

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Youth Councillors Present: James Barton, Aneesha Bhandan, Danika Dixon (Chairman), Alexander Dunn (Treasurer), Sufiyah Fitzgerald, Harriet Linley

In Attendance: Cllr Richard Parry, Linda Larter, Michèle MacDonald

Apologies for Absence: Caitlin Stevens (Vice Chairman) and Tanjinna Miah

49 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 24th July 2013 be received and adopted.

50. Finance Report

Alexander reported the net balance to be £1,877.23.

51. KCC Youth Advisory Group Meeting (YAG)

RESOLVED: Alexander and Harriet to attend the next meeting on 3rd October 2013 at 5 p.m. in the Sevenoaks Town Council Offices.

52. Events

a) British Youth Council AGM 30th September 2013

Alexander and James provided a brief report and thought that it had been worthwhile attending.

b) Documents

It was noted that the following documents were available to borrow from Sevenoaks Town Council offices – BYC Empowering young people around the world; BYC annual review 2012 / 2013; BYC manifesto 2012 – 2014; BYC Youth Select Cttee transport and young people.

c) Thorpe Park Trip

It was agreed that this would take place on Tuesday 29th October 2013 (half term). Tickets would be £25 per person – payment needed to be made in advance. The Youth Council would cover the cost of the coach and youth workers would also attend.

NB due to the provision of Youth Workers the visit to Thorpe Park will take place on THURSDAY 31 ST OCTOBER 2013 <i>update 20.09.2013</i>

d) UKYP House of Commons Sitting 15th and 16th November 2013. Noted

53. Post Office Public Engagement

The documentation was noted.

54. FAIRTRADE

It was noted that the meeting for FAIRTRADE would take place in the Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber on Monday 23rd September 2013 at 5.30p.m. Alexander, Caitlin, Harriet and Tanjinna had previously stated that they wished to attend.

55 Shops in Sevenoaks

a) Tanjinna proposal – deferred to next meeting

b) Games Shop – James proposed that there should be a games shop in town where young people could sell unwanted games and buy second hand games, this used to happen in Blockbusters.

RESOLVED: to trial this in the youth café.

56. Cinema

Although most of the youth councillors attended the Stag cinema it was often thought that it did not show the films they wanted and therefore they went further afield. The current popular choice / example was Incidious. Youth councillors were informed that the General Manager of the Stag was always happy to consider suggestions for films.

57. Hooded Sweatshirts

A debate took place as to whether or not to purchase Sevenoaks Youth Council hoodies at an approx. cost of £20 in order to promote the youth council at events and meetings.

RESOLVED: To purchase the hoodies.

58. Kent Youth County Council

a) No reports had been provided for August 2013

b) the 2013 Election Campaign was noted and information provided.

59. Town Debate Tuesday 15th October 2013

The Town Mayor would be holding two debates. The first during the day would be between representatives from schools the second in the evening would be open to the general public.

60. Annual General Meeting 30th October 2013

Youth councillors were reminded that this was the meeting where the youth council would elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. In urgent situations these members can make decisions, which must then be reported to the next meeting of the youth council.

61. HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café

The report for July and August 2013 was considered. Discussion took place about opening hours. It was agreed it was a good idea to consider closing at 9 p.m. (except for events) and opening earlier on a Saturday 12.00 p.m.

62. Date of Next Meeting

The Annual Youth Council Meeting will be held in the Town Council's Chamber on Wednesday 30th October 2013 at 6 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.