

Sevenoaks Youth Town Council Meeting 4th May 2016 at 6pm

To be followed by a meeting of the Youth Services Sub Committee at 7pm where Youth Councillors Olivia Kings and Alexander Dunn attend as representatives of Sevenoaks Youth Council

Guests:

- A. **Hannah Patton**, Youth Participation Worker for KCC, covering West Kent – any areas of support/training the Youth Council would benefit from
- B. **Michele Grace**, The Lewis Project

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To note:

- a. the minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held 16th March 2016 (copy previously circulated and attached hereto) adopted by the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 18th April 2016.
- b. that since the meeting the Head Teacher of the Weald of Kent Grammar School had since thanked the Committee Clerk for the results of the Youth Council's mini survey stating *"I can't remember having such useful feedback before. Many thanks for forwarding the information about School Meals and PSHCE"*.

3. FINANCE REPORT

To receive the current Financial Balance as at 24th April 2016 (copy attached) and to note that the Town Council had allocated a further £500 for the year 2016/2017.

4. TRAIN COSTS FOR 16-18 YEAR OLDS

To discuss and comment on the draft survey relating to public transport for young people aged 16 to 18 in full time education or in an apprenticeship scheme [Minute 24 c refers], noting that the British Youth Council would share the link of this survey in their newsletter, which they distribute across the UK (copy attached).

5. DRIVING AWARENESS SESSION

To receive and note that a Driving Awareness Session for Young People to 'practice' their driving skills at the Sevenoaks Community Centre is booked for Saturday 28th May 2016. To run the course, a minimum of 10 Young People are required to sign up.

Recommended: Youth Councillors attend where possible and circulate amongst their peers. Parental forms (copies attached) need to be completed, signed and returned to the Committee Clerk to secure a booking.

6. HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT

To receive and discuss the

- a) HOUSE in the Basement report for April 2016 (copy attached).
- b) General statistics and income for March 2016 (copy attached).
- c) Geographical data for April 2016 (copy attached).
- d) To receive and note the Wellbeing statistics for March 2016 (copy attached).

7. YOUTH SHELTER

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk on the proposed Youth Shelter survey.

8. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

To note the dates for the next two meetings in the Town Council Chamber at 6pm are 08.06.2016 and 20.07.2016

9. EVENTS

To further discuss Music at the Vine Bandstand – to discuss plans for the event with The Lewis Project on Friday 22nd July 2016:

9.1 Times	9.3 Compere	9.5 Publicity	9.7 Supervision
9.2 Bands	9.4 Volunteers	9.6 Budget	

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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL
HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBER, SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL TN13 3QG**

Present: Olivia Kings (Vice Chairman), Alexander Dunn, Kelly Williams [left at 6:40pm], Thomas Smith, Oliver Forth and Sam Chard.

In Attendance: Linda Larter Town Clerk, Michèle MacDonald, Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, Senior Early Help Worker (Open Access – Youth Work) KCC, Cllr Stephen Arnold [*ex officio*], Cllr Andrew Eyre and Cllr Simon Raikes [*arrived 6:28*].

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Mrs R Parry and Cllr R Parry, Youth Cllrs Alexander Dunn, Philip Magee and Gail Grieves, Manager of HITB Youth Café

Youth Councillor Olivia Kings chaired the meeting.

- 21. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th January 2016**
Received and agreed to be a true record of the Meeting.

- 22. Finance Report**
Noted that the balance on the account stood at £1,495.44.

23. Events

- a) Rockdale Housing Association

RESOLVED:

- i. Youth Councillors to bake cakes on Saturday 16th April 2016 from 12 noon ready to visit Rockdale with the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Stephen Arnold, at 3pm.
- ii. Manager of the HOUSE in the basement Youth Café to purchase ingredients to be paid for by the Youth Council and provide an ingredient allergy list.
- iii. The Mayor will bake his own cake to bring along.
- iv. Youth Councillors to check home diaries and let the Committee Clerk know whether or not they are attending as soon as possible.

- b) Sevenoaks Youth Advisory Group [YAG] meeting – Thursday 28th January 2016

The Town Clerk provide a precis of the meeting touching upon (i) school transport, (ii) school lunches and (iii) life skills:

- i. Transport – the Youth Council have previously considered school transport and liaised with local bus company
- ii. School Lunches – Youth Cllrs undertook a brief survey of those present regarding school lunches as the young people attending the Youth Advisory Group had complained in general about school lunches. Their results were:

School	Lunches	Prices	Opinion
Weald of Kent Grammar	Ok	£2 approx.	Good lunch Snack lunches expensive 2 x youth cllrs feel 6 th form Canteen is really nice
Wrotham	Pretty good	Unknown	Pretty good
Tunbridge Wells grammar	Expensive	Unknown	Takes packed lunches
Knole Academy	Lovely Main meal Subway	£2.20 £2	brilliant

- iii. Life Skills – concerns locally were that schools did not prepare pupils for adulthood with life skills such as finances, sexual health, civic issues, citizenship and suggested schools to involve more volunteers to deliver this.

RESOLVED: Committee Clerk to feed information discussed at the Youth Council to the schools.

The next meeting of the YAG is in Swanley on 28th April 2016. **RESOLVED:** Youth Councillors to inform Committee Clerk if they wish to attend so that transport can be arranged.

c) Sevenoaks Summer Festival

RESOLVED: not to partake on the stage on the opening day of the festival. Instead the youth council will liaise with any bands they know of and suggest dates to perform at the Vine Bandstand during the school holidays. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

24. TRAIN COSTS FOR 16-18 YEAR OLDS

a) Youth Cllr Forth advised that 15-20 regularly catch the train to school at Wrotham aged 16-18 and that costs increased as below:

- i. Bus Pass (Kent Freedom Pass) - £250 or £100 if you get free school meals
- ii. Train Fare Otford to Wrotham £494 and post 16 is £658.66
- iii. Train fare Kemsing to Wrotham £351.50

b) The response from Wrotham School was received and noted.

c) The Committee Clerk provided an update regarding Minute no 18 (d) bullet point 3, advising that the British Youth Council's remit this year does not include transport. However they would be happy to share the link of this survey in their newsletter which they distribute across the UK. **RESOLVED:** The Committee Clerk draft a questionnaire ready for the next meeting.

25. DRIVING AWARENESS SESSION

RESOLVED: Youth Council host a Driving Awareness Day on Saturday 28th May 2016 and committed to finding 15 Young People to sign up and attend the course. The KCC Youth Worker agreed to assist in finding some to join this event. The Committee Clerk to circulate the advertising leaflet.

Youth Cllr Kelly Williams left the meeting.

26. FAIR TRADE

RESOLVED: Youth Councillor Tom Smith agreed to create a Fairtrade Facebook Page. Youth Cllr Olivia volunteered to represent the Youth Council. The Committee Clerk to inform the Fairtrade Committee that if they wanted Youth Councillors to attend its meetings, they would need to be in the evenings.

27. HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT

- i) HITB Report for February and March 2016
- ii) Geographical data for February and March 2016
- iii) General statistics, including income for February and March 2016
- iv) Wellbeing statistics January 2016.

It was agreed to note all of the reports.

28. YOUTH SHELTER

The proposed Youth Shelter survey was received and noted.

RESOLVED: Committee Clerk to

- i. include an 'other' answer box with a comment box under the question "Why would you use a Youth Shelter?"
- ii. move contact information questions to follow
- iii. publish a survey electronically in hard format where requested.

29. IPAG

RESOLVED: Youth Cllr Sam Chard represent the Youth Council at the Independent Police Advisory Group

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

- 4th May 2016
- 8th June 2016

There being no further matters for discussion, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6:58pm

Sevenoaks Town Council

Youth Council General Income and Expenditure 2015/16

		Expenditure £	Income £
Starting Balance 01.04.2016		1,749.60	
Budget allocated 15/16	30/11/2015		500.00
Open Evening		25.33	
Insanity Talent Management live show (May 2015)	30/01/2015	150.00	
BYC membership 15/16	18/02/2015	54.00	
Youth Council first Aid	16/03/2015	50.00	
Rise of Guardians flyers (Kallkwik 17375)	16/06/2015	117.00	
Rise of Guardians Blu-Ray (One Card 17409)	28/07/2015	7.07	
Rise of Guardians Stag charges (17521)	04/07/2015	263.53	
Rise of Guardians Stag charges (17575)	27/08/2015	62.50	
House of Parliament trip -lunch (One Card 17410)	28/07/2015	83.23	
House of Parliament trip -train (One Card 17410)	28/07/2015	66.50	
Budget Allocated 16/17			500.00
At 25 April 2016	sub total	1,995.44	

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Survey of Public Transport for Young People aged 16 to 18 in full time education or in an apprenticeship scheme

1. **Are you aged 16 and over and in full time education or in an apprenticeship scheme?**
 - a. Yes/no
If yes, please tick: Education at school
 Education at college
 Education in an apprenticeship scheme

2. **Do you use public transport?**
 - a. Yes/no
 - b. If yes, go to Question 3
 - c. If not, go to Question 5

3. **Which type of public transport do you use?**
Please tick:
 - Bus
 - Train
 - Tram
 - Underground

4. **Why do you use public transport?**
 - a. Travel to education establishment
 - b. Travel to apprenticeship placement
 - c. Meet family/friends
 - d. Go to leisure facilities
 - e. Go to Part time work
 - f. Go to other public services: doctors, dentists, etc
 - g. Other[comment box]

5. **If not using public transport for reasons in question 4, what is alternative means of transport?**
 - a. Lift from family
 - b. Lift from friends
 - c. Have drivers licence so drive myself
 - d. Other[comment box]

6. **If you use public transport for education, did your ability to get to a certain establishment using public transport impact your choice?**
 - a. Yes/no
 - b. If yes, please give comments on how this affected your choice[comment box]

7. **Have you experienced any of the following problems with public travel?**
 - a. Accessibility to part time work
 - b. Cost of travel
 - c. Time table bus
 - d. Time table tram
 - e. Timetable train
 - f. Timetable underground
 - g. Other, please explain[comment box]

8. **Do you/does your family pay for public transport? Yes/no**

9. **If you use public transport for education, does your education facility have a fund/bursary for 16-18 year olds? Yes/no**

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10. Is there any other funding available locally, eg County Council, Local Authority, charity?

- a. Yes/no
- b. If yes, do you have to apply:
 - i. Annually
 - ii. Or is it valid for duration of your education/

11. What would make your travel easier?[comment box]

12. Do you have any general comments on travel costs for 16-18 year olds who are still legally in full time education or in an apprenticeship scheme?

.....[comment box]

Thank you for your time in completing this survey.

13. Please advise if you wish to remain anonymous

- a. Yes/no
- b. If no, please submit your personal information [Question Nos 14 to 20] **which will not be shared with anyone outside Sevenoaks Town Council.**

14. Name:

15. Age (state: 16,17 or 18):

16. Address:

17. Postcode:

18. Email:

19. Telephone:

20. Mobile:

If you are returning a paper copy please send to

FREEPOST RTHK-RSKY-SSXS

or drop off c/o Michèle MacDonald at the Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3QA

Road Code: Driving Awareness Session



Road Code introduces young people to the thrills and perils of being a young driver or passenger.

Young people get to 'practice' their driving skills and hazard perception on simulators and get the knowledge and tools to enable them to be safe road users and safe passengers.

Take part in this exciting interactive session to become more confident on the road and learn when to speak up as a passenger

Young people aged 13-19 can take part, limited places available!

Saturday 28th May 10am - 4pm

Sevenoaks Community Centre, Cramptons Road (off Otford Road), Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 5DN



To book a place on the course contact
Michèle MacDonald at
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HOUSE IN THE **Basement**

April 2016

Staffing

Cal and Simon remain in place and continue to support the young people of HiTB. We are still advertising for an apprenticeship and Simon has posted this on his Face Book page. HiTB continues to benefit from support from SAYT and a drug and Alcohol worker from KCC Commissioning project STC/West Kent Extra. Andy has been a big hit with the young people and they all benefit from hearing his story. Gail has recently trained with Metro as is able to offer the "C card" to young people. Ann Garner from Kent Community Health NHS foundation has applied on our behalf for a screening code from Public Health England which will allow trained staff to screen young people who attend HiTB. Simon, Cali and Gail all passed the emergency aid course run by the Stag.

General

Numbers are good at present as we have had a new influx from the 8-12 group ran by WKE. Food sales have increased and more young people are having the benefits of reasonably priced hot meals. The Neighbourly scheme has finally started and we are now able to collect surplus food and produce from Marks and Spencer in Sevenoaks 2/3 times per week, this has allowed us to give out free fruit and make cheaper dishes for the young people. We also get the odd treat which is great, last week we had so many flowers that young people were taking them home for parents etc.



The money donated by Fat Face is being spent, several new pieces of kitchen equipment have been purchased along with some equipment to get the electrical drum kit out of storage, and Simon has been teaching some of the young people a basic beat pattern. New games for the X-box and Wii have also been purchased. Gail has also looked into the Tesco's 5p bag grants but at present it looks like they are geared towards outside space and will need further investigation for eligibility.

Several new No 8 passes have been issued this month which is encouraging. Cali has been saving empty food cans with a plan to spray paint them bright colours and plant them with small flowers to place around the entrance to the café, when we have enough we will put it out on social media for the young people to come and help. A pool championship is continuing with the leader board changing regularly, last Wednesday we had old verses young which went down well. We are planning to re-introduce a movie night probably the last Saturday of the month, this will be advertised on Face Book with a choice of 3 films open to vote, and this gives plenty of notice to those who do not wish to watch movies.

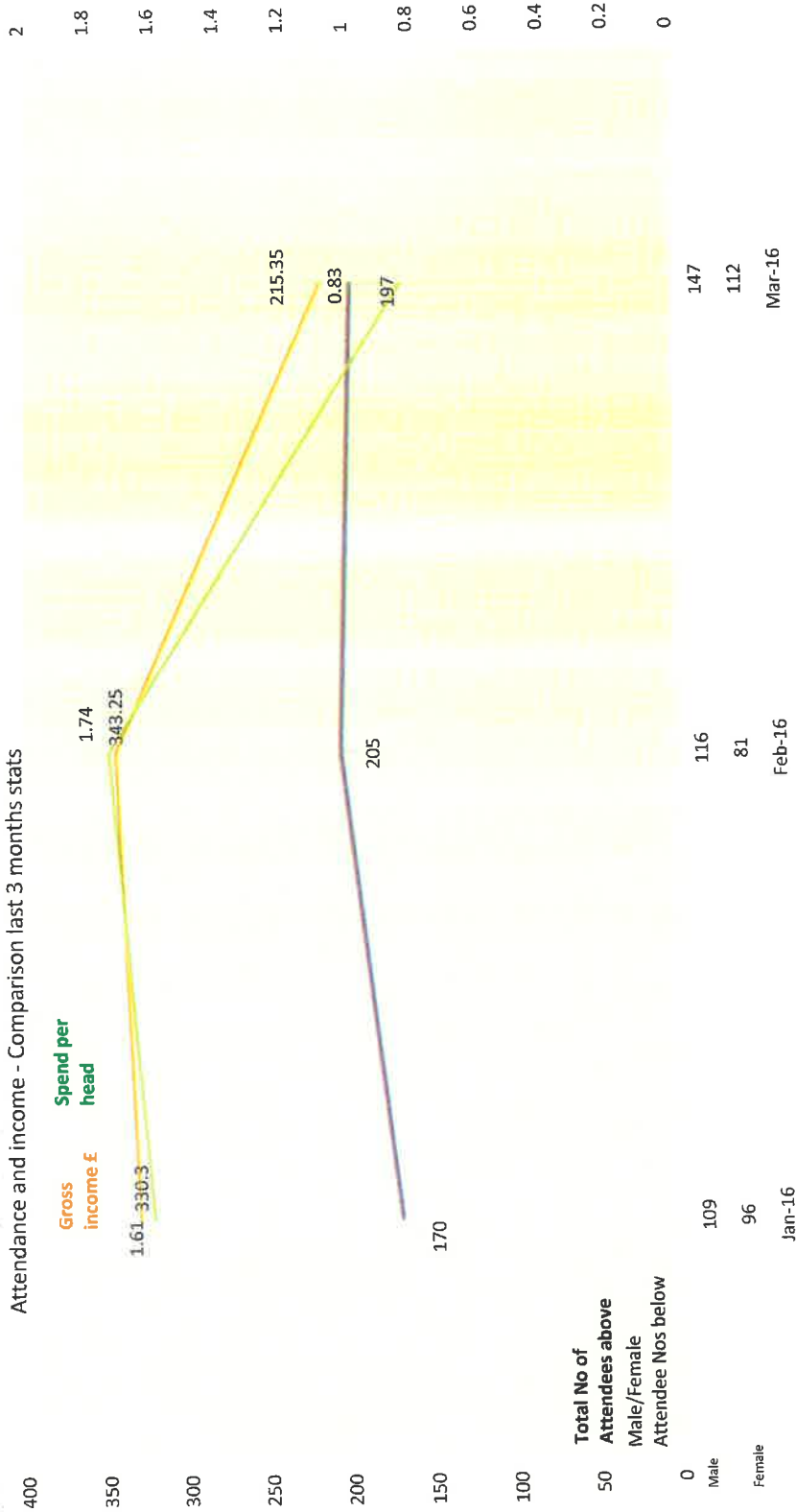


KCC Commissioning

I believe at this point Linda Larter has submitted a bid and any update will be forthcoming at the meeting.

HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café			
	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16
Girls	96	81	112
Boys	109	116	147
Sub Total	205	197	259
and totals wef January 2014 TOTAL	205	197	259
Gross income	330.3	343.25	215.35
spend per head	1.61	1.74	0.83

Attendance and income - Comparison last 3 months stats

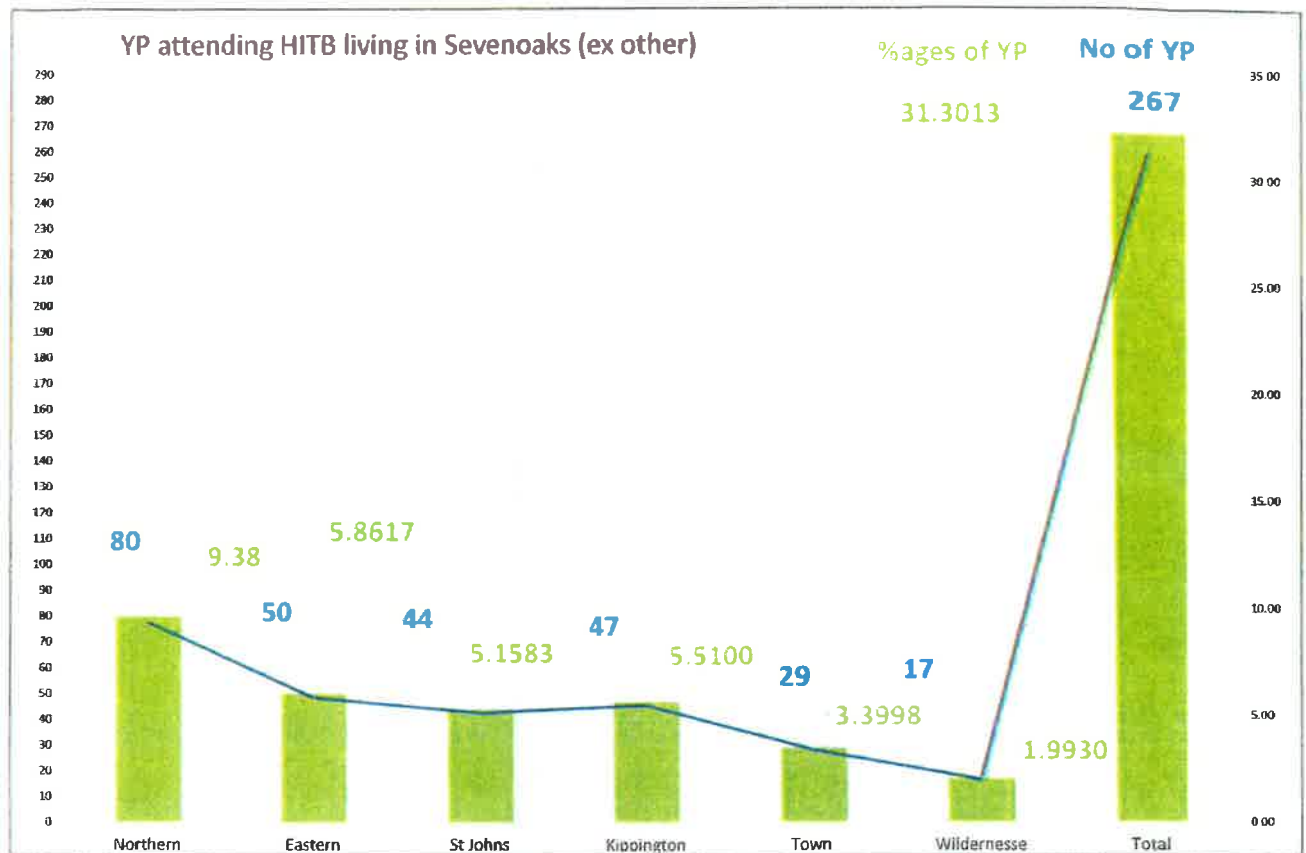


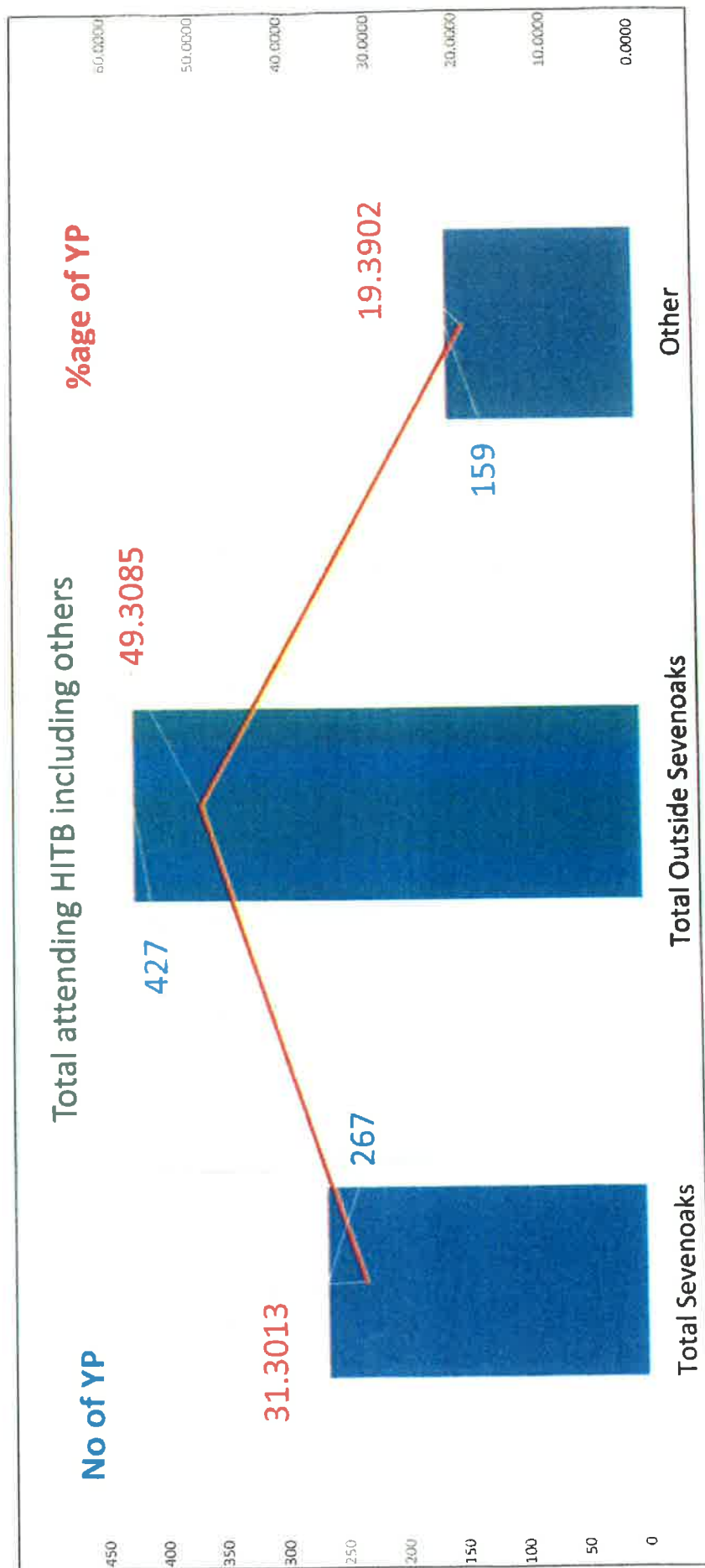
Total No of Attendees above Male/Female Attendee Nos below

Male	109	116	147
Female	96	81	112
	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16

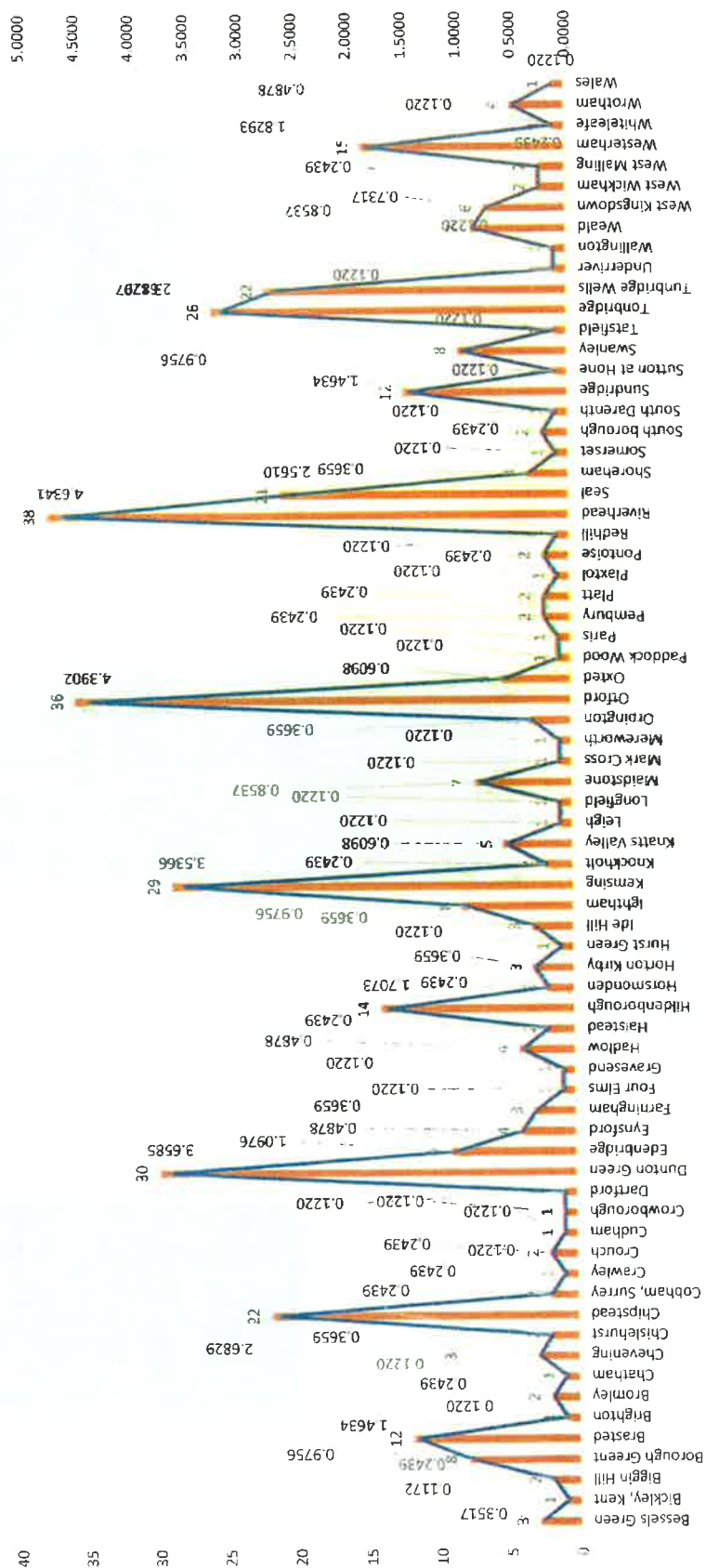
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HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café Past Attendance Geographical data	End of February 2016	New in March 2016	End of March 2016	Percentage of total
Sevensoaks		Plus		
Northern	77	3	80	9.38
Eastern	48	2	50	5.8617
St Johns	42	2	44	5.1583
Kilgobington	47		47	5.5100
Town	29		29	3.3998
Wilderness	15	2	17	1.9930
Total	258	9	267	31.3013
outside Sevensoaks				
Bassels Green	3		3	0.3517
Bickley, Kent	1		1	0.1177
Begun Hill	2		2	0.2439
Borough Green	5	3	8	0.9756
Brasted	12		12	1.4834
Brighton	1		1	0.1220
Bromley	2		2	0.2439
Chatham	1		1	0.1220
Cherwell	3		3	0.3659
Chislehurst	2		2	0.2439
Chislehurst	22		22	2.6829
Cobham, Surrey	2		2	0.2439
Crookley	1		1	0.1220
Crouch	2		2	0.2439
Culham	1		1	0.1220
Cromwell	1		1	0.1220
Dartford	1		1	0.1220
Dunton Green	30		30	3.6585
Edenbridge	9		9	1.0976
Eynsford	4		4	0.4878
Farningham	3		3	0.3659
Four Elms	1		1	0.1220
Gravesend	1		1	0.1220
Harlow	4		4	0.4878
Halstead	2		2	0.2439
Hildenborough	14		14	1.7073
Horsmonden	2		2	0.2439
Horton Kirby	3		3	0.3659
Hurst Green	1		1	0.1220
Ida Hill	3		3	0.3659
Iltham	8		8	0.9756
Kemsing	28	1	29	3.5366
Knockholt	2		2	0.2439
Knatts Valley	3	2	5	0.6098
Lalgh	1		1	0.1220
Longfield	1		1	0.1220
Maidstone	7		7	0.8537
Mark Cross	1		1	0.1220
Mereworth	1		1	0.1220
Ormeau	3		3	0.3659
Oxford	36		36	4.3902
Oxwell	5		5	0.6098
Paddock Wood	1		1	0.1220
Paris	1		1	0.1220
Pembury	2		2	0.2439
Platt	2		2	0.2439
Plaxton	1		1	0.1220
Pontrose	2		2	0.2439
Redhill	1		1	0.1220
Riverhead	38		38	4.6341
Seal	21		21	2.5610
Shoreham	3		3	0.3659
Somerset	1		1	0.1220
Southborough	2		2	0.2439
South Darenth	1		1	0.1220
Sundridge	12		12	1.4834
Sutton atHONE	0	1	1	0.1220
Swanley	6	2	8	0.9756
Talsfield	1		1	0.1220
Tonbridge	25	1	26	3.1707
Tonbridge Wells	22		22	2.6829
Underriver	1		1	0.1220
Wallington	1		1	0.1220
Weald	7		7	0.8537
West Kingsdown	6		6	0.7317
West Wickham	2		2	0.2439
West Malling	2		2	0.2439
Westerham	13	2	15	1.8293
Whitcliffe	1		1	0.1220
Wrotham	4		4	0.4878
Wales	1		1	0.1220
Other	159		159	19.3902
	574	12	586	68.6987
Total	991	595.00	853	100.0000
Total Sevensoaks	267	31.3013		
Total Outside Sevensoaks	427	49.3085		
Other	159	19.3902		
	853	100.0000	853	100





Outside Sevenoaks attending HITB (ex other)



HITB Wellbeing statistical survey undertaken during March 2016

NAME/Young Person	No 1	Score	No2	Score	No 3	Score
STATEMENT						
I've been feeling optimistic about the Future	Rarely	2	Some of the time	3	Often	4
I've been feeling useful	Rarely	2	Often	4	Often	4
I've been feeling relaxed	None of the Time	1	Often	4	Often	4
I've been feeling interested in other people	None of the Time	1	Often	4	All of the time	5
I've had energy to spare	Rarely	2	Often	4	All of the time	5
I've been dealing with problems well	Some of the time	3	Often	4	All of the time	5
I've been thinking clearly	Rarely	2	Often	4	All of the time	5
I've been feeling good about myself	Rarely	2	Often	4	All of the time	5
I've been feeling close to other people	Some of the time	3	Often	4	Some of the time	3
I've been feeling confident	Some of the time	3	Often	4	All of the time	5
I've been able to make up my own mind about things	Often	4	Some of the time	3	All of the time	5
I've been feeling loved	None of the time	1	All of the time	5	All of the time	5
I've been interested in new things	Some of the time	3	Some of the time	3	Often	4
I've been feeling cheerful	None of the time	1	Often	4	Often	4
REASON	Stress		New School		Did well in competition, enjoying coursework	
TOTAL	30		54		63	

HITB Wellbeing statistical survey undertaken during March 2016

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