

Sevenoaks Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Services Committee Held on 20th March 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG.

Meeting Started: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7.49 p.m.

Present:

Cllr Chloe Gustard (Chair)	Present	Cllr Catherine Daniell (Vice-Chair)	Present
Cllr Dr Merylyn Canet	Present	Cllr Sally Layne	Absent
Cllr Clair Shea (ex-officio)	Apologies	Cllr Gareth Willis	Apologies
<u>Co-opted members</u>			
Sevenoaks Youth Council: Harry Madeline	Apologies Apologies	Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust: Peter Robinson	Apologies
Kent County Council: Vacant		West Kent Communities: Richard Dowling	Present
Sevenoaks District Council: Kelly Webb, Maxine Quinton	Apologies	National Trust: Amy Sabine	Present

In attendance: Georgina Jackson, Responsible Finance Officer & Deputy Town Clerk, Daren Mountain, HiTB Youth Café Manager, Ieuan Chandler-Wilson, Youth Committee Clerk.

Representations received from Members of the Public: none.

750. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above.

751. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

752. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

753. Minutes of Youth Services Committee held on 24th January 2024

RESOLVED: To receive and accept minutes of the Youth Services Committee held on the 24th of January as a true record.

754. Minutes of Sevenoaks Youth Council

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 17th January 2024.

755. Current Matters and Completed Matters Report

The Committee received the current and completed matters report. It was noted that the Climate Change Youth Forum only had 3 young people attend.

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RESOLVED: To note the Current Matters and approve the Completed Matters as a true record of the Youth Services Committee's completed actions.

756. House in the Basement Youth Café

756.1 Update Report

The Committee heard from Daren that House in the Basement has been continuing to do well with the most popular day for young people being a Wednesday. Daren noted that the NEET project is currently in its fifth week and while they are seeing low numbers more young people are attending slow as word spreads. There has been very positive feedback from parents whose young people have been attending the sessions. It was noted that the project would be pausing over the Easter break and would then continue for another six weeks.

The Committee suggested reaching out to other organisations, like Citizen's advice, as well as more promotion online for the project.

The Committee heard that as of the first Thursday in April House in the Basement of West Kent Youth Services will be carrying out detached work within the town.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

756.2 Finance Report December 2023- January 2024

RESOLVED: That the Finance Cost Centre report for the House in the Basement Youth Café be noted.

757. Reports from Co-opted Partners

Noted following reports from Co-opted Partners:

(i) Sevenoaks District Council, Community Safety

Although Maxine Quinton was unable to attend this meeting, she had forwarded a report from the District Council about events in Sevenoaks Town.

Linda contacted the CSU regarding young people causing problems on the Vine. There were no reports to Kent Police

Reports have been received of young people causing problems in Sevenoaks Town, Waitrose, and Sevenoaks Leisure Centre. CCTV images have been obtained and investigations regarding identifying the young people has started.

Summer Fun Days information has been sent to Town & Parishes council for their preferred dates.

The Big Sing is taking place on Thursday 16th May, at the Stag Theatre, tickets are on sale now.

Site visits have taken place with the KCC Youth Workers at Bat and Ball and the Quarry.

Site visit will take place this Friday to the Sevenoaks Town Car Park. Reports of nuisance vehicles continue. When reports are received CCTV images are checked

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to see if registration details of the vehicles are captured. Registered owners of the vehicles are then written to regarding their behaviour. Since the beginning of the year the CSU has sent out 11 Vehicle Warning Letters.

The Public Protection Spaces Order for Hewitts Roundabout has been agreed.

(ii) West Kent Youth Services (WKYS)

The Committee heard from Richard Downing that during their detached work they are seeing a number of young people at Greatness Recreational Grounds, it was also noted that they were getting a lot of young people enquiring about the skate park and when the work to refurbish the Skate park was undertaken.

Richard also reported that the Young Adventures group is doing well, with up to 20 young people attending each session.

(iii) National Trust

The Committee heard from Amy Sabine from Knole House that they have just had their first carers-based work experience young person attend and are starting to prepare for more work experience to take place in the summer.

It was also noted that Knole would be taking part in the Great Big Green Week which runs from the 8th to the 16th of June.

758. Family Hub and Commissioned Youth Decision

It was noted that *"Within the option chosen by the KCC Cabinet Spring House is proposed to cease providing Children's Centre services, however, will be retained by Public Health for their service provision. Spring House is an NHS site."*

759. Swing Doors for House in the Basement Youth Café

The Committee received a report regarding a quote received by Sevenoaks Town Council for the replacement and installation of new doors for House in the Basement. It was noted that only one quote had been obtained for this, the Committee asked if more quotes could be obtained and motioned for this item to be deferred to the next meeting of the Youth Services Committee.

RESOLVED: For more quotes to be obtained for the replacement and installation of the new doors and for the item to be deferred to the next meeting of the Youth Services Committee.

760. Grant for House in the Basement SEN Nights

The Committee heard that House in the Basement had been successful in procuring a grant for the Tuesday SEN nights and congratulated Daren.

761. Grant Applications

The Committee received and noted that the balance of the 2024/25 Youth Outreach budget was £7,490.

Consideration was given to grant applications received. It was agreed to fund a hire venue cost for 36 We Are Beams Clinics to be held at House in the Basement.

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The Committee noted that the calculations for the cost of hire for We are Beams had been calculated to the 2023/24 figures and were set to rise from the 1st of April 2024, It was agreed that they would be awarded the amended cost of hire from 1st April.

RESOLVED: That grant requests be awarded under the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011 Sections 1-8 refers) as follows:

Grant Ref No	Organisation Name & Charity Reg	Purpose of award	Grant Application	Grant approved
23	Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra Charity Reg: 1149477	Towards the costs of Youth Jazz workshop & short concert on 25 th June. Free of charge to the young musicians.	£500	£500
69	We are Beams. Charity Reg: 1054129	Hire costs of House in the Basement for 36 weeks of the year for advice clinic for families with disabled children.	£1,368	£1,440
Total awarded				£1,940

762. All inclusive Train Session 5th April at Bat & Ball Station

It was noted that on the 5th of April the All Aboard Club will be holding inclusive play train sessions at the Bat & Ball Station at 11am and 1pm.

763. Press Release

RESOLVED: To issue a press release on the approved grants and the NEET project.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Signed Dated

Chair