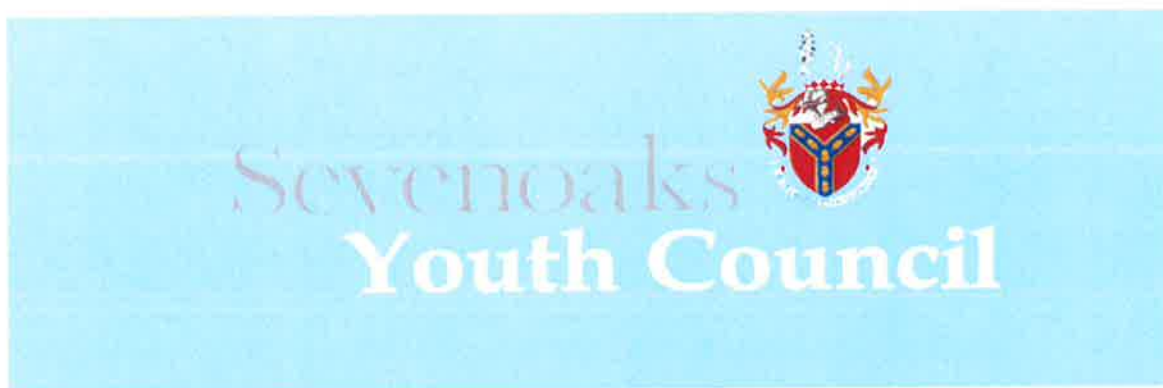




Meeting Sevenoaks Youth Council
Tuesday 4th December 2018 - 6pm – 8pm
HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café
London Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1ZZ

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To receive and adopt the minutes of the Youth Council's Annual General Meeting held on 7th November 2018 (copy attached)

3. Finance

To receive and note that the available funds remain unchanged at £944.32.

4. Planning two-year term of Youth Council

To review and discuss a two-year programme for the Youth Council. Youth Councillors' answers to the questions posed at the Annual General Meeting will be discussed and considered (copy questions and answers attached).

5. Date of Next Meetings

All meetings start at 6pm and are normally held in the Council Chamber, Bradbourne Vale Road, SEVENOAKS, TN13 and last for one hour:

Wednesday	30 th January 2019
Wednesday	13 th March 2019
Wednesday	8 th May 2019

2018 Question Posed to Youth Council	Aims Progressed 2018-2020
What one improvement would you make for Sevenoaks Town if you could?	
Providing students in school with a special train card similar to the bus card already available	
Increase the amount of road signs in order to help safety of pedestrians	
More school signs – safety	
Improve recycling Sevenoaks	
Increase environmental initiatives: • more recycling • less plastic consumption	
School signs on the main road	
Have more help available for young people with mental health problems	
Increase zebra crossings and road safety	
Have more zebra crossings, especially in areas around schools to make it safer for the people	
Free wifi in town for locals/students	
Increase the amount of public benches	
Improve recycling and increase number of toilets	
Increase access to work experience placements and cultural activities	
Put more zebra crossings between Ottos and Poundland	
Affordable Housing	
Improve marine environment	
Interconnect the people of Sevenoaks further	
Increase awareness of environmental initiatives to make sponsorship viable – electric buses etc	
Improve roads – eg make them wider	
Make Transportation cheaper	
Improve the recycling	

2018 Question Posed to Youth Council	Aims Progressed 2018-2020
What is the main problem for young people in the Sevenoaks Area	
Not that much to do	
Opportunities offered in Sevenoaks aren't taken up by enough young people	
Lack of work experience placements	
Mental health issues	
Lack of culturally enriching activities or ways to showcase skills	
No museums/cultural attractions	
Lack of facilities for young people to use if they are visiting in Sevenoaks	
Inefficient public transport (e.g. buses are expensive)	
Lack of events for young people to connect with others from different schools	
Signal and WIFI connection in some areas of Sevenoaks is quite bad	
Knowledge of where and who to go to if need of support or to meet others	
Connecting with people of the same age at different schools	
Not enough events for Youth	
Buses!! To school are very packed	
Very few young people get out and socialise with each other	
Meeting people that you don't regularly see (different schools) etc	
Lack of entertainment?	
Lack of good and affordable public transport	
Dangerous driving	
Lack of pavement etiquette	
Lack of work placements for young people	
Expensive Transport	
Trains!	
Jobs aimed at 17+	
Lack of mobility because of experience transport	
No science labs	
I would say that the main problem is that there are not main events in the year	
Public Transport being delayed and inefficient as well as fairly expensive making it more difficult to travel	
Delayed trains	

2018 Question Posed to Youth Council	Aims Progressed 2018-2020
If money was no problem, what facilities would you like	
Not that much to do Opportunities offered in Sevenoaks aren't taken up by enough young people	
Public Art Club	
All sport centre	
24 hour library	
Music concert hall	
Social Club – like film society/cooking club	
Theatre Club	
Less Potholes	
Roads made especially for bikes e.g. part of a pavement would be just for bikes	
Better sports facilities	
A pedestrianised town centre	
More places for young people to go e.g. shelter/benches	
Better entertainment facilities: specifically ones which attract the youth e.g. bowling alley, sports centre etc	
Opera	
A new gym sports/centre	
Better sports facilities and gym facilities	
Affordable housing	
Climbing/Bouldering Centre	
Study centre & library (after school week-ends)	
Access to work experience (magazine and incentives for local business to take young people)	
Have better facilities available in our hospital and have more staff available so there wasn't much waiting in hospital	
Extended leisure facilities e.g. larger cinemas, sports centres	
More free/non-structured areas to go with friends outdoor & indoor	
A music festival aimed at the tastes of young people in the community	
A bowling alley	
A better cinema/new cinema like the one in Orpington	

2018 Question Posed to Youth Council	Aims Progressed 2018-2020
What would you do in the next year?	
Try to reduce/subsidise for rail prices for school children commuting to school (16 year olds should not be paying the full adult price!)	
Campaign for discounted train fares for all students in school education as the student rail card cannot be used in peak travel times	
Introduce silent fireworks to help and calm down anxious pets	
Fill in pot holes, especially alongside Solefields Road and areas highly used for school children.	
Campaign for discounts to transportation fares	
Ban single use plastic	
Cut down on plastic packaging in general	
Increase the amount of public spaces where one can eat (benches)	
Try to create a comprehensive list of work experience or volunteering in the area	
Try to set up a way to allow students to talk to a councillor or similar in regards to mental health issues.	
Recycling bins through the centre of town	
Raise awareness of the importance of recycling and reducing food waste	
Improve pedestrian crossings – specifically where pathways aren't wide enough (e.g. next to the Church)	
Improve Road Safety and reduce congestion	
I would, cut down on non-recyclable and plastic waste as well as introduce more means to recycle	
Use paper straws (environmentally friendly)	
Safety road signs	
I would increase the number of young people using HiTB and also upgrade it	
Improve environmental initiatives	

2018 Question Posed to Youth Council	Aims Progressed 2018-2020
What would you do in the next 2 years?	
Free music lessons	
Increase access for confidential support for young people and places to go to talk to others and get support	
Improve recognition of the Sevenoaks Youth Council	
I would try to increase availability and accessibility of work experience placements and organised cultural events or extracurricular workshops to increase access to extra curriculum and cultural outside of mainstream education	
I would improve spaces for young people to go to	
More benches – with tables	
I would try to create a large event that is aimed at young people coming together	
To ensure there are more leisure facilities in Sevenoaks that are used by many people	
Increase and improve entertainment and leisure facilities for young people: • museums • theatres	
More attractive, accessible and fun things to do in town	
Improve menus at restaurants	
Reach out & partner with local companies to increase work experience opportunities for students	
Extend and improve public transport facilities	
Extend cultural and social events for young people (but also in general)	
Improve pedestrian access to shops and safety when moving around the town	
Holding a skateboard day at the local skate park	
Improve connectivity between all young people Sevenoaks to make it easier to meet others and networking etc.	
Increase number of fast foods/famous restaurant to encourage students to spend more time in town	

2018 Question Posed to Youth Council	Aims Progressed 2018-2020
What would you do in the next 2 years contd.?	
Create a peer mentoring/academic initiative in which teenagers struggling with school work or settling in can go to others for help	
Improve shopping areas	
Campaign for grammar school in Sevenoaks	
Have more facilities for people who don't have enough money on them to go to a restaurant or a café or for people who can't afford food from somewhere in Sevenoaks.	
Campaign for student railcards for students in school education as the current one cannot be used in peak times or increase age of child to 18 to 16 for train tickets	
I would like to reduce the levels of plastic consumed by the public	
I would like to reduce the levels of pollution	