

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2017
AT THE SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

Present: Daniel Izu (Chairman), Malcolm Briery, James Armitage (Treasurer), Sam Chard, Katie Willis, Elise Van Den Hoek, Katherine Magee, Zak Young (Vice Chairman), Oliver Forth, Charlotte Humm, Ana Lawther, Estella Durnford

In Attendance: Linda Larter, Cllr Simon Raikes, Shane Mochrie-Cox

Apologies for Absence: Phoebe Critchlow, Tom Chapman, Cllr Andrew Eyre, Cllr Richard Parry.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Linda Larter provided a presentation relating to the 10 ideas being developed within the Sevenoaks Masterplan for Northern Sevenoaks. Following the presentation discussion took place and Youth Councillors provided the following feedback:

- i) Considerable support for the development of Bat & Ball Station, Youth Councillors reported that the area was unpleasant and felt unsafe using the station.
- ii) Overall thought the plan looked good
- iii) It was good that the areas outside of the town centre were being developed, to provide an overall connected Sevenoaks.
- iv) It would ease congestion in the town centre.
- v) Could see themselves using the leisure attraction.
- vi) Would need to be well connected to public transport
- vii) Would want the leisure Greatness Lake to have cycles and boats for hire.
- viii) Overall the plan was a good surprise and would expect most people to be supportive.
- ix) Welcome the improvement of the infrastructure.
- x) The town is much bigger than people normally consider, the Northern part of the town should not be thought of as a spill over area but made more pleasant in keeping with the rest of the town.

30. Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 25th January 2017

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be accurate, subject to noting the following amendments:

- An update had been provided relating to the Edenbridge Summer Festival, the date should read 8th April 2017.
- The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held in the Sevenoaks Community Centre on 26th April 2017 instead of the Council Chamber.

31. Finance Report

It was noted that the balance available was £789.81 and that the Youth Council would receive a further £500 on 1st April 2017.

32. House in the Basement Youth Café (HitB)

The following reports were noted:

- i) House in the Basement report for February 2017
- ii) General statistics, including income for January and February 2017
- iii) Geographical data for January and February 2017
- iv) Outcomes for January and February 2017

It was noted that a cheque of £395.05 had been received from Fat Face. Fat Face donated funds in replacement of offering discounts on Black Friday. Youth Councillors requested that their appreciation to Fat Face be recorded in the minutes.

33. 2017 Youth Council Projects

Ukulele Work Shop and Open Mic Night at HitB Youth Cafe.

The first of the monthly events was held on Friday 24th February 2017. Attendance was good and feedback for both events was good. The next event would take place on Friday 31st March 2017.

Live on the Vine Summer Festival

It had previously agreed to hold a Live on the Vine Summer Festival on the Vine Gardens. Most acts would come from those who had performed at the Open Mic events.

- i) It was agreed that the event would take place on 14th July 2017.
- ii) It would be a family event not just for young people.
- iii) It was also agreed that there would be stalls selling teenage items, food and homemade wares. Youth Councillors would approach those involved in Young Entrepreneur projects at their schools.

34. Creation of public art / graffiti

The following was discussed and agreed.

- i) To distribute the entry form for the competition both on paper and electronically asap.
- ii) Closing date for entries 29th May 2017.
- iii) Judging to take place on 14th June 2017 (Youth Council Meeting). Graffiti artist to be invited.
- iv) There were three potential sites for the public art / graffiti – 1) Wall outside HitB, 2) Stag wall alongside pathway to the South Park car park and 3) hoardings alongside the previous Edwards Electrical site, 166 High Street.

35. Invitations for Youth Councillors

- i) **Grow Wild**
British Youth Council inviting young people nationally to take part in Grow Wild in 2017 to transform shared spaces into colourful and inspiring wild flower havens. Noted one pack of seeds provided and suggested a small area within Upper High Street Gardens be used.
- ii) **Youth Advisory Group (YAG) 27th April 2017**
Noted that two Youth Councillors attend the previous meeting on 2nd February 2017 and that it was mainly adults attending. Youth Councillors asked to be reminded nearer the date of the next meeting to check availability to attend.
- iii) **Masterplan for Northern Sevenoaks.**
Youth Councillors had been invited to be involved in the meetings and process for developing the Masterplan.
It was agreed that the position should be shared amongst Youth Councillors who were available on meeting dates.

36. Dates of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 26th April 2017 in the Sevenoaks Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

Dated

