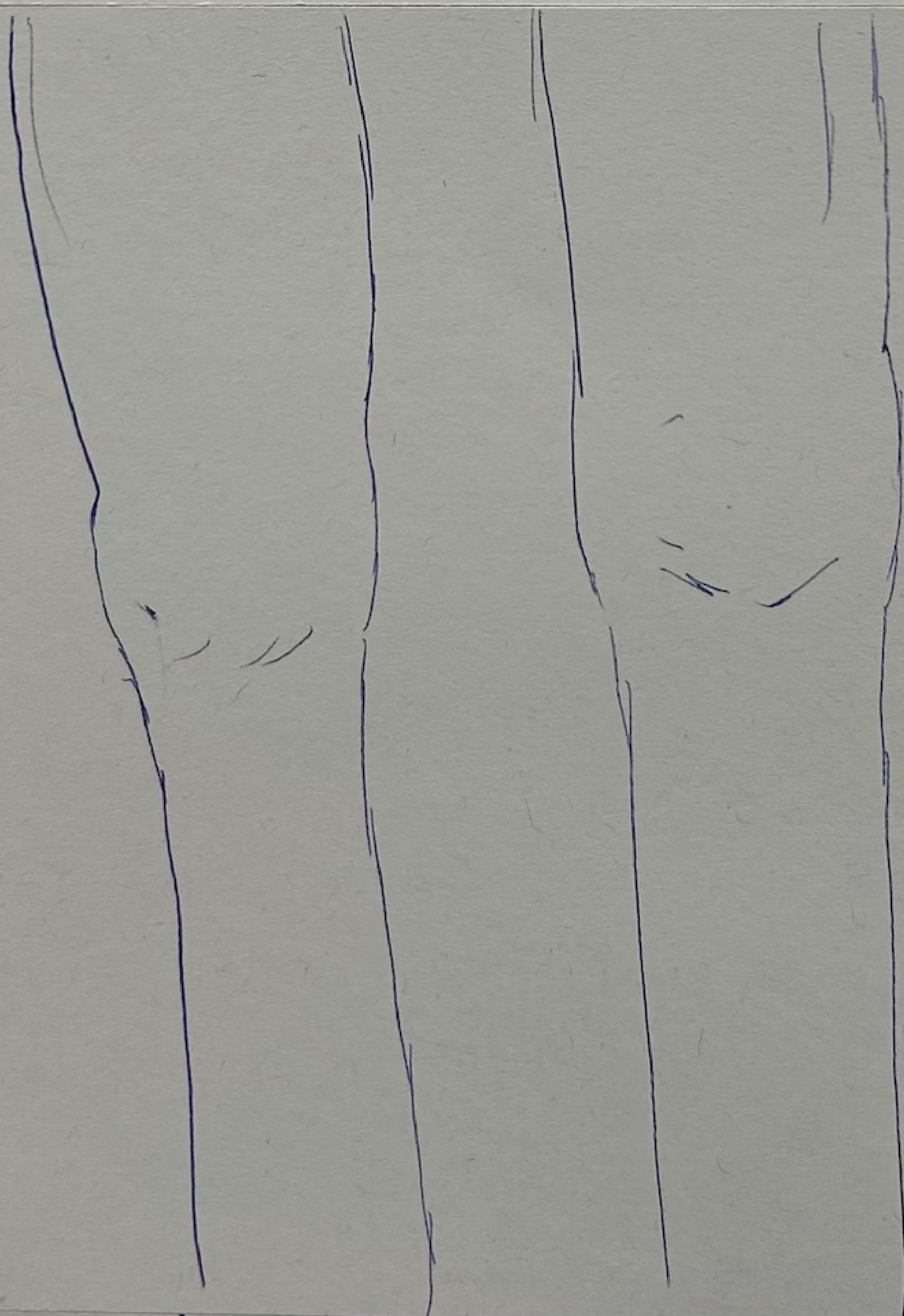
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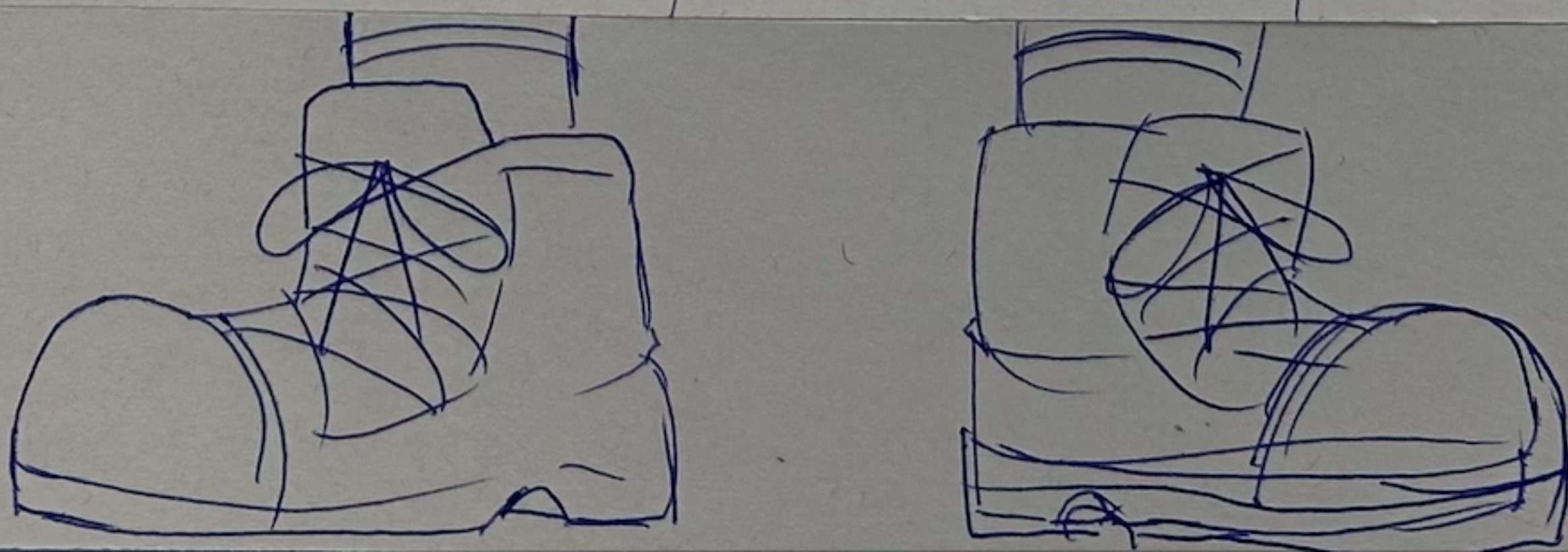
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3. LEGS



5. FEET



Agenda Item **Sevenoaks Town Council**
3A **Youth Council General Income and**
 7555/43

2025/26

		Expenditure	Income	Committed
		£	£	£
Carried Forward from 2024/25:	1,850.37			
2025/26 Budget allocated:	<u>500.00</u>			
Total 01/04/25 starting balance:	<u>2,350.37</u>		£2,350.37	£ -
Skatepark Event		£ 750.00		
Restringing of Guitars				£100.00
DJ Beginners Kit		£ 148.67		
		£ 898.67	£2,350.37	£100.00
Available Funds		<u>£ 1,351.70</u>		
		<u>£ 1,351.70</u>		

Agenda Item **Sevenoaks Town Council**
3B **Youth Council Charity Income and**
 7555/43

2025/26

		Expenditure	Income
		£	£
Starting Balance:	01/04/2025		£ -
Budget allocated:	<u>0.00</u>		<u>£0.00</u>
Cake Sale			£ 18.00
		£ -	£18.00
Available Funds		<u>£ 18.00</u>	
		<u>£ 18.00</u>	

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Youth Council Meeting – 10th September 2025
Current Matters Report

Current Matters**NB: Updates are shown in red.**

Item	Minute No	Item	Status	Latest update
	11)- 1/11/2023 12)- 17/01/2024	Priorities	<p>After the Workshop the Youth Councillors discussed some of the ideas that had been suggested, it was noted that Mental Health was one of the key themes. It was also suggested that more can be done for the promotion of local sports clubs and mentoring schemes.</p> <p>Resolved: It was noted that the Youth Council agreed that the Environment should be their main Priority.</p> <p>Resolved: It was noted that the Youth Council agreed that Mental Health and Well-being should be their Second priority with Community being their third.</p>	
	11)- 17/01/2024 7)- 20/03/2024 11)- 15/05/2024 9)- 10/07/2024	Climate Change Youth Forum	<p>Resolved: To note the first meeting of the Climate Change Youth Forum will be taking place on the 28th of February 2024 at 6pm.</p> <p>Resolved: To note the next meeting of the Climate Change Youth Forum, takes place on the 17th of April at 6pm with Guest speaker Trevor Kennet, Head of Direct Services at Sevenoaks District Council on <i>"Recycling in Sevenoaks"</i>.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To note the Minutes of the Climate Change Youth Forum held on the 17th of April 2024. The Youth Council noted that an incentive similar to the Youth Council such as being able to place attendance of these meetings on a C.V. or counting it towards DofE volunteer may improve attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing posters with signup sheets for schools to use may also help. • It was noted that going back to the school Eco Councils may be an option, as schools gained from the conversations through talking to one another. <p>RESOLVED: To coordinate and arrange with schools to attend the</p>	Trevor Kennet was unable to attend due to a bereavement. He will be invited to a future meeting.

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	8)- 05/03/2025		<p>next and future meetings of the Climate Change Youth Forum.</p> <p>RESOLVED: 1) For the Climate Change Youth Forum to be merged with the Youth Council. 2) For the Sevenoaks Youth Council to have a stall at the Climate Fair, STC staff to purchase seed paper for printing flyers and leaflets for the Youth Council to give out at the event.</p>	<p>Youth Councillors attend the Climate fair, handing out cards advertising the Youth Council on Seed Paper, along with bracelets saying "Stay Green" made from wood. These were later used as examples for both the regional and National In Bloom Judges to see.</p>
	8)- 20/03/2024 14)- 15/05/2024 4)- 15/01/2025	Youth Council Promotion	<p>It was noted The Youth Council would like a page in the Town Crier to promote Youth Council Activities such as their main priorities and any events they may wish to hold over their two-year term.</p> <p>The Youth Council noted that perhaps having a magazine similar to the Town Crier may also be useful to help promote Youth events in and around the Town as well as House in the Basement.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To produce an Instagram post to promote the Youth Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: All three will help to create posts for the Youth Council Instagram account with Ishwar and Riddle writing the posts and Aryanna posting them on the Social Media Platform.</p>	<p>Youth Councillors have offered to promote via school magazines.</p>

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	2)-05/03/2025		<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Youth Council held on 05th March 2025</p> <p>It was noted that during the last meeting, elections were held for a Social Media officer. Aryanna reported that since starting the Instagram page the youth council have posted four items, had 36 followers and was following 93 accounts. It was noted that many of these accounts were primarily businesses and organisations to help give the Youth Council a starting base.</p> <p>It was suggested that to gain more followers they should post more regularly, with this in mind Aryanna asked for Youth Council members to come up with posts that they could put on the Instagram page. The Youth Council suggested:</p> <p>Putting a biography post on the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, and other Youth Councillors at a later date.</p> <p>Posting about what was agreed at the meetings,</p> <p>Continuing to promote events for Young People at House in the Basement.</p> <p>Agreed expenditure e.g. Purchase of the VR Headset with photo.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1) To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on 05th March 2025.</p> <p>2) To generate more Instagram posts.</p> <p>3) All Youth Councillors were asked to follow and share the Instagram Account.</p>	<p>19/08/2025- To note that since May 21st, 2025. Over 90 days, there have been 1,035 views 41.4% of these were Followers, with 58.6% being non-Followers. The number of accounts reached in that period was 149, with over 203 views on the Poster for the Skate Park event and 198 views on the</p>

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Current Matters Report

Item	Minute No	Item	Status	Latest update
				Skate Park Sessions. Noted that: Followers: 100, following: 343.
	8)- 15/01/2025	Funding VR Headset for House in the Basement	RESOLVED: To fund the purchase of the VR Gaming Headset at £379.00 from the Youth Council Budget.	This has since been purchased and used by those attending House in the Basement.
	6)- 05/03/2025	Re-Stringing Guitars at House in the Basement	RESOLVED: the Youth Council agreed to fund the re-stringing of the two guitars at £80- £100	
	7)- 05/03/2025 8)- 07/05/2025	Skate Park Event 2025	RESOLVED: The Youth Council agreed to provide £750 towards the event. The Youth Councillors received and noted the update report on the Skateboarding event on the 25th of July.	This event has since taken place with around 150-200 young people attending the event.
	8)- 09/07/2025	DJ Equipment for House in the Basement		This has since been purchased and used by those attending House in the Basement.

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Completed Matters Report

Completed Matters**NB: Updates are shown in red.**

Item	Minute No	Item	Status	Latest update
	<u>11)- 1/11/2023</u>	Priorities	After the Workshop the Youth Councillors discussed some of the ideas that had been suggested, it was noted that Mental Health was one of the key themes. It was also suggested that more can be done for the promotion of local sports clubs and mentoring schemes.	A draft Survey and poster have been prepared.
	<u>12)- 17/01/2024</u>		<p>Resolved: It was noted that the Youth Council agreed that the Environment should be their main Priority.</p> <p>Resolved: It was noted that the Youth Council agreed that Mental Health and Well-being should be their Second priority with Community being their third.</p>	
	<u>9)- 20/03/2024</u>		<p>During the last meeting the Youth Council mentioned a Survey for young people to use for any mental health issues and to report incidents like bullying and to help sign post young people to where they can get help. It was suggested that a poster could be created for young people to have at school and the Town for them to know who to contact for help any issues be that at home or at school.</p>	
	<u>12)- 15/05/2024</u>		<p>RESOLVED: To receive and note that a Draft Survey had been created.</p>	
	<u>13)- 15/05/2024</u>		<p>RESOLVED: To receive and note a draft mental health poster had been created.</p>	
	<u>08)- 10/07/2024</u>		<p>RESOLVED: The mental health posters and surveys are to be sent to schools at the start of the new school year in September</p>	

Item	Minute No	Item	Status	Latest update
			2024 with a completion deadline of the end of September.	<p>The deadline has been extended to Wednesday 13th of November.</p> <p>Entries have now been received and placed for the Youth Council to review.</p>
	7)- 17/01/2024 7)- 15/05/2024 7)- 10/07/2024	Youth Council Charity	<p>Resolved: The Youth Council agreed to support Friends for Families over their two-year term.</p> <p>Representatives from Friends for Families attend the Youth Council Meeting it was mentioned that the Chairty would be delighted to receive any funds that the Youth Council could raise and mentioned the charity would be happy to give the Youth Council boxes with the charity name on for events. The Youth Council discussed the different ways they could raise money either through a raffle held during school or Sevenoaks Town Council events or doing cake sales or “Bake off” challenges at House in the Basement.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To hold a fundraising cake sale in September 2. To hold a fundraising Halloween Disco and Fancy-Dress Competition in October. 	<p>Charity representative has been invited to the meeting on 15th of May 2024.</p> <p>Youth Council attend the first Sevenoaks Bike Festival, they raised £18 for their chosen charity. Halloween Disco has been cancelled.</p>
	11)- 17/01/2024 7)- 20/03/2024	Climate Change Youth Forum	<p>Resolved: To note the first meeting of the Climate Change Youth Forum will be taking place on the 28th of February 2024 at 6pm.</p> <p>Resolved: To note the next meeting of the Climate Change Youth Forum, takes place on the 17th of April at 6pm with Guest speaker Trevor Kennet, Head of Direct Services at Sevenoaks</p>	<p>Trevor Kennet was unable to attend due to a bereavement. He will be invited to a future meeting.</p>

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Youth Events Summer 2025 Report

Skateboard Sessions- Hosted by Samsara Sport

In the lead up to the Skate Jam event, Samsara Sport hosted a series of free skateboarding sessions sponsored by Sevenoaks Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council. These sessions took place every Thursday from 26th June- 17th of July at Greatness Skate Park. These sessions were split into two age groups of 7-11 from 5-6 pm and 11+ from 6-7 pm. The table below outlines the number of young people who attend each of the sessions.

Date of Session	Session Age range	Number of Female	Number of Male	No. Cancellations/No shows
26th June	07-11s	5	5	0
	11+	2	4	0
03rd July	07-11s	8	Girls Session	2
	11+	2		0
10th July	07-11s	1	8	1
	11+	2	4	0
17th July	07-11s	5	5	2
	11+	3	5	3

Table 1: Please note the number of Female/ Male does not include the cancellations/ no shows.

To note that the waiting list for the last sessions held on the 17th of July was made up of seventeen young people, sixteen male and one female.

Ollie Ireland, Coach for *Samsara Sport*, reported:

“The skate sessions went really well this year. We had a good cross-section of local young people from a variety of schools - grammar, state and private. We also had getting on for half males and females, which is a massive success! There were predominantly novice or beginner riders, but we did have a few intermediate riders in both age groups who wanted to be part of something whilst progressing. I saw a lot of the attendees at the Jam, which was encouraging. I had feedback from several parents that the course gave skills and confidence for their children to go back to a skatepark again.

I made positive connections with the kids who hang out at the park every day after school, and some joined in the sessions. It is worth noting that scooters are the most common choice at the park rather than boards or bikes.”



Skate Jam 2025

This year saw Sevenoaks Town Council kick off the summer holidays with a Skate Jam on the first Friday of the School holidays. The event was well attended, with around 150-200 young people attending the event. The event included Batch 18 providing refreshments and ice cream, Barclays Bank talking to families and young people about scam prevention and Sevenoaks Repair Café, which was running a repair workshop for bikes. This was their first time attending the Skate Jam event, and they were very happy with the turnout. Furthermore, we had West Kent Housing, who were giving out free popcorn, Kenwood Trust talking to young people on the effects of drugs and alcohol, SAYT running a game of Jenga and giving out bottles of water on an exceptionally hot day, HitB with the giant inflatable dart board and Kent Police talking about how to be safe and keeping your bike safe.

The overall event was hosted by King Ramps, who provided UK athletes for demonstrations as well as sessions for young people who wanted to learn more about either Skateboarding, BMX or scooters. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Victoria Granville, attended the event, greeting the stallholders and the event providers.



Music on the Bandstand 2025 - Bouncy Castle every Thursday

Unfortunately, due to rain on the first and second Thursdays (Thurs, 24th July and Thurs, 31st July), the bouncy castle was unable to go ahead as Play Place had to cancel due to safety concerns. STC were not charged for this. On Thursday, the 14th of August, there was an issue with the power supply, and as such, the bouncy castle was unable to go ahead on this day. Despite this, the Bouncy Castle did go up on three out of the six possible dates, with Play Place stating they had received some positive feedback from parents. Mike from Play Place stated that for the event on the 21st of August, "I believe they had around 20 young people, some being older too, which is great."



Family Fun Day- 4th August- Greatness Recreation Ground

The annual *Family Fun Day* attracted a large number of parents, grandparents, and children to the Greatness Recreation Ground, despite the inclement weather. The event featured a wide range of attractions and activities, including stalls and displays from Batch 18, West Kent, Play Place, We Make Footballers, Kenwood Trust, and Kent Police. Quest for Entertainment delighted attendees with their ever-popular Baby Dinosaurs, while Sevenoaks Town Council engaged children and families with rock painting in support of the *Britain in Bloom* judging.

Although organised by Sevenoaks District Council, the event was hosted by Sevenoaks Town Council. As such, several elements were facilitated directly by the Town Council, including the participation of Quest for Entertainment, We Make Footballers, Kenwood Trust, Batch 18, and the Town Council's own rock painting activity, which proved very popular. We arrived at the event with over 100 rocks to paint and returned with just 58, though all of which were painted.

Trevor from *Quest for Entertainment* gave the following report:

"Once again, we received a great reception and had a wonderful visit to Sevenoaks. Many people around, great for the event, especially considering the inclement weather."

Gil from *We Make Footballers* also gave the following report:

"Thank you again for inviting me along. The parents had nothing but positive things to say and shared lots of compliments!"



Children's Theatre Shows- Fungi Frida and the Myco Heroes 19th- 22nd August

These theatre shows rounded up several months' worth of In Bloom events, starting on the 4th of May with the theatre show Professor Slug's House of Bugs which included a popular rock painting workshop. We also had schools making sculptures and because the rock painting was so popular we did it again on the 4th of August, ready for the second round of In Bloom judging on the Tuesday 12th of August. The main themes of this theatre show were recycling and how mushrooms can help with recycling, with

aspects of the show calling upon both adult and young people to help in the performance. The first show at the Bat and Ball Centre saw around 70 people, with Sevenoaks Day Nursery bringing their classes over to the centre.

The second show at Pontoise went well, with around 20-25 people in attendance. A huge thank you to Cllr Ancrum and Cllr O'Hara, who took photos at this event.

The Third show at Greatness Recreation Ground, we saw had around 10 young people over the course of the show, with about 20-25 people attending. The show was very interesting, as the way it was done at this site was almost a walking story leading the young people and the parents around the woods of Greatness, including showing the infinity project. The event at the Vine went very well, with Georgie (Fungi Frida) saying it was one of the largest crowds they have performed to, with around 250 people present, not including the Mayor, who got up and joined in the performance in full regalia.



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Youth Council- Wednesday 10th September 2025



**House in the Basement Youth Café Manager:
June 2025 report:**

We saw 110 young people, 22 of whom had never visited before. We were open for a total of 15 days throughout the month, with 4 SEN Sessions taking place, seeing 27 Young people.

We also launched the Free Meals for Young People over the School Holidays for those who had been receiving free lunches from the school during term time. This is made possible by funding from Tesco's "Stronger Starts" scheme, which allows us to offer meals deals (any hot food, including a drink, for £3.50) to young people during the school holidays. These were given to schools, food banks and local organisations in the form of vouchers that could be redeemed at HitB.

In addition, we were delighted to celebrate Paula, whose dedication and commitment to supporting young people have spanned an incredible forty years. Her remarkable contribution to youth work stands as an inspiration to us all and was recognised with heartfelt appreciation during the event.



July 2025 report:

In July, we were open for 18 occasions and saw 118 Young people, 8 of whom were new to HitB. We saw 45 SEN Young People during the 5 SEN sessions over the course of the month. We also hosted the start of the first round of In Bloom Judging, as well as receiving some delicious cake from the residents at Rockdale Housing Association.

In addition to these, we also attend the Skate Park event at Greatness Recreation Ground, bringing the inflatable dart Board with us for young people to have a go, with prizes for those who score over 60.

Sevenoaks Town Council
Youth Council- Wednesday 10th September 2025



JOIN SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL!

Are you aged 11–18 and passionate about your community?



This is your chance to:

- ✓ Share your views
- ✓ Make real change happen
- ✓ Get involved in local projects
- ✓ Build skills for your future



What does a Youth Councillor do?

- Represent the views of young people in Sevenoaks
- Attend regular Youth Council meetings
- Organise events and campaigns
- Collaborate on community projects
- Work alongside local leaders and councillors
- Develop confidence, leadership & teamwork skills



Why get involved?

- Make a real difference in your community
- Meet other motivated young people
- Looks great on **UCAS** and **job applications**
- Counts towards **DofE** and **IB CAS hours**

For more information, please email:
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Do you want to represent the views, issues and
opinions of young people in the town?



How to Apply:

Do you live within 5 miles of
Sevenoaks Town or go to
school in the town?

Fill out the form below or scan
the QR code to visit our website.

Youth Council Meetings:

Every 6 weeks on Wednesdays
at 6pm

Location:

Sevenoaks Town Council
Chamber, TN13 3QG
or
House in the Basement,
TN13 1ZZ



Name _____ Age _____

Name of School Attended _____

Email (Personal) _____

Email (Parent/Guardian) _____

Home Address _____

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