

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Services Committee**  
**Held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG**

**Meeting Started:** 7.00 p.m.

**Meeting Concluded:** 7.50 p.m.

**Present:**

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| Cllr Richard Parry, <b>Vice-Chairman</b>      | Present   |  | Cllr Libby Ancrum                        | Present   |
| Cllr Nick Busvine                             | Present   |  | Cllr Roderick Hogarth                    | Present   |
| Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet, <b>Chairman</b>        | Present   |  | Cllr Tom Morris Brown                    | Apologies |
| Cllr Andrew Eyre                              | Apologies |  | Cllr Claire Shea                         | Present   |
| Cllr Rachel Parry, Mayor<br>(ex- officio)     | Present   |  |                                          |           |
| <b>Co-opted Members:</b>                      |           |  |                                          |           |
| Richard Dowling, West Kent<br>Communities     | Present   |  | Victoria Walters, Kent County<br>Council | Apologies |
| Maxine Quinton, Sevenoaks<br>District Council | Present   |  | Caroline Berry, SAYT                     | Present   |

**In attendance:** Linda Larter, Town Clerk; Daren Mountain, Manager of House in the Basement, Ieuan Chandler-Wilson, Committee Clerk.

**Representations received from Members of the Public:** none.

**181. Apologies for Absence**

Received as noted above.

**182. Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**183. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**184. Minutes of Youth Services Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**RESOLVED:** To receive and accept the minutes as a true record.

**185. House in the Basement Youth Café**

**185.1 Update Report**

The Committee received Daren Mountain's report and it was noted that House in the Basement would be offering facilities for a 6-week programme for Ukrainian refugees if required.

It was also noted that Daren would be visiting schools in the coming weeks.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be received and noted.

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### 185.2 Finance Reports to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

**RESOLVED:** That the Finance Cost Centre reports for the House in the Basement Youth Café for March, April and May be noted.

### 186. Minutes of Sevenoaks Youth Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2022

It was noted with regard to item 5 (i) arranging a Mental Health Workshop for young people, that the Headteacher of West Heath School had offered to attend and talk to the Youth Councillors. Arrangements for this would be made.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

### 187. Reports from Co-opted Partners

Noted following reports from Co-opted Partners:

#### (i) Kent County Council (KCC)

Although Victoria Walters was unable to attend this meeting, she had forwarded a report regarding the work carried out by KCC.

“Currently we have offered face to face and at the last meeting to get involved with detached work and collaborate with other youth providers for Sevenoaks town, in some detached areas- otherwise our offer remains focus support (which covers all of Sevenoaks district) and district conversations, parenting courses for families (again covers the entire district).

We have various areas we deliver youth clubs the main being Swanley youth hub and some rural detached.

We have YPPC (Young people’s partnership conversation) meetings- and LCPG meeting (local children’s partnership conversation)- the dates of these I will send to the appropriate person if you can send me the named contacts and agree who that should be.

YPPC would need to be anyone who would like to support young people and to attend YPPC meetings (quarterly) and be part of the group rep Sevenoaks district, youth voice- this feeds into the LCPG action plan.

The LCPG would be for members and representatives, I expect there are already invites going out but if this has been missed, I will pick it up- and ensure they are added to the list (let me know).

Meanwhile, other local representation for Sevenoaks town catered to and looked after by the county council is the DCSM, this has been in operation for two months now in the district with SDC. The DCSM will ensure young people, places and spaces are safeguarded according to our contextual safeguarding approach through these meetings, of which West Kent are also invited and work in collaboration on tasks with us to meet the needs of young people.”

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The Committee expressed that it had hoped that KCC would provide some youth provisions with in Sevenoaks Town, it was noted that there were new demands on youth work. It was also hoped that Youth Councillors would be invited to youth forums arranged by KCC and SDC.

### **(ii) Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT)**

Caroline Berry reported on SAYT's attendance at the Mayor's Civic Service and promoted SAYT.

She advised that both of the new youth workers, Debbie and Levi, had now taken up their posts.

It was noted that SAYT had restarted visits to the Greatness Recreation Ground.

### **(iii) Sevenoaks District Council, Community Safety**

Maxine Quinton reported that Sevenoaks Town had mainly been quiet with some anti-social behavior reported within the town car park.

She also reported that recent shoplifting that had taken place in Sevenoaks had involved young people from out of town.

### **(iv) West Kent Youth Services (WKYS)**

Richard Dowling advised that young people had expressed interest in the new Amazon Fresh store in Sevenoaks. It was noted that Councillor Shea had visited the Young Adventurers group (8-12 age).

Richard reported that 21 young people from Sevenoaks had attended a residential event.

### **188. Summer Play Day Programme**

The Committee noted details of the Family Fun Activity sessions and Family Fun Day, together with the Goldilocks and Friends theatre shows being held over the School Summer Holiday.

**RESOLVED:** To send online links for the play days and theatre shows to members of the Youth Services Committee to help with promotion.

### **189. Press Release**

**RESOLVED:** To produce a Press Release relating to the Summer Play Days and House in the Basement Activities.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Dated .....