

Sevenoaks Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Services Committee Held on 18th January 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG

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Meeting Started: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7.45 p.m.

Present:

Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet, Chairman	Present		Cllr Libby Ancrum	Present
Cllr Richard Parry, Vice-Chairman	Present		Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Present
Cllr Nick Busvine	Present		Cllr Tom Morris Brown	Absent
Cllr Andrew Eyre	Present		Cllr Claire Shea	Present
Cllr Rachel Parry, Mayor (ex- officio)	Present			
Co-opted Members:				
Ben Reynolds, West Kent Communities	Present		Victoria Walters, Kent County Council	Absent
Maxine Quinton, Sevenoaks District Council	Present		Caroline Berry, SAYT	Present
Amy Sabine, Volunteering & Community Officer, National Trust	Present			

In attendance: Linda Larter, Town Clerk, Daren Mountain, HiTB Manager, Ieuan Chandler-Wilson, Committee Clerk.

Representations received from Members of the Public: none.

534. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above.

535. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

536. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

537. Minutes of Youth Services Committee held on 2nd November 2022

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

538. House in the Basement Youth Café

The Committee received the report from Daren Mountain, the House in the Basement Manager.

The Mayor, Cllr Rachel Parry, and Cllr Richard Parry offered their congratulations on the Christmas party and noted that it was very well attended. Daren also mentioned that the six week art project organised with a Brighton University Student had now finished.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

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538.1 Finance Report to November 2022

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

539. Sevenoaks Youth Council

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 2nd November 2022.

540. Reports from Co-opted Partners

Noted the following reports from Co-opted Partners:

(i) Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT)

Caroline Berry reported that SAYT had appointed three new trustees. She advised that at the next meeting on the 22nd of March she would be introducing her successor.

(ii) Sevenoaks District Council, Community Safety

Maxine Quinton reported that the days for this years "Family Fun Day" events were currently being discussed.

The Committee noted that there had been an incident of graffiti at a car park in Sevenoaks. Those responsible had been identified.

Maxine also noted that the number of young people gathering at the Vine had started to increase. There had been complaints by residents and Councillors on this matter. The Community Safety team were working with West Kent Housing and the Police Community Support Officers to discourage this activity and working with Sevenoaks Town Council to identify some of the individuals responsible.

(iii) West Kent Youth Services (WKYS)

Ben Reynolds reported that the 8th Young Adventurers Club had started back up, and that Youth Workers continued to visit schools to give talks. It was also noted that while detached work had decreased they continued to see young people mainly walking from place to place throughout the Town.

Ben also noted that since the last meeting they had taken 24 Young people from Sevenoaks to the pantomime over Christmas.

(iv) National Trust

The Committee welcomed Amy Sabine, the Volunteer & Community Officer for the National Trust at Knole. Amy reported that they were currently working on offering more volunteering and work experience opportunities to young people as well as offering support with their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. She is considering how to make volunteering more appealing for young people, including volunteers to help with a Wildlife Survey.

541. Review of the Young Person Mentoring Scheme

The Committee received a detailed report reviewing the Young Person Mentoring Scheme. It was noted that the Scheme that had been running since Autumn 2021 would be extended.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

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542. Climate Change Youth Forum Report

It was noted that the Second Climate Change Youth Forum had taken place and that feedback received from young people requested that the format be changed a little to make it more engaging by adding workshops.

It was noted that the draft dates for the next Climate Change Youth Forum were as follows:

- Thursday 16th of February, 9:30 am till 11:30am
- Thursday 20th of April, 9:30 am till 11:30 am
- Thursday 15th of June, 9:30 am till 11:30 am
- Thursday 26th of October, 9:30 am till 11:30 am

During the next few meetings they would receive talks from both the private sector and Sevenoaks District Council.

543. Christmas Light Competition Report

The Committee noted the success of the Design a Christmas Light Competition.

It was suggested that if the event was held again, clearer language in the entry form should be used with regard to the type of light as there had been some confusion. It was also noted that there should be an out of school contact on the entry form.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

544. House in the Basement 10 Year Celebration

RESOLVED: to note that House in the Basement had been open for 10 Years and consideration was being given to an event to mark this occasion.

545. Press Release

There were no press releases arising from this meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed
Chairman

Dated