

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 30th OCTOBER 2013 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Youth Councillors Present: Alexander Dunn, Caitlin Stevens, Harriet Linley, Oliver Harper and Tanjinna Miah

In Attendance: Cllr Eyre, Cllr Richard Parry, Linda Larter, Adam Wedd, Michèle MacDonald

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Raikes

Youth Councillor Caitlin Stevens, as Vice Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations and reasons for standing to become the new Chairman were given by Youth Councillors Alexander Dunn, Caitlin Stevens, Harriet Linley and Tanjinna Miah. A vote was then taken.

RESOLVED that Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn be duly elected as Chairman.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Nominations and reasons for standing to become the new Vice Chairman were given by Youth Councillors, Caitlin Stevens, Harriet Linley, Oliver Harper and Tanjinna Miah. A vote was then taken.

RESOLVED that Youth Councillor Oliver Harper be duly elected as Vice Chairman.

3 ELECTION OF TREASURER

Youth Councillor Harriet Linley stood to become the new Treasurer. A vote was then taken.

RESOLVED that Youth Councillor Harriet Linley be duly elected as Treasurer.

The newly elected Chairman, Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn, took the Chair:

4 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 28 September 2013 be received and adopted.

5 Finance Report

The newly elected Treasurer, Youth Councillor Harriet Linley reported the net balance to be £1,877.23.

6 KCC Youth Advisory Group Meeting (YAG)

Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn reported that all areas need to improve marketing, with more activities for girls, more adverts for local cinemas.

NOTED that Ms Katie Shipton at the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café is organising a Beauty event to be held on 22 January 2014.

7 EVENTS

Thorpe Park Trip - this was cancelled due to insufficient take up.

8 FAIRTRADE

a) Summary of meeting held on 23 September 2014

Youth Councillor Harriet Linley requested all to "like" Fairtrade on Facebook, noting that the aims of the site are to raise awareness of the Sevenoaks Fairtrade Networking work and advised all that Sevenoaks Youth Council has been asked to hold an event during the national Fairtrade Fortnight being held Monday 24 February to Sunday 9 March 2014.

a) Ideas were discussed.

RESOLVED that the Fairtrade Fortnight event be taken to the next meeting of the KCC YAG Meeting. A date is yet to be confirmed.

9 SHOPS IN SEVENOAKS

Youth Councillor Tanjinna proposed that ideas and choices of shops desired and missing in Sevenoaks be discussed.

NOTED that Youth Councillor James Barton idea is to sell second-hand video games and computers at the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café was to be progressed. The STAG had provided a lockable glass cabinet for this.

RESOLVED that Youth Councillor Oliver Harper put together a Survey to identify amongst youth in the locality the type of shops the youth of Sevenoaks would like to see both in Sevenoaks town centre and in the two Sevenoaks markets. Michèle MacDonald to assist and to pass to as many youth organisations within Sevenoaks as possible.

10 Cinema

Youth Councillor Tanjinna proposed that ideas and ways to promote the Stag be discussed.

NOTED that:

a) timings didn't suit young people – preferred timings 4:45/5pm start if possible

b) an after school club be desired

c) films to be shown longer than a week

d) possibility of a Sunday morning film club

RESOLVED that

i) the General Manager, Mr Andrew Eyre, look into holding a free event showing film trailers for Key Stage III for the Youth of Sevenoaks to attend

ii) Youth Council to carry out a survey of films the youth of Sevenoaks District would like shown at the Stag working together with Mr Andrew Eyre.

11 KENT YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

The election closed on 25 October 2013 and ballots were currently being counted.

12 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT YOUTH CAFÉ

Adam Wedd gave a brief report of the Youth Café over the last month. Regular school competitions will be held. Mr Andrew Eyre offered cinema tickets as prizes, which was gratefully accepted. September saw a drop in attendance figures but these were steadily rising for October.

13 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

All meetings start at 6.00pm in the Town Council Chamber:

4 December 2013

15 January 2014

26 February 2014

09 April 2014

The meeting closed at 6:55pm

Chairman