

**SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
HELD ON 21 MAY 2014 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT

Cllr C L L Baker
Cllr S G Raikes (*nominated chairman*)
Cllr R J Parry
Cllr A Eyre
Cllr J M Canet (*Deputy for Cllr Mrs Walshe*)
Cllr Mrs M A London (*Deputy for Cllr A S Clayton*)
Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn, Chairman Youth Council
Ms Maxine Quinton, Community Safety - Sevenoaks District Council (*Deputy for Ms Kelly Webb*)
Mr Keith Rowell, West Kent Extra – Kent Housing Association

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Ben Mason, Manager HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café
Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Mrs P C Walshe – Chairman
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE – Vice Chairman
Cllr S L Arnold
Cllr G R S Clack
Cllr A S Clayton
Cllr R M C Hogarth (*ex officio*)
Cllr R L Piper
Mrs Caroline Berry - SAYT / Churches Together
Ms Kelly Webb, Community Safety Team Leader, SDC

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

59 DISPENSATION

No requests from Members regarding any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any items on the agenda were received [S31 & 33 Localism Act 2011 refers].

60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

61 MINUTES

i) Youth Services Sub Committee

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 26 February 2014 be received, noted and signed. **It was NOTED that** the meeting due to have been held on 9 April 2014 was cancelled.

ii) Youth Council

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 26 February 2014 be received and noted. **It was NOTED that** there had never been an occasion for Kent Youth County Councillors Alexander Dunn and Harriet Linley to use the anti-bullying skills recently acquired at the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café.

It was NOTED that the meeting due to have been held on 9 April 2014 was cancelled.

HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ

It was **RESOLVED** that the

- i) January, February and March 2014 reports be noted and approved.
It was NOTED that:
 - a. the first Youth Magazine is about to go to print and that success would be measured on hits on the website, young people wanting to write articles to be published
 - b. Contact with Sevenoaks School be resurrected regarding the Inter School Chess tournaments. Linda advised that a member of staff's son has recently been nominated to represent England in the Common Wealth Games
 - c. Feedback from the fundraising event held at Stag Plaza has been very positive showing the young people who attend the HITB Youth Café in a very positive light
 - d. The REFOCUS meetings were positively appreciated by the Young People and their openness and positive attitude goes a long way to young people's change of behaviour to others
 - e. the Chief Executive/Town Clerk is in discussions with KIASA to provide accredited learning for young people attending the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café
 - f. the Chief Executive/Town Clerk and the Community Safety Team at Sevenoaks District Council have cohesively arranged for the hire of the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café for a 12 week RESPECT course being held during the day on Thursdays
- ii) the Chief Executive/Town Clerk updates Sevenoaks District Council to advise that the Sexual Health Nurse has still not made an appearance at the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café albeit the NHS is under a contractual agreement with the District to do so. Contact details for her need to be provided for the Young People. The nurse is attending the Eden Centre on a weekly basis.
- iii) Revenue Finance Report as at 31 March 2014 be noted and approved
- iv) the statistics including income and attendance for February, March and April 2014 be noted and approved
- v) the February, March and April 2014 Geographical Reports be noted and approved.
- vi) The End of Year report submitted to KCC Integrated Youth Services be received and noted. Cllr A Eyre extended congratulations to the Town Clerk and Committee Clerk for the huge amount of work undertaken saying that the officers had done a magnificent job. **It was NOTED that** Mr Keith Rowell of West Kent Housing advised that they had been unaware at the time of their grant funding bid of the huge amount of administration time involved with the data inputting to the KCC IYS QES system.

REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED PARTNERS

Verbal reports were received from:

- i) **SAYT** – Ms Caroline had sent apologies
- ii) **West Kent Extra** – Mr Keith Rowell:
 - a. invited all to the first anniversary party of the Eden Centre.
 - b. Asked for young people's attendance statistics for the Alcohol Youth Worker when attending HITB. The Town Clerk advised that Educational Kits were now available for the joint Alcohol Youth Worker to use when working in the HOUSE in the basement Youth Café.
 - c. advised that he will meet with Ben to discuss sharing the bus to transport young people between the two youth Cafes and for summer trips and will provide a report for the next meeting of the Youth Services Sub Committee

- d. updated the committee about the NO BOTHER programme, with regards to the hire of the HITB Youth Café and agreed to complete an Impact Form
- iii) **Community Safety Partnership** – Ms Maxine Quinton, deputising for Ms Kelly Webb, advised that:
- a. Sevenoaks District Council would shortly publish the Summer Fun Days for all Town and Parish Councils within the Sevenoaks District.
 - b. there had been no reported incidents on the Vine, an historical contradiction, of alcohol or substance abuse
 - c. Sevenoaks District Council had recently informed all youth groups within the district of an e-safety campaign taking place in June as part of the National Safety week, with first aid courses, speed watch initiatives and 800 mouse mats sent to all local young people. **It was NOTED that** a quantity of mouse mats be sent to the Town Council and that in future the Sevenoaks Town Council be included in the District's distribution list regarding young people.
- iv) **Kent County Council** – no representative was present

64 KNOLE ACADEMY

It was RESOLVED that the report for grant funding from the Knole academy to support community project(s) at Bradbourne Lakes be received and noted. **It was NOTED that** the Bradbourne Lakes are currently being reviewed and that local funding is being sought to regenerate the area. It was thus felt that the timing be wrong to proceed further with the report. Instead **it was SUGGESTED that** the young people of the Knole Academy attend Sevenoaks Youth Council to engage in further discussions to seek the support of Sevenoaks Youth Council, to make informed decisions and perhaps learn how to undertake the matter further.

65 Press Release

It was RESOLVED that a press release be issued regarding the positive activities re youth cafes in Sevenoaks over the last two years.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8:20pm.

Signed: Chairman