

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBER, SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL TN13 3QG**

Present: Tanjinna Miah [*arrived 6:10*], Alexander Dunn, Olivia Kings, Thomas Smith, Taraminna Miah [*arrived 6:10*], Oliver Forth, Philip Magee [*arrived 6:25*].

In Attendance: Linda Larter Town Clerk, Gail Grieves, Manager of HITB Youth Café, Michèle MacDonald, Cllr Andrew Eyre [*arrived 6:29*], Cllr Simon Raikes [*arrived 6:23*], Cllr Stephen Arnold and Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox .

Apologies for Absence:

Youth Cllrs Kelly Williams, Freya Henderson and James Craggs.
Cllrs Richard Parry and Mrs Rachel Parry.

Resignation of Youth Councillor Ben Parks

The Town Clerk read aloud the statement received from ex Youth Councillor Ben Parks:

"Unfortunately I must resign for Youth council and Youth services subcommittee as I have just abruptly been accepted into a termly boarding school.

Thank you for the amazing experience of being the youth council was a memorable commitment which I am sad to leave. I have enjoyed being further involved in my town, I plan to join to school council at my new school. Please give my best to the other youth and normal councillors".

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn commenced the meeting as Chairman and introduced the committee to the newly Co-opted Youth Councillor Sam Chard.

49. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 15th July 2015

Received and agreed to be a true record of the Meeting.

50. Finance Report

That the balance on the account stood at £912.44.

The Chairman Youth Councillor Tanjinna Miah and the Treasurer Youth Councillor Taraminna Miah arrived at 6:10pm.

The Chairman proceeded with the meeting.

51. KCC Art 31

Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox will further investigate the KCC's Art 31 young people's initiative planning, programming and organising arts and cultural events by young people for young people across art forms in Kent and ascertain levels of funding in order that the committee may further discuss.

52. House in the Basement

- i) HITB Report for September 2015
- ii) Geographical data for June and July 2015
- iii) General statistics, including income for June and July 2015.

It was agreed to note all of the reports.

53. Events

- i) 2015 07 20 - Parliament Tour – A press Release issued the following day had been circulated to all youth councillors. Youth Councillors had discussed the following topics with Michael Fallon MP at their meeting:
 - keeping in touch with his constituency
 - improving gender equality
 - a grammar school for Sevenoaks
 - proposals for the new university maintenance grant
 - mental health awareness.
- ii) British Youth Council AGM Saturday 5th September 2015 – Youth Councillors Tanjinna Miah, Alexander Dunn and Taraminna Miah attended the Annual General Meeting of the British Youth Council in London and reported attendance from a diverse group of young people including, youth councils, scouts, guides and St Johns Ambulance for example. Sevenoaks Youth Council was mentioned in the programme in view of the hard work done by previous Youth Councillors to secure a Youth Café for the young people of Sevenoaks and it was AGREED that the current youth Council should continue with working on developing the Youth Café.
- iii) Rockdale – The Mayor, Cllr Stephen Arnold, further discussed Minute 47 (vi) with the Youth Council.
RESOLVED: Youth Councillor Tanjinna Miah to set a date with Youth Councillors and Gail Grieves to bake biscuits and cakes at the HITB Youth Café one Saturday morning and then visit Rockdale with the products in the afternoon for afternoon tea and cakes with the residents and the Mayor.
- iv) Christmas Lights Switch On Event – Friday 27th November 2015
RESOLVED: Youth Councillors to have a stall at the event to sell cakes and hand out leaflets to support the youth Council and HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café. Jack Higham and Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn to play music with their guitars.

54. Dates of future Meetings, 6 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber

- 4th November 2015 (Annual General Meeting)
- 20th January 2016
- 16th March 2016
- 4th May 2016

PRESS RELEASE

Sevenoaks Youth Councillors meet with Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP in the House of Commons To discuss young people's issues



Sevenoaks Youth Council

*Youth Councillors Philip Magee, Thomas Smith, Kelly Williams,
Olivia Kings, Tanjinna Miah (Chairman), Freya Henderson,
Oliver Forth and Taraminna Miah (Treasurer)*

are grateful to Michael Fallon for taking time out of his very busy and important schedule to meet with them at the House of Commons on Monday 20th July to discuss matters which are of importance to young people.

The discussion took place around the following topics – keeping in touch with his constituency, improving gender equality, a grammar school for Sevenoaks, proposals for the new university maintenance grant and mental health awareness.

The Youth Councillors were also provided with a tour of the House of Commons and House of Lords.

With regards
Linda
Linda Larter MBE
Chief Executive / Town Clerk

