

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
ON TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2017 AT 7:05 P.M.**

Meeting Commenced: 7:05 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 8:07 p.m.

Cllr N J L Busvine OBE (Chairman)	Present
Cllr Mrs R E Parry (Vice Chairman)	Present
Cllr R J Parry	Present
Cllr E Waite	Present <i>[arrived 7:34pm]</i>

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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms Sarah Gaunt, KCC Youth Hub Delivery Manager
Mrs Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk
Mrs Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

397 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

RESOLVED: to agree and accept apologies for absence received from
Cllr A Eyre, and Cllr Mrs Walshe
Mrs Caroline Berry, SAYT/Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District
Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, KCC Area Youth & Community Worker
Mrs Gail Grieves, House in the Basement Manger
Ms Kate Craib, Youth Services Manager, West Kent Communities

398 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None received.

399 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received.

400 MINUTES

RESOLVED: to receive and

- a) adopt and sign the minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 25th October 2017 as a true record of events.
- b) note that the Youth Council meeting due to have been held on 1st November 2017 was inquorate and that the Annual General Meeting was held on 12th December 2017.

401 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT [HiTB] YOUTH CAFÉ

It was noted that in 2009 the Youth Council proposed to start a Youth Café as the nearest youth café then was in Swanley. The committee watched a film of the Youth Councillors bidding for grant funding. Recently a request has been made for an additional youth facility in the Greatness location and whilst it would be nice to have many locations, the Chairman felt that one should build on the success of the HiTB, which provided young people with a sense with a sense of continuity.

The committee watched the Youth Café DVD, which still related to today's issues amongst the local young people.

RESOLVED: to receive and note the following reports:

- a) HiTB report for November/December 2017. It was noted that the food sales per head continue to increase. Attendance levels vary between 20+25 on a Friday and Saturday. Thursday the venue is rented out for a Music Club. Wednesdays are a little quieter and Tuesday is open for the Young People with a disability aged 11 to 24. The committee were grateful for the free food donations thanking Tesco, Waitrose, Marks and Spencer and Wagamama.
- b) The Town Clerk advised that the HiTB hosted the following events:
- i. Friday 15th December 2017 - Open Mic Night organised by Sevenoaks Youth Council
 - ii. Saturday 23rd December 2017 - the HiTB Christmas Party from 5pm to 8pm
 - iii. 2018 further Open Mic Nights
 - 26th January 2018
 - 23rd February 2018
 - 16th March 2018
 - 18th May 2018
 - 29th June 2018
 - iii. Friday 20th July 2018 - Live on the Vine on Friday 20th July 2018 to give young performers a chance to perform live on stage in front of a relatively small group [2017 - 600+] having practiced at the Open Mic Nights.
 - iv. Friday 30th November 2018 – Christmas Lights Switch On again to give young performers a chance to perform live in front of a very large group [2017 – 10,000] to gain confidence.

The Town Clerk notified the committee that the HiTB had been successful in obtaining a grant from the Awards for All Lottery Fund for £10,000.

- c) HiTB Geographical data for October and November.
- d) General statistics, including income for October and November 2017.
- e) Outcomes for October and December 2017. It was also noted that the Youth Café Manager provides support facilities for attendees at the Youth Café, which is recorded confidentially.
Information gathering regarding the help given to Young People is by them having continuity, building up relationships with the Youth Café Manager and the keeping of case studies.

Date October 2017	Support Provided
03.10.2017	Listening Skills
05.10.2017	Putting person effort into finding a job
17.10.2017	Cooking: pizza

Date October 2017	Support Provided
19.10.2017	Discussion: Feminism - why is it such a big thing
21.10.2017	Assisted YP with an application form
26.10.2017	Andy Watson: discussion/help "don't beat yourself up if you can't do something"

Date November 2017	Support Provided
01.11.2017	Discussion: "is technology taking over?"
03.11.2017	University Application - look at process
08.11.2017	Music and fitness
10.11.2017	Debate: Vegans Debate: Getting help with drug problems
11.11.2017	Debate: eating meat - understanding people's sensitivity and apologising if in the wrong
25.11.2017	Use of appropriate language Doing volunteer work to gain retail experience
29.11.2017	Discussed Christmas Party

Sexual Health nurses no longer attend outside venues. The Committee Clerk noted that The Youth Café Manager is qualified to advise and give assistance to young people.

Hot food – it was noted that HiTB often provided Young People with the only chance for a cooked meal.

- f) Finance report for September and October 2017.

402 REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS

RESOLVED: to receive and note the following:

- a) SAYT - Mrs Caroline Berry had given apologies but asked the committee to be updated as follows: "SAYT's advertising has given no applications so the Trustees will be reviewing longer term plans when they meet in the new year". The SAYT film was shown to the committee as previously requested by Mrs Caroline Berry. The committee congratulated the positive statement made by the Youth Café Manager in the film and SAYT for the fabulous attribution.
- b) Community Safety Team – no member was present. It was noted that the local police inspector, Tony Dyer, and his team have built good relationship with the Sevenoaks District Council and meet every morning for a Community Safety briefing. The Youth Engagement PCSO across Sevenoaks District is PCSO Lianne Fryer

Cllr E T Waite arrived at 7:34

- c) Kent County Council - apologies noted from Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, who is home following a recent operation and well on the way to recovery. The committee passed on their good wishes. Ms Sarah Gaunt advised that she would attend the Youth Services Sub Committee in future and that there was a lot of community engagement with the young people by the local youth workers:

- i. Monday – West Kent Community [WKC] attend Greatness for approximately 1-1.5hours
- ii. Wednesday – KCC attend Bat & Ball from 6:30-7pm

[KCC and WKC help each other out at these two events in the event of staff absences to ensure continuity].

- iii. Thursday – SAYT attend Greatness

It was noted that:

- the Service Level Agreement between Knole Academy and KCC ends in January 2018.
- KCC still has a Service Level Agreement with Trinity School.
- KCC runs parenting courses in Sevenoaks for 0-19 year olds across children centres, often at the request of the young people in town
- Approximately 15/20 young people meet regularly at Bat & Ball, but this is weather dependant. KCC, jointly with the British Transport police, liaise with the young people on the platform on the side of the car park.

- d) West Kent Communities – Mr Mark Murison, Head of Community Development, West Kent Communities wrote to the Chairman of the committee in response to his letter sent, which was discussed.

It was noted that:

- i. West Kent Communities, outside of the KCC Commissioning bid, had supported the Tuesday Club at the HOUSE in the Basement with a one-off grant of £2,000.
- ii. West Kent Communities paid for a stand at the Live on the Vine Event for £10.

It was suggested that a meeting take place in the future to collaboratively discuss, understand one another's work, pool resources and build upon relationships to provide the best service to help young people locally. KCC confirmed that they would welcome such a meeting.

RESOLVED: The Committee Clerk to arrange in the New Year. Regrettably previously hosting a youth club at the Sevenoaks Community Centre proved unsuccessful in view of the differing age groups of the hirers and the young people concerned at the time misbehaving, which is why the HiTB was recommended especially as it was equipped rather than an empty room.

403 PRESS RELEASES

A press release be issued regarding the Awards For All Lottery Grant of £10,000.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:07pm.

Signed
Chairman

Dated