

MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 10 July 2013 in the Sevenoaks Community Centre

Present:

Youth Councillors: Danika Dixon (Chairman), Caitlin Stevens (Vice Chairman), Alexander Dunn (Treasurer), Oliver Harper, Harriet Linley and Tanjinna Miah

Apologies for Absence:

Youth Councillors: Anneesha Bhandan, Sufiyah Fitzgerald and James Barton
KCC: Mr Nigel Crocker, Youth and Community Worker Officer
Cllr R J Parry

In Attendance:

Cllrs A Eyre, S G Raikes
KCC - Ms Pauline Wagon, Community Youth Tutor
Mrs Linda Larter MBE, (Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk), Mr Adam Wedd (Youth Café Manager) and Mrs Michèle MacDonald (Committee Clerk)

Guest Speaker:

Ms Esther Gill, Knole - Audience Development Manager

Esther thanked Youth Councillors Alexander Dunn, Oliver Harper and James Barton for attending the annual Knole Open Evening and welcomed their feedback.

Esther mentioned the volunteering opportunities for those over the age of 16. The Youth Councillors were asked if they would like to be part of their Youth Advisory Group, details of which will be advertised in the autumn, and which has no lower age restriction. Linda advised that the House in the basement would advertise such events on their notice board and asked Esther if Knole would do likewise, which was confirmed by Esther.

Knole is running an Archaeology Day on 30 July 2013 from noon to 3pm at a cost of £2.50 for young people. If anyone is interested in attending from the Youth Council, Esther will obtain guest tickets

35. MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 8 May 2013 be received and adopted.

36 MEMBERS

- a) The Youth Council Committee welcomed three new Youth Councillors: James Barton, Harriet Linley and Tanjinna Miah
- b) Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn was congratulated by the Youth Council Committee on being awarded the Sevenoaks District Award for Citizenship at the recent Try Angle Award Ceremony.

37 FINANCE REPORT

Alexander Dunn, as Treasurer, outlined the financial report of the Youth Council and the Youth Café. **It was RESOLVED that**

- a) Following permission granted by the Chairman and Treasurer for the spend of £250 to provide catering for the first anniversary of the HOUSE

- b) in the Basement Youth Café and the £8 transport cost to the Knole Open Evening, the Youth Council's current balance stands £2,118.26
the Youth Café's financial report be noted and adopted subject to the income derived from VOICES being recorded separately in future as fundraising.

38 HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café

Linda Larter, Chief Executive/Town Clerk MBE and Adam Wedd, Manager of the Youth Café, provided a verbal summary of the March, April and May 2013 report.

39 SEVENOAKS YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

The next meeting on 18 July 2013 to be held in Swanley was noted. It was agreed that Michèle email the Youth Councillors to ascertain who would like to attend leaving the Town Council offices at 4:30pm.

40 EVENTS

- a) Knole Community Open Day 26 June 2013– verbal and written feedback was given to Esther Gill.
b) Parliament Trip 17 July 2013 – it was agreed that the following would partake in the visit and that arrangements would be emailed out by Michèle:

Youth Councillors	Staff and Members
Danika Dixon, Chairman	Mayor – Cllr R M C Hogarth
Alexander Dunn, Treasurer	Linda Larter
Harry Linley	Kyle Farrar
Olive Harper	Adam Wedd
Tanjinna Miah	Bradley Large
James Barton	Ben Mason
Caitlin Stevens	

- c) British Youth Council (BYC) Annual General Meeting- 31 August 2013
It was noted that the invitation be for any Youth Councillor and that Michèle would email out the information for Youth Councillors to confirm their **definite** attendance in order that arrangements be made with BYC.

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It was noted that no reports had been received.

The meeting closed at 6:40pm.

An informal meeting was held to discuss the plans for the visit to Parliament on 17 July 2013 and Youth Councillors thought of some questions to put towards the Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP.