

**MINUTES OF THE
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2017
AT THE SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Daniel Izu (Chairman), Malcolm Briery (Vice Chairman), James Armitage (Treasurer), Zak Young, Katherine Magee, Ana Lawther, Estella Durnford, Anabelle Durnford and Stefane Ellis.

In Attendance: Cllr Richard Parry, Cllr Raikes [6:30pm], Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, KCC Area Youth & Community Worker [KCC], Linda Larter, and Michèle MacDonald.

Apologies for Absence: Sam Chard and Elise Van den Hoek.

The Committee Clerk welcomed the two new Youth Councillors, Anabelle Durnford and Stefane Ellis.

45. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted and agreed as above.

46. Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 26th April 2017

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be accurate.

47. Finance Report

It was noted that the

- a) Youth Council had been awarded the following sums from Youth Outreach at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12th June 2017:
 - £1000 for the Live on the Vine Event
 - An increase of £500 to the annual grant to total £1,000 for the Civic Year 2017/2018

- b) Current balance now stands at £1,395.54

48. House in the Basement Youth Café (HitB)

The following reports were noted:

- a) House in the Basement report for May 2017
- b) General statistics, including income for April 2017
- c) Geographical data for April 2017
- d) Outcomes for April 2017

It was noted that grant funding from the Round Table had been received for £2,500 to purchase the following items:

- New pool table with hard cover
- Three new PC Towers
- Crockery

The Town Clerk advised that Breast Cancer Support Group will hire HiTB weekly on Tuesdays, which provides an income stream for the youth café. It also provided some improvements and new furniture for the youth cafe.

49. ASDAN

ASDAN is a formal certificate to record the work Youth Councillors do already and would be included in C.Vs. The 120 hour ASDAN Level 2 is equivalent to a Grade A-C GCSE, which counts towards UCAS points.

Upon the Committee Clerk's request, KCC and STC have devised a mechanism to the Youth Council to have their ongoing work accredited and believe a residential training would amalgamate team building, fun activities as well as formally recording the work undertaken to date and planning a programme for the 2nd year of the Youth Council term 2016 to 2018.

Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox advised that KCC is prepared to underwrite the full cost, whilst funding is sought. Should funding application needed for £1,866.20 not be successful, KCC would pay for 50%.

It was noted that Youth Cllrs choose to attend the Residential:

- a) leaving the Town Council Offices late pm [departure time to be confirmed] Tuesday 29th August 2017 and returning to the Town Council Offices late pm on Thursday 31st August 2017 – timings to be confirmed.

Or

- b) go straight to Swattenden Cranbrook to arrive no later than 9am on Wednesday 30th August 2017 and returning to the Town Council Offices late pm on Thursday 31st August 2017 – timings to be confirmed.

Transport would be provided leaving 29th August and returning 31st August 2017. Accommodation is two to a room and Full Board. Clothing suitably to get muddy and wet is recommended.

It was agreed that Youth Councillors check with parents/guardians and/or schools and confirm via email to the Committee Clerk by 9am on Wednesday 21st June 2017 latest whether they wished to be involved in the residential event.

50. 2017 Youth Council Projects

- a) Ukulele Work Shop and Open Mic Night at HitB Youth Cafe.
Another successful night was reported on Friday 28th April 2017. The event on 26th May was cancelled as it was half term. Going forward there will no longer be Ukulele Workshops and the Open Mic Nights will fit in with school holidays. Wagamama will be bringing free food to the next event on 30th June 2017.
- b) Live on the Vine Summer festival arrangements
Arrangements are well on the way. Youth Cllrs Katherine Magee and Anabelle Durnford volunteered to be the Photographers at this event. Youth Cllr Sam Chard had previously expressed an interest to be compere for some of the event.

The Committee Clerk proposed the hire of a Photo Booth for the event at £395, which was unanimously approved with the design chosen as Rolls Royce. The Committee Clerk to seek approval when placing the order for the background drop to be done in house rather than incur an additional £50 charge.

Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox will see if the KCC detached Youth Bus is available to bring on the day, subject to a site visit.

51. Invitations for Youth Councillors

It was noted that none had been received.

52. Street Art Competition Judging

Mr Graham Upton, a Street Art specialist, was welcomed by the Youth Council. The designs of potential street art were viewed by all. It was agreed that the location to be used is the white wall opposite the HiTB Youth café.

The Committee Clerk to contact the overall winner to seek permission for the Street Artist to use a happy face. Step two is to announce the winner and firm updates in the summer holidays for the painting of the wall.

53. Dates of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meetings would take place on 19th July 2017 and 7th September 2017` in the Council Chamber.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.50 p.m.