

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2016
AT THE HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT YOUTH CAFÉ**

Present: Phoebe Crichflow, Elise Van Den Hoek, Katherine Magee, Oliver Firth-Humm, Charlotte Humm, Katie Willis.

Also in Attendance: Cllr Merilyn Canet, Cllr Andrew Eyre (Mayor), Cllr Simon Raikes, Linda Larter, Gail Grieves.

As the Chairman was absent Phoebe chaired the meeting.

17. Apologies for Absence

James Armitage, Malcolm Briery, Daniel Izu, Ana Lawther, Estella Durnford and Zak Young.

Sam Chard was unable to attend and had sent in the following information which it was agreed would be added to the Minutes:

"I went to my first Kent Youth County Council meeting on Sunday. I stood for election in November and am very honoured that I was successful in gaining a seat. The first meeting was really a getting to know you session although we did also confirm our priorities for the coming year - Bullying; Mental Health Provision and Curriculum for Life (enhanced phse). I shall be attending a two day residential training session at the end of January and then very much look forward to getting stuck in!"

"I am attending a meeting of the Sevenoaks iPAG (Independent Police Advisory Group) next Thursday evening. The group will be discussing Hate Crime and the strategies that are in place to combat this growing problem and support victims. I am very interested in this topic as it ties in with the KYCC anti-bullying campaign so will ask the professionals present what help is available to young people in the Sevenoaks area and what preventative work is being done in schools."

18. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November 2016.

RESOLVED: To agree the Minutes as a true record.

19. Finance Report

RESOLVED: To note the balance to be £921.29.

20. House in the Basement Youth Café

- i) House in the Basement report for November and December 2016.
- ii) General statistics, including income for October and November 2016.
- iii) Geographical data for October and November 2016.

RESOLVED: to note the reports.

21. Constitution of Sevenoaks Youth Council for discussion

RESOLVED: to accept the constitution without any changes.

22. Events & Agenda Setting for January to March 2017

i) Christmas Lights Switch On Event 25th November 2016

Linda thanked everyone for attending the event and collecting surveys from 41 young people. The results of the surveys were considered and it was agreed that the clear message from young people surveyed was that the youth café needed more advertising and to restart the monthly open mic music events.

ii) Open Mic Night 9th December 2016.

Unfortunately as no young people had come forward to perform the event was cancelled. It was agreed that this was probably due to the short amount of time to promote.

RESOLVED: To try to start the monthly Open Mic Nights again, last Friday of each month from February 2017. Promotion to start in the New Year. Poster to be produced and distributed to all schools and youth groups.

iii) Projects for 2017

The Youth Council reviewed the actions and suggestions from the Annual General Meeting held on 12th October 2016.

RESOLVED: For 2017 to concentrate on the following projects:-

- Starting monthly Open Mic Nights at HitB Youth Café
- Creation of public art / graffiti initially outside HitB Youth Café
- Arranging a summer festival.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting.