

**SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2014
IN THE SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

PRESENT

Cllr N J L Busvine OBE (Vice Chairman)
Cllr A S Clayton
Cllr A Eyre
Cllr R Hogarth
Cllr R J Parry
Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, Kent County Council - Community Youth Tutor
Mrs Maxine Quinton, Community Safety Team, SDC
Mrs Caroline Berry - SAYT / Churches Together
Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S L Arnold
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe (Chairman)
Cllr C L L Baker
Cllr S Raikes (Mayoral duties)
Mr Keith Rowell, West Kent Extra Housing Association
Mrs Theresa Seal, KCC Area Youth & Community Worker

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr N J L Busvine OBE chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

85 **DISPENSATION**

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

86 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

87 **MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED that

- i) Youth Services Sub Committee
the minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be received and adopted. **NOTED** the meeting due to have been held on 19 November 2014 was cancelled.
- ii) Youth Council
The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Youth Council held on 17 November 2014 be received and adopted.

88 **HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ**

It was RESOLVED that the

- i) HITB report for December 2014 be received and noted. The good news regarding new weekly hirers for 2015 was noted.
- ii) General statistics, including income for October and November 2014 be received and noted.
- iii) Geographical data for October and November 2014 be received and noted.

- iv) HITB Youth Café was awarded with a score of 3.5 by the Young Inspectors Report out of a maximum of 4 points. The Town Clerk, Linda Larter, confirmed that the Young Inspectors at KCC had since been informed that Sevenoaks Youth Council is the young person's steering group involving decision making for the youth café [question 11 refers].

89 REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED PARTNERS

Verbal reports were received from:

- i) **SAYT** – Mrs Caroline Berry advised that SAYT is progressing forward smoothly with all youth workers now established.
- ii) **West Kent Extra** – Mr Keith Rowell provided apologies, however had provided information which had been included in the Youth Café report.
- iii) **Community Safety Partnership** – Ms Kelly Webb gave apologies. Ms Maxine Quinton advised that the Strategic Assessment will be circulated to partners in January 2015 and that the Environmental Visual Activity will include a walk with the Town Clerk on Monday 22 December 2014 around the Bat & Ball station area.
Linda Larter updated the Committee on comments made at the Sevenoaks Youth Council meeting held prior to this meeting about views regarding Community safety concerns:
 - a. in and around the Bat & Ball area
 - b. on journeys on buses to and from school with overcrowding [students sitting on stairs/standing right up to the bus drivers window], fights taking place, drugs being consumed [by elderly students at the back], objects being thrown out of windows. It had been requested by the Youth Council that checks be made whether schools could have access to the CCTV cameras on the buses.
- iv) **Kent County Council** - Mrs Theresa Seal, KCC Area Youth & Community Worker was not present. In her stead, Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox (KCC) Community Youth Worker advised that the new 0 to 25 model structure had been presented to Cabinet earlier in the week and that the final structure would be in place by April 2015. Three out of four positions had been appointed:
 - a. North Kent – Nick Fenton
 - b. East Kent – Nigel Baker
 - c. South Kent – Louise Fischer

90 PRESS RELEASE

It was RESOLVED that a press release be issued in the New Year upon further consultation with the Youth Council and the Community Safety Team regarding safe bus journeys to and from school.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:36pm

Signed: Chairman