

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Youth Councillors Present: Alexander Dunn (Chairman), Oliver Harper (Vice Chairman), Harriet Linley (Treasurer), Tanjinna Miah (arrived 6:45) and Ollie Williams-Fowler

In Attendance: Cllr Eyre, Cllr Raikes, Linda Larter, Ben Mason and Michèle MacDonald

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Parry and Adam Wedd

New Youth Councillor Ollie Williams-Fowler was welcomed by the Chairman.

Youth Councillor Ollie Williams-Fowler advised that he had been introduced to the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café as a result of the liaison between the Youth Café and the Sevenoaks Mums network. There he found out and became interested in the Youth Council.

21 MINUTES

It was noted that the meeting of the Youth Council due to have been held on 15 January 2014 was inquorate and so noted at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 10 February 2014

22 FINANCE REPORT

It was noted that the financial balance as at 26.02.2014 is £1,877.23. Also, during the financial year 1st April 2014 to 31 March 2015, the Youth Council would only receive a £500 grant rather than £1000 as they had not spent funds.

RESOLVED : to spend £150 on a band for Soundwaves.

23 EVENTS

Events to be held during school holidays were discussed and considered.

RESOLVED that

- (a) Sencio be contacted to ascertain the cost of hiring the pool for a period for young people in Sevenoaks to use during the Summer Holidays
- (b) Circus acts were aimed at too young an audience
- (c) Contact be made with Keith Rowell regarding a mini bus linking the two youth cafes for school holiday events

24 FAIRTRADE

Packs had been ordered on behalf of the Sevenoaks Fairtrade Steering Committee by Youth Councillor Harriet Linley to hand out during school lunch breaks.

RESOLVED that

Mr Ben Mason check the HITB kitchen to ensure that all products used where possible were Fairtrade.

25 FACEBOOK

Youth Councillor Tanjinna Miah had not arrived from school at time of discussion

RESOLVED that

- (a) The Facebook chat page has been set up but had not worked
- (b) Setting up of the Facebook account be deferred to a future meeting of Sevenoaks Youth Council

26 KENT YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL (KYCC)

Youth Councillors Alexander Dunn and Harriet Linley advised that they had attended an 'anti bullying course' and were now able to act as mentors.

27 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT

The December 2013 and January 2014 report together with appendices was received and noted. **It was AGREED that** numbers for Soundwaves and attendances in the Youth Café were up in general believed to be as a result of the marketing liaison between the Youth Café and Sevenoaks Mums network.

28 YOUTH CAFÉ RULES

The current behaviour rules were received and considered.

RESOLVED that they be amended as per the attached appendix to be signed off at the next meeting of the Youth Council

29 YOUTH MARKETS – LOVE YOUR LOCAL MARKET CAMPAIGN 2014

A report relating to young people and Market trading nationally was received and considered.

RESOLVED that the idea of enabling young people to have a free venue during the Love Your Local Market fortnight to sell their own goods and services be welcomed, However it was noted that this was also exam period.

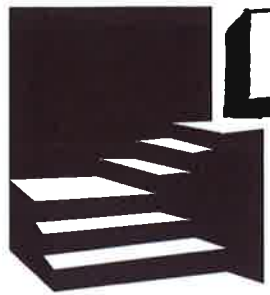
30 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS

Youth Council Meetings will be held in the Town Council Chamber on the following

Wednesdays at 6pm in 2014 – (a) 9 April 2014 (b) 21.05.2014 (c) 18.06.2014

RESOLVED that the recent survey [minute 20a] be discussed at the meeting on 9 April 2014 and that information be sent to Mr Andrew Eyre, Manager of the Stag Community Arts Centre as soon as possible following the engagement session held in the Youth Café on 17 January 2014 discussing what Young People wanted in Sevenoaks

The meeting finished at 6:51



HOUSE IN THE Basement

*If you choose to attend this youth café you will be expected to
keep to the ground rules both inside and outside
- designed by the Youth Council.*

1. RESPECT each other, volunteers and staff
2. RESPECT other people's belonging, HitB equipment and the building
3. NO illegal substances, cigarettes (nor preparing) nor alcohol
4. DO NOT hurt people's feelings intentionally
5. NO Canoodling in public

**WE WANT THIS TO BE A SAFE, POSITIVE AND FUN
ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE.
PLEASE ABIDE BY THESE RULES.**

If people break the rules we operate a warning system. After two official warnings if a person chooses to carry on, the person will be excluded from the centre. In very serious situations this could happen automatically.

THE YOUTH CAFÉ MANAGER'S DECISION IS FINAL

