

**SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2015
@ 7pm
IN THE SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs P C Walshe (Chairman)
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE (Vice Chairman) *[arrived at 7:08pm]*
Cllr S L Arnold
Cllr C L L Baker
Cllr R J Parry
Cllr S Raikes *(ex officio)*
Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn
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
Gail Grieves, Manager HITB Youth Cafe
Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A S Clayton
Cllr A Eyre
Cllr R Hogarth
Mrs Theresa Seal, KCC Area Youth & Community Worker

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

91 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].

92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

93 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that

- i) Youth Services Sub Committee
the minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 17 December 2014 were agreed to be a true record, noting that there was an outstanding action of inviting two youth councillors to be members of the Youth Services Sub Committee
- ii) Youth Council
The minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 17 December 2014 be received and adopted.

- 94 **HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ**
It was RESOLVED that the
 i) amended HITB report for January 2015 be received and noted *[Appendix A]*.
 ii) General statistics, including income for December 2014 be received and noted.
 iii) Geographical data for December 2014 be received and noted.
 iv) Feedback report for January 2015 be received and noted.
- 95 **CXK LTD SEVENOAKS**
It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the Director of CXK Ltd to request how the young people of Sevenoaks have access to their services and to extend and an invitation to attend the next meeting of the Youth Services Sub Committee to update the Town Council.
- 96 **CABINET YOUTH POLICY**
It was RESOLVED that the Cabinet Office Youth Policy be received and noted.
- 97 **FAIRTRADE**
It was NOTED that the local schools in Sevenoaks heavily promote and educate their students to understand what Fairtrade stands for. **It was AGREED that the** HITB would promote the Fairtrade fortnight event, 23rd February 2015 to 8 March 2015, with a small display of good sold locally. Cllr C L L Baker to liaise with the Manager of HITB.
- 98 **REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED PARTNERS**
 Verbal reports were received from:
 i) **SAYT** – Mrs Caroline Berry advised that SAYT is holding a joint Woolly Hat event on Friday 30th January 2015 with the HITB.
 ii) **West Kent Extra** – no representative in attendance.
 iii) **Community Safety Partnership** – Ms Maxine Quinton advised that the Strategic Assessment has been drafted by the Community Safety Partnership which will now go through the Council Cabinet process for sign off, after which it will then become a public document to go to all Parish and Town Councils and put on the SDC Website. The Assessment looks at crime and community data addressing trends over a set period and sets the priorities for the ensuing year, 2015/2016 Strategy & Action Plan
- The Town Clerk updated the Committee on comments made at the Sevenoaks Youth Council meeting held prior to this meeting following a presentation by the Managing Director of Go-Coach regarding school bus journeys:
- a. Bus drivers and Youth Councillors would like schools to have a system of volunteer adults acting as bus conductors on all school bus journeys. It was believed that a second adult present on school buses be a positive suggestion to help Young People from overcrowding at the front of the bus and for seats to be freed up to allow more to be seated and to address anti-social behaviour which would be intimidating. **It was AGREED that** Ms Maxine Quinton and Michèle MacDonald will progress this with the local schools and that Ms Maxine Quinton will liaise with the local PCSOs to have a presence if possible at bus stops on an ad hoc basis.

- b. Additional signage be put in buses asking students to use seats at the rear of the buses
 - c. The Town Clerk advised that Go-Coach reported their buses to the Bennett Memorial Diocesan School have the highest rate of poor behaviour by students, resulting in one student having been banned with all buses on this route having CCTV.
 - d. Go-Coach have never cancelled any services. Young People are requested to wait for the bus as it will turn up even if it is late.
- 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 would be announced at the beginning of February 2015.**

99 PRESS RELEASE

It was RESOLVED that a press release be issued regarding the DJ/MC work shop event being held on 13th February 2015.

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

Signed: Chairman _____

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has also become an important employer of women, with 50% of public sector employees being women in 1995, compared with 40% in 1980. The public sector has also become an important employer of people with disabilities, with 10% of public sector employees being people with disabilities in 1995, compared with 5% in 1980.

The public sector has also become an important employer of people from ethnic minorities, with 10% of public sector employees being people from ethnic minorities in 1995, compared with 5% in 1980. The public sector has also become an important employer of people from the lower socio-economic classes, with 10% of public sector employees being people from the lower socio-economic classes in 1995, compared with 5% in 1980.

The public sector has also become an important employer of people with low qualifications, with 10% of public sector employees being people with low qualifications in 1995, compared with 5% in 1980. The public sector has also become an important employer of people with low skills, with 10% of public sector employees being people with low skills in 1995, compared with 5% in 1980.

The public sector has also become an important employer of people with low income, with 10% of public sector employees being people with low income in 1995, compared with 5% in 1980. The public sector has also become an important employer of people with low housing, with 10% of public sector employees being people with low housing in 1995, compared with 5% in 1980.

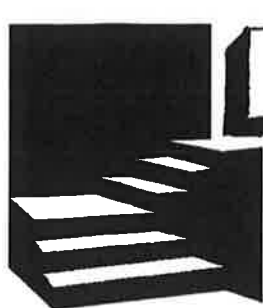
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HOUSE IN THE Basement

House in the Basement Youth Café Report

January 2015 (Amended)

Staffing

The Manager of the facility, Gail Grieves has returned to work at the youth café.

Membership Numbers

Membership numbers are slowly rising with increasing numbers on a Friday evening. Additional DJ Evenings are also being planned for Friday evenings in conjunction with the Edenbridge project.

Hire of Venue

The new hire The Lewis Project (music workshops) has started on Sundays and Mondays from 12th January 2015. The hirer will pay £100 per week to the youth café. Musical Bumps will also be hiring on Wednesdays in addition to Fridays.

Valentine Event on Thursday 12th February 2015

Young Kent are providing a craft event to make Valentine Cards and cookie bouquets.

Woolly Hat Fundraising Event Friday 30th January 2015

The event is being run jointly with SAYT. Everyone wears a woolly hat and pays a £1.00.

St James Wealth Foundation Grant - £2,000

A grant of £2,000 has been provided for a second year to cover the costs of the provision of the Special Needs evening held on Tuesdays.

Catering Apprentice

The Town Clerk is pleased to report that Katie Shipton has successfully completed and passed her exams for year 1 of her catering apprenticeship course.

KCC Commissioning

The Town Clerk and Youth Café Manager had a meeting with the KCC Commissioning representative on Friday 23rd January 2015 who provided the following information:-

1	Current contract with KCC up to 31.12.15	Value £41,080
2	KCC want to extend contract to 31.1.16	Value £41,080
3	However need to implement 10% cut (all KCC budgets cut)	Value £36,972

This will result in a shortfall for the 2015 / 16 year of £1,027 which will need to be made up by other means.

On the plus side the new arrangement provides more time under the new manager to provide the information to apply for the next round of funding. It is the Town Clerks' understanding that application for the next three years' funding from 1st April 2016 will need to be made this autumn with a decision by the end of 2015.

HITB Youth Café Well Being Form

KCC Commissioning have requested that the youth café demonstrates that it has obtained a base line of young people's well-being and how this improves during their time using the facility. A recommended method of doing this was provided and has been adapted for the youth café (see attached). The form will be placed on ipads with data being transferred electronically onto an adobe form. Staff at the youth café will need to balance obtaining this data against the principle of the youth café – which is a free drop in centre for leisure time.

Case Study

Please see below a case study obtained by the Youth Café Manager during January 2015. The reference to WKE (West Kent Extra) is being followed up.

Case Study 2 from user at House in the Basement January 2015.

Date of Interview: 21st January 2015

Interviewer: Gail Grieves, Youth Café Manager

I have been coming to the café for about a year now and I generally come 3 times a week, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. I like Wednesday and Friday best as the café is busier. My favourite part of the café is the food now, it's much better, If I didn't eat here I wouldn't get a proper meal at home because we don't have a cooker and we just have microwave meals which aren't very nice or healthy. I like getting involved in making cakes with the staff. I also like the fact it has the internet as I don't get it at home. I also really like most of the staff they are cool.

It's difficult to get here, I live in a village and if my mum can't drive me, I can't get here and that's annoying. Also sometimes when it's quiet, it's boring because none of my friends are here. In the past my mum has had issues and this has affected me, if the café wasn't here I would just be at home with my mum, eating, sleeping and watching TV, I would be bored and isolated and end up rowing with my mum, which would cause more problems.

The staff at the café have been very nice, JP has tried to help out with my home situation and my mum in getting her some support that's been nice and he was trying to get us a cooker, I was sad that WKE didn't follow things up though, supposed to help my mum get some support, but nothing happened. But it's good that I can talk to the staff about things, so I don't bottle things up and get stressed, I've been stressed in the past, when I was in care, I don't want to get upset about my mum again.

If the café wasn't here I would be sad as I couldn't meet up with my friends, especially the ones that I don't go to the same school as anymore. It would mean that I'm stuck at home and this would cause me and mum to argue, which goes in cycles, we have no cooker so I would not get proper hot food. I would miss having the staff to talk to, as it helps me with my past issues, they understand, my mum's has had some problems with alcohol and drugs in the past and my Dad isn't around and he doesn't send us any money, which is horrible, one day I'm going to find him and tell him what I think. The staff know all this and let me talk things through.



HOUSE IN THE Basement

Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts.
Please tick the box that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 weeks.

Name Date

STATEMENTS	None of the time	Rarely	Some of the time	Often	All of the time	Reason for this
I've been feeling optimistic about the future	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been feeling useful	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been feeling relaxed	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been feeling interested in other people	1	2	3	4	5	
I've had energy to spare	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been dealing with problems well	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been thinking clearly	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been feeling good about myself	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been feeling close to other people	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been feeling confident	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been able to make up my own mind about things	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been feeling loved	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been interested in new things	1	2	3	4	5	
I've been feeling cheerful	1	2	3	4	5	

