

Sevenoaks Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Services Committee Held on 2nd November 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG

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Meeting Started: 19.00

Meeting Concluded: 19.40

Present:

Cllr Dr Merilyn Canet, Chairman	Present	Cllr Libby Ancrum	Apologies
Cllr Richard Parry, Vice-Chairman	Present	Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Present
Cllr Nick Busvine	Apologies	Cllr Tom Morris Brown	Absent
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	Absent
Maxine Quinton, Sevenoaks District Council Kelly Webb, Sevenoaks District Council	Apologies Apologies	Caroline Berry, SAYT	Present

Substitute		For
Cllr Simon Raikes	Present	Cllr Nick Busvine

In attendance: Alison Futtit, Senior Committee Clerk, Daren Mountain, HiTB Manager, Ieuan Chandler-Wilson, Youth Committee Clerk.

Representations received from Members of the Public: none.

401. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above.

402. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

403. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

404. Minutes of Youth Services Committee held on 7th September 2022

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

405. House in the Basement Youth Café

405.1 Update Report

The Committee received the update report from Daren Mountain, House in the Basement Manager. It was noted that the kitchen floor had now been repaired and the kitchen reopened. Daren advised that the Silent Disco held at the Bat & Ball Centre on 21st of October 2022, in partnership with Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust and

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West Kent Housing Association, was a positive first event with over 30 people in attendance.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

405.2 Finance Reports to 31st August and 30th September 2022

The Committee noted that, year to date, House in the Basement expenditure was £10,000 over budget. The Responsible Finance officer to be asked for further information.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Cost Centre reports for the House in the Basement Youth Café for August and September 2022 be received and noted.

406. Minutes of Sevenoaks Youth Council Meeting

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Minutes of the Sevenoaks Youth Council meeting held on 7th September 2022.

407. Reports from Co-opted Partners

Noted following reports from Co-opted Partners:

(i) Kent County Council (KCC)

No report received.

Councillors requested that KCC be asked for information on the Kent Children's University programme and what its future will be.

It was noted that details of the Kent Youth County Council elections had been circulated to Sevenoaks Youth Council but that a reminder would be sent.

(ii) Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT)

Caroline Berry reported that both SAYT youth workers, Levi and Debbie, had attended the Silent Disco and enjoyed the event. She advised that Levi had now received his licence to drive the bus. The Committee noted that SAYT were calling for volunteers to help with the bus at Greatness Recreation Ground on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and that there had been interest in more people becoming a trustee.

(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.

"A report was received by a resident that had been hit by an egg waiting for their child outside the leisure centre. It was established that the egg had been thrown from the Sevenoaks Town Car Park and CCTV were tasked to review footage. Young people were identified at the time of the incident wearing what was thought to be School uniforms. The CSU Sgt contacted School with the images of the young people, who confirmed that they were their pupils. The teacher was going to speak with the young people and try to identify who the individual was that threw the egg in order that the CSU could take actions forward.

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Last weekend 5 individuals were stopped as a result of CCTV witnessing one of the individuals smash a bottle on a lamppost in Sevenoaks Town and walk towards the Vine. The young people were located by Police patrols and their names and addresses were captured and words of advice were given. The individual that was responsible for smashing the bottle has been visited by the attending officer and an ASB Warning Letter has been served in the presence of their mother.

Sevenoaks Town was relatively quiet over last weekend, however, there were numerous issues in Swanley and New Ash Green with young people setting off fireworks and throwing eggs at shops, members of the public and Police officers. We are currently in the process of trying to identify young people with the help of CCTV images before and after the incidents, as the young people were wearing face coverings. We are hoping that before and after the incidents the young people removed their face coverings in order to identify them. My CSU Police colleagues have to review 1 hour and 30 mins of CCTV images for 6 cameras."

(iv) West Kent Youth Services (WKYS)

The Committee received Ben Reynold's quarterly report which covered the 1st of July to the 30th of September. Richard Dowling reported that the number of young people mentioned in the report is low for the summer with 71 contacts being made over the three months. He also mentioned that in December West Kent Youth Services would be taking members of the Young Adventurers Clubs (including 25 from Sevenoaks) to the panto at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks.

408. Climate Change Youth Forum Report.

The Committee received a detailed report on the Climate Change Youth Forum held on 30th September 2022. It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 1st of December 2022.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

409. Press Release: None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed
Chairman

Dated