

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL
HELD ON 15th JULY 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBER, SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL TN13 3QG**

Present: Tanjinna Miah, Alexander Dunn, Olivia Kings, Ben Park, Freya Henderson, Thomas Smith, Taraminna Miah

In Attendance: Linda Larter Town Clerk, Michèle MacDonald, Cllr Andrew Eyre, Cllr Richard Parry, Cllr Mrs Rachel Parry, Cllr Stephen Arnold and Cllr Marilyn Canet

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Simon Raikes, Gail Grieves HitB Manager, Kelly Williams, Oliver Forth, James Craggs and Philip Magee,

GUEST SPEAKER: Mrs Evy Drew, Chairman of the Friends of Pontoise Twinning Association introduced the twinning association and herself advising that the connection between Sevenoaks and Pontoise celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014.

Mrs Drew invited Sevenoaks Youth Council to attend its Gala Dinner in May 2016 when the Friends of Pontoise together with members of their Youth Council next visit Sevenoaks. Dates to be confirmed. Mrs Drew also advised that her email contact details are available from the Town Council office for any Youth Councillor wishing to become involved with the Friends of Pontoise Twinning Association.

Mrs Drew also mentioned that she is keen to start a school exchange organised between Pontoise and Sevenoaks.

Linda advised that the Town Council is hosting a work experience placement for a Pontoise student working with the Town Council's Open Spaces team for 2 months during the summer of 2015.

Linda requested Mrs Drew to investigate the possibility of a Sevenoaks student receiving a similar work placement in Pontoise in the future.

43. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 3rd June 2015

- i) Received and agreed to be a true record of the Meeting.
- ii) Youth Councillor Olivia Kings updated the committee on her attendance with Linda Larter to the Joint Transportation Board at Sevenoaks District Council held on 11th June 2015, which was very successful.

The Street Light Petition's results were well received and *"it was resolved that KCC Officers discuss with Cabinet Member for street Light the areas discussed and a report be brought back to a future meeting of the Board"*.

44. Finance Report

That the balance on the account stood at £1,470.27.

45. House in the Basement

- i) HITB Report for June 2015
 - ii) Geographical data for May 2015
 - iii) General statistics, including income for May 2015.
- It was agreed to note all of the reports.

46. Events

- i) Film & Fiesta 4th July 2017 - a report relating to this event was circulated by the Town Clerk [Appendix A]. It was noted that costs incurred pre-cancellation of the event were £631.88 which was reduced to £456.88 as the Stag was able to recover some of its losses and re-programme a current film in its place. The Plaza Suite was unable to be re-hired out.
- ii) Go Kart – Youth Councillors Alexander Dunn and Thomas Smith to meet outside the committee and discuss further.
- iii) Parliament Tour Monday 20th July 2015
It was noted that:

Meeting Place: all at the Sevenoaks Mainline Railway Station
Time: 09:30am

Attendees: Town Council: Linda Larter, Michèle MacDonald, Chelsea Haigh and Mark Babbage,
House in the Basement Youth Café: Gail Grieves and Jack Higham
Youth Councillors: Tanjinna and Taraminna Miah, Freya Henderson, Olivia Kings, Philip Magee, Thomas Smith, Kelly Williams, Oliver Forth
Additional Invitation: was extended to Steve McGinn, an Apprentice working at the Stag Community Arts Centre. Attendance is to be confirmed.

Parliament Tour: 11:40am ends 1pm

Meeting: Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP 1:15 to 2:15 in room W3, off Westminster Hall, where we will be met by his Secretary.

Questions: All Youth Councillors would be invited to ask the MP a question.

Lunch: Pizza Express – table booked for 2:30pm

- iv) CV Workshop – 5th August 2015 – Youth Councillors were asked to advertise this event amongst other young people and encourage people to attend.
- v) British Youth Council AGM Saturday 5th September 2015 – Michèle confirmed that the 6 spaces allocated to Sevenoaks Youth Council had been booked in April 2015 for Sevenoaks Youth Council.

Following this meeting Michèle checked whether 11 Youth Councillors plus 2 adults might attend. Registration deadline is 13th August 2015 after which time the British Youth Council will inform Michèle whether there is space for the additional 5 Youth Councillors.

- vi) Rockdale – The Mayor, Cllr Stephen Arnold, informed the Youth Council that his charity for the year is the Rockdale Housing Association in Sevenoaks and invited the Youth Council to visit them. Youth Councillors agreed to bake and put on a tea event for them. Linda invited them to use the facilities at HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café so that cakes could then be taken over to them. Date to be confirmed.

47. Environmental Park proposed play area

It was noted that Sevenoaks Town Council is holding a public consultation exercise and seeking funding for a new play area. Youth Councillors were invited to view the displays at Sencio and/or at the Stag Community Arts Centre or to go on-line to give their feedback and invite their friends to do likewise.

48. Dates of Next Meeting, 6 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber

- 9th September 2015

