

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL  
YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017  
AT SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Cllr A Eyre [*Chairman 7:07pm*], Cllr E Parson [*arrived 7:11pm*], Cllr Mrs R E Parry (arrived 7:06pm – Chairman 7:07), Cllr E Waite [*arrived 7:09pm*], Cllr R J Parry, Cllr Mrs P C Walshe, Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox (KCC), Mrs Caroline Berry (SAYT), and Mrs Maxine Quinton (Community Safety Unit).

**Also in Attendance:** Mrs Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk and Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

**Public Question Time** – it was noted that there were no members of the public present.

*Cllr A Eyre in the Chair:*

- 25. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr N J L Busvine OBE, Cllr J M Canet, Cllr S G Raikes, and Ms Roxanne Frost (West Kent Communities).
- 26. Requests for Dispensation**  
There were no requests for dispensation.
- 27. Declaration of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 28. Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**  
**RESOLVED:** To receive, accept and sign the Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 as a true record.

*Cllr Mrs R Parry in the Chair:*

- 29. Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**  
**RESOLVED:** To receive and note the Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 30. House in the Basement Youth Café**  
The following reports were noted:
  - i) House in the Basement report for March and April 2017
  - ii) General statistics, including income for March 2017
  - iii) Geographical data for March 2017
  - iv) Outcomes for March 2017

**RESOLVED:** The Committee requested that the Minutes record their appreciation to F M Conway for their donation of £3,000 and for an anonymous donation of £500 which had also been received.

The shortfall for the 2017/2018 financial year now stands at £14,200 (target was £50,904).

**31. Anti-Social Behaviour [ASB]**

The Town Clerk stated there had been reports concerning ASB within Sevenoaks District of youth using large stones and catapulting windows of cars and building, floodlights, animals and people. The Town Council is working closely with the Community Safety Unit of Sevenoaks District Council and the police to resolve this.

The Town Clerk advised that, at the earlier meeting of Sevenoaks Youth Council, Youth Councillors confirmed they hadn't heard of this and recommended that the Police attend PHSE and School Assemblies to advise young people of the consequences of such behaviour.

The Town Clerk reported that there be much correspondence concerning ASB within Sevenoaks District of youth using large stones and catapulting windows of cars and building, floodlights, animals and people. The Town Council is working closely with the Community Safety Units of Sevenoaks District Council and the police to resolve this.

The Town Clerk advised that at the earlier meeting of sevenoaks Youth Council, Youth Councillors advised they hadn't heard of this within their schools and recommended that the Police attend PHSE and School Assemblies to advise young people of the consequences of such behaviour.

Mrs Maxine Quinton noted the Youth Councillors request for more of a police presence within schools going forwards and advised the process to tackle the current ASB is:

- i) To identify young people from CCTV images or photos sent in by the public
- ii) ASB officer to visit young person to discuss behaviour and the consequences of that behaviour.
- iii) If the behaviour continues the young person would be referred to the ASB Task Group, this is a multi-agency task group to discuss interventions and enforcement. When the young person is referred, they will be visited and served a warning letter.
- iv) If the behaviour continues the next step would be issuing an Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA). The ABA will list the specific behaviour that is unacceptable that the young person is involved in.
- v) If the behaviour continues a breach of ABA will be served and if the behaviour continues after this, steps will be made to gain a Criminal Behaviour Order against the young person.

On a positive note, Mrs Maxine Quinton advised that the annual summer attendance plan for Friday and Saturday evenings at the Vine Gardens had been set up with the Police. The process will begin with the ASB Task Group

being contacted for offences occurring more than twice and Criminal Behaviour Orders issued.

The next police stop and chat evening will take place at the Bat & Ball station early May.

**32. Youth Shelter**

The Town Clerk advised that letters from residents, the local MP had been received expressing concern regarding the installation of a Youth Shelter, a common piece of equipment in local parks. It was noted that Youth Councillors found it hard to understand such concern of what in effect is a metal seat with a roof and open to the elements and would be sited in a visible location. The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council had chosen a location adjacent to a football pitch and the skate park and has since received confirmation from resident association and football club that the location be acceptable.

Youth Councillors confirmed they would be pleased to attend the opening. Cllr Parry requested that the base be on a gentle slope so that rain water drains away.

**33. KCC Youth Services**

It was noted that the letters between the Town Council and KCC did not currently affect the Town Council's youth provision but did affect the Youth Provision within the Sevenoaks District. It was noted that since this correspondence the West Kent Community 6 modules were being delivered in chronological order simultaneously within all areas.

**34. Reports from Co Opted Partners**

i) SAYT

Mrs Caroline Berry reported that a part time youth worker and a volunteer continue to work whilst recruitment takes place.

ii) Community Safety Team

Mrs Maxine Quinton advised that they are recruiting a new ASB Officer.

iii) Kent County Council

Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox advised that Sevenoaks Youth Council was found to be representative of the local youth community and thus KCC had ensured that the deliverance of the Youth Services by West Kent Communities will no longer duplicate in areas where Youth Groups already exist. Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox also informed the committee that following the KCC elections on 4th May 2017, there would be a new Corporate Director. It was agreed that the correspondence be revisited in the Autumn. Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox advised that Mr Graham Willet is the interim CEO of Education Services.

iv) West Kent Communities

Ms Amy Cole-Perner was not present but submitted a report which was circulated to all committee members present.

The 8-12s project continues Tuesday nights weekly at Hope Church. A referral group by schools and social services running since at least 2008.

The 11-19 year olds is an open access group run by West Kent Extra. The group had responded to the Greatness Resident Association survey regarding a youth shelter. At the time the Youth Workers were unaware of previous discussion and surveys regarding this. All surveys were positive.

**35. Press Releases**

**RESOLVED:** Not to issue a press release.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8 p.m.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Dated: .....