

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2017
AT THE SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:

Daniel Izu (Chairman), Malcolm Briery (Vice Chairman), James "The Don" Armitage (Treasurer), Phoebe Crichlow, Elise Van Den Hoek, Katherine Magee, Oliver Firth-Humm, Charlotte Humm, Katie Willis, Sam Chard and Zak Young.

Also in Attendance:

Cllr Marilyn Canet, Cllr Andrew Eyre (Mayor) [6:12pm],
Cllrs Simon Raikes, Cllr Mrs Parry and Cllr Parry [6:30pm]
Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, KCC Area Youth & Community Worker
Mr Andrew Willmore, representing the Greens and Commons Heritage Lottery Fund [HLF] Project Steering Group,
Ms Kate Craib, West Kent Communities
Linda Larter and Michèle MacDonald

Apologies:

Y Cllr Ana Lawther
Y Cllr Estella Durnford

Presentations:

- A. Mr Andrew Wilmore, Sevenoaks Greensand Commons Project Development Officer**
Andrew, representing the Greens and Commons Heritage Lottery Fund [HLF] Project Steering Group, advised that he is currently working together with the Deputy Town Clerk and the Open Spaces Manager. A stage one HLF Grant of £65,900 had been secured. It was hoped to secure a stage two bid for a further grant of £700,000 from the HLF. Information can be obtained from the website, <http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk>, Facebook and twitter. Andrew invited the Youth Councillors to complete a feedback form and comment on aims for the future of Sevenoaks Common:
- a. to empower community to make a difference environmentally
 - b. to uncover history of ancient woodlands, manorial wasteland, public rights
 - c. discover sites, clear pathways to provide public access and sunlight for regeneration of plants
 - d. to fell trees, record ancient trees, map routes to encourage exploration of sites
- Stage two would enable ecological surveys, potentially money for any projects the Youth Council wish to help with, education projects with schools. Handout and feedback questionnaire attached as **APPENDIX A**

- B Ms Kate Craib, Youth Services Manager, West Kent Communities**
Kate summarised that West Kent Housing had been awarded the Youth Provisions contract for Sevenoaks District from Kent County Council and handed out a model of how this would work for the 6 areas, attached as **APPENDIX B**.

Kate had noticed the three 2017 Youth Council projects and offered assistance with

- the Open Mic nights
 - Summer festival proposal and invited Youth Councillors to the Edenbridge Festival on 18th April 2017. The Edenbridge theme comprises mental health awareness, drugs and alcohol and music with evening workshops including meditation workshops and food
 - Graffiti Art and advised the Eden Centre have hired a local artist
1. Kate also asked if there was a need for a Youth Forum to be set up in Sevenoaks generated by Youth people and asked the Youth Councillor's to contact her with thoughts about this.
- RESOLVED:** Youth Councillors to discuss further on the Coach Trip to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 30th January 2017.

Meeting commenced 6:35pm

23. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: to note apologies received from Youth Cllrs Ana Lawther and Estella Durnford

24. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2016.

RESOLVED: To agree the Minutes as a true record.

25. Finance Report

RESOLVED: To note the balance to be £921.29.

26. House in the Basement Youth Café [HiTB]

- i) House in the Basement report for January 2017
- ii) General statistics, including income for December 2016.
- iii) Geographical data for December 2016.
- iv) HiTB Volunteer Programme

RESOLVED: to note the reports. Youth Councillors to advise Michèle MacDonald if interested in the Volunteer Programme.

NOTED: the Town Clerk advised that funds to continue running the Youth Café required serious consideration. Negotiations were ongoing. Youth workers from external organisations to support the Youth Café were also being considered. Currently there was a shortfall of £25,000 for the year 2017/2018 which could be funded financially or in kind or by increased hiring of the venue during the day.

27. PROJECTS 2017

- i) Open Mic Night – Friday 24th February 2017 - The Town Clerk advised this event follows the Youth Councillors' survey undertaken at the Christmas Lights Switch on Event on 25th November 2016. West Kent Communities offered help and support to the Youth Councillors to help deliver workshops and provide equipment and youth to support the Friday events. The Town Clerk advised that the Youth Council, Youth Café had previously shared joint projects with the Eden Centre. Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox to discuss with Knole Academy's music department. The Town Clerk advised that there would be expenditure relating to this project and reminded the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer that spends may be signed off outside the committee.
RESOLVED: Youth Councillors to liaise with their music departments. West Kent Community to meet with the Town Clerk and Committee Clerk.
- ii) Creation of public art/graffiti outside HiTB Youth Café – Youth Councillor Elise van den Hoek gave a re-cap of ideas for public art on walls. Further discussion on the bus on Monday. The wall outside the Stag leading to the HiTB had been identified initially with other locations to be found in future subject to permissions being obtained. The Youth Council suggested that a competition be the way forward with the Youth Councillors choosing the winner. Youth Councillor Elise advised her school runs Thursday Art VSU afternoons.

Mr Andrew Wilmore informed the Youth Council that Sheffield had taken digital photos of the meadows locally, held photo exhibitions and displayed natural banners around the town to link.

Youth Councillor James suggested the Sevenoaks Commons Project, Sevenoaks Summer Festival and the Graffiti Competition could all be linked in with photos of the Sevenoaks Commons regarding material, banners linking differing areas within the town.

Youth Councillor Katie Willis suggested art on pavement.

RESOLVED:

- a. Committee Clerk devise an entry form etc. To be reviewed at next meeting.
- b. Youth Councillors contact School Art Departments
 - a. to collect applicants and raise awareness of the competition
- c. To paint if possible time to link into the Youth Council's proposed festival.
- d. Potential project - Long term to link from Stag to the Sevenoaks Museum and Library via public art.

iii) Arranging a Summer Festival

RESOLVED: to take place on the Vine Bandstand with Open Mic Night performers to attend. To discuss further on the Coach Trip to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 30th January 2017.

28. Invitations for Youth Councillors

- i) Houses of Parliament Trip – 30th January 2017- all contact, medical needs, parental and school permission slips had now been received. Casual Smart warm clothing to be worn. Itinerary to be emailed on Thursday 26th January 2017 [done]:
- 08:00 - All to meet at the Town Council offices at 08:00 hours for the coach
 - 11:00 - Tour House of Commons and House of Lords
 - 12:30 - meeting with the Rt Hon Sir Michael Fallon MP
 - 13:00 - walk to Pizza Express for lunch at Trafalgar Square
 - 15:00 – board coach for home. ETA home is approximately 16:30/17:00 at the Town Council offices.

29. Dates of Meetings

Day	Date		Time & Location
March 2017			
Wednesday	08.03.2017	Youth Council	6- 7pm Town Council Chamber
Wednesday	08.03.2017	Youth Services Sub Committee	7-8pm Town Council Chamber
April 2017			
Wednesday	26.04.2017	Youth Council	6- 7pm Town Council Chamber
Wednesday	26.04.2017	Youth Services Sub Committee	7-8pm Bar Room Community Centre TN14 5DN

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 6:52pm

