

**Minutes of the Sevenoaks Youth Council
Held on 4th May 2016
At Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber**

Meeting Commenced: 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7.00 p.m.

Present: Sam Chard and Thomas Smith

In Attendance: Linda Larter Town Clerk, Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox KCC, Hannah Patton KCC, Cllr Andrew Eyre, Cllr Marilyn Canet, Gail Grieves HitB Manager, Michele Grace and Sandra Bloxham The Lewis Project.

Apologies for Absence: Alexander Dunn, Kelly Williams, Olivia Kings, Philip Magee

It was noted that there were insufficient Youth Councillors present to hold the meeting officially, mainly due to exam season. The agenda was discussed to be ratified at a future meeting.

Hannah Patton the Youth Participation Worker for Kent County Council introduced herself and the work she was responsible for.

31. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 16th March 2016

It was noted that since the meeting the Head Teacher of the Weald of Kent Grammar School had provided the following comment: *"I can't remember having such useful feedback before. Many thanks for forwarding the information about school meals and PSHCE."*

The Minutes were noted as correct.

32. Finance Report

It was noted that the Youth Council balance was £1,995.44. The balance included the annual grant from the Town Council of £500.

33. Train Costs for 16 – 18 Year Olds

A copy of the survey was circulated relating to public transport costs for young people aged 16 – 18 in full time education or an apprenticeship scheme. The British Youth Council had agreed to support the survey by providing sharing a link to its own newsletter.

It was also agreed that the Southeastern Rail Travellers Association and the Kent County Youth Council would assist with circulating the survey.

Once information was received the data would be shared.

34. Driving Awareness Session

It was noted that there were still spaces available for the Driving Awareness Session for Young People to 'practice' their driving skills. The event was being held at the Community Centre on Saturday 28th May 2016. Sam Chard stated that he would like to attend. It was noted that he would attend as one of 'the organisers'.

35. House in the Basement Youth Café

The following reports were discussed and noted.

- a) HitB report for April 2016
- b) General Statistics and income for March 2016
- c) Geographical data for April 2016
- d) Wellbeing statistics for March 2016.

36. Youth Shelter

Some completed surveys had been received in relation to the proposal for a youth shelter.

14 completed surveys had been received to date from young people.

Correspondence had also been received from Greatness Residents Association which was read out. The email stated that they were not in favour of a Youth Shelter in Greatness Recreation Ground and that it was a waste of public money.

Those present were disappointed by the comments received from the Resident Association as Youth Shelters were considered commonplace pieces of equipment for recreation grounds and parks, Dunton Green being used as an example.

It was agreed to

- a) Continue with the survey.
- b) Forward the email from the Resident Association to Councillors present.

37. Dates of Next Meetings

It was noted that the dates for the next two meetings both of which started at 6 p.m. and where in the Council Chamber were

8th June 2016
20th July 2016

38. Events

The Youth Council had tried to arrange a musical event as part of the Sevenoaks Summer Festival however this had proved impractical. A further idea had been to hold a music event on the last day of term at the Vine. Young people traditionally gathered at the Vine on the last day of term. The music event would formalise this, provide entertainment and supervision.

Michele and Sandra from The Lewis Project introduced themselves and provided information about the music project. The Lewis Project would like to help with the event.

Discussion took place about the recent incident involving a large number of young people on the Vine and subsequent arrests. It was agreed that this one off incident should not discourage a properly managed event being arranged.

The following outline proposal was agreed:-

Event Title	Music on the Vine
Date	Friday 22 nd July 2016
Time	6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Aim of Event	To provide entertainment for an event for the last day of summer term. Not to be restricted to young people, however music to be of interest to young people.
Bands	HitB / STC / Youth Council to arrange for bands for first hour. The Lewis Project to arrange for bands for second hour. Once bands were agreed, technical information would be considered and where possible equipment shared.
Compere	To be confirmed.
Volunteers & Supervision	All partners involved in the Youth Services Sub Committee would be asked to provide staffing for the event. It was suggested that young people at the youth café would make refreshments for sale the previous evening and have their own soft drink and refreshment stall.
Publicity	To be confirmed once details agreed. However it was noted that young people were good at publicising events via social media.
Budget	A budget would be needed for publicity and technical provision.

