

Sevenoaks Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Services Committee

Held on 07th September 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG

Meeting Started: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 8.00p.m.

Present:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk, Committee Clerk, HitB Manager.

Representations received from Members of the Public: none.

Please note that due to technical difficulties the recording on YouTube did not work.

293. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above.

294. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

295. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

296. Minutes of Youth Services Committee held on 29th June 2022

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

297. House in the Basement Youth Café

297.1 Update Report

The Committee received the HiTB Manager Daren Mountain's report and it was noted that due to the kitchen flooring awaiting repairs at House in the Basement they are currently only able to supply snacks. More parents have been enquiring about the hot food meal deal for their young people.

Daren also expressed that with the trips and events that have occurred over this year it has felt like a re-launch

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted, and to record the Town Councils gratitude for the staff's additional efforts which were resulting in higher attendance numbers.

297.2 Finance Report to 30th June 2022

RESOLVED: That the Finance Cost Centre report for the House in the Basement Youth Café to 30th June 2022 be noted.

298. Reports from Co-opted Partners

Noted following reports from Co-opted Partners:

(i) Kent County Council (KCC)

Although Victoria was unable to attend this meeting, she had stated a report would be sent at a later date.

(ii) Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT)

Dawn Hallam reported that events like the trip to Hastings with House in the Basement and a trip to Thorpe Park had been very well attended during the summer.

She also reported that through the summer holidays they saw a varied number of young people at Greatness Recreation Ground and wondered how this might be reflected as the days grow shorter.

(iii) 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.

“We received reports from Stag Theatre regarding young people causing a nuisance. These young people have been identified and served with Acceptable Behaviour Agreements with their parents present.

ASB reports have reduced in Sevenoaks Town Car Park, however, it still remains area that PCSOs patrol regularly.”

(iv) West Kent Youth Services (WKYS)

The Committee received Ben Reynolds quarterly report which covered April to June. Richard Dowling noted that there had been a few issues with young people in the town.

299. STC Youth Events

Mayor councilor Mrs Parry reported that many of the events she had attended had been well received with many people enjoying the variety that had been presented over the summer.

It was noted that Sevenoaks Town Council was to hold a Climate Change youth forum to talk with schools about what they are doing to tackle the Climate Change problem.

The Committee also heard plans to hold a silent disco for young people in Sevenoaks.

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300. E Sport Tournament

The Committee noted that the Town Council had been approached about holding an esports tournament within the town. It was agreed that this would need a good period of time for promotion and does provide an opportunity to engage with wider groups in the community.

RESOLVED: To progress with plans for an event in Easter 2023 school holidays.

301. Youth Grant Application

The Committee received the grant application from Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival Young Musician of the Year. It was noted that this was a good cause and the committee moved to approve the application.

RESOLVED: To provide a grant of £600 to the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival Young Musician of the Year and to encourage increased promotion for the public to attend the event as audience.

302. Press Release

RESOLVED: To issue a press release in relation to the grant of £600 for the Musician of the Year competition

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed
Chairman

Dated