

Sevenoaks Youth Council



Meeting Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 6pm
Council Chamber, Sevenoaks TN13 3QG
to be followed by a meeting of the Youth Services Sub Committee at 7pm

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of Meeting 12th December 2017**
To receive and agree the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (copy previously circulated and attached).
3. **Finance Report**
To receive and note:
 - a) the income and expenditure sheet (copy to follow).
 - b) that funding of £1,575 has been secured for the Live on the Vine Event from the Police Crime Commissioner.
4. **HOUSE in the Basement**
To receive and note the following reports:
 - i) HOUSE in the Basement report for December 2017 with event planner for January and February 2018
 - ii) Geographical data for December 2017 *[There were no new members]*.
 - iii) General statistics including income for December 2017
 - iv) Outcomes for December 2017
(Copies attached).
5. **Projects 2017**
To receive and discuss
 - i) ASDAN – 60 hours. Youth Councillors to return their folders.
 - ii) ASDAN – next 60 hours open for discussion. Grant funding has been secured.
 - iii) Open Mic Nights and Free Drop in Music Lessons
 - iv) Verbal update regarding the Live on the Vine Summer Festival arrangements and funding.
 - v) Youth Council Calendar of Events [copy attached].
6. **Invitation**
To receive and note an invitation from the British Youth Council [Report attached].
7. **Dates of next Meeting**
To note the next Meeting will be held on 21st March 2018 in the Sevenoaks Council Chamber.

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SEVENOAKS YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2017
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER at 6:05pm**

Youth Councillors Present:

Charlotte Humm, Elise Van den Hoek, Katie Willis, Oliver Firth-Humm, Phoebe Crichton, Sam Chard and Tom Chapman

Youth Councillors Apologies:

Ana Lawther, Annabelle Durnford, Estella Durnford, James Armitage, Katherine Magee, Malcolm Briery, Samuel Panagrosso, Stefane Ellis and Zak Young

In Attendance

Cllr R Parry [*arrived 6:07pm*], Cllr M Canet and Cllr A Eyre

Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive/Town Clerk

Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

1. Election of Chairman:

Two Youth Councillors stood for election to this position and made statements why they should be considered for the position of Chairman:

- i. **Youth Councillor Elise van den Hoek from Sevenoaks School**
- ii. **Youth Councillor Sam Chard from Tunbridge Wells Grammar School**

Elise van den Hoek was duly elected Chairman of the Youth Council for the 2017-2018 term and took the chair.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Only one youth councillor put their name forward. Phoebe Chrichtlow was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

3. Election of Treasurer:

Only one youth councillor put their name forward. Katie Willis was duly elected as Treasurer.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: to note and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2017 subject to the amended of the date from 4th to 6th September 2017. To note that the meeting due to have been held on 1st November 2017 was Inquorate.

5 FINANCE REPORT

RESOLVED: to note that the balance at the commencement of the second year of this Youth Council stood at £969.64. It was noted that We Teach Music is currently hiring the HOUSE in the Basement on a trial basis quid pro quo to offset their charge of £150 per Open Mic Night to save money for Sevenoaks Youth Council and promote HiTB.

6 IDEAS FROM YOUTH COUNCILLORS

The 2016 workshop ideas were reviewed and discussed with the aim to build on these over the 2017/2018 period. In particular:

RESOLVED:

- a) to ask Highways to consider two additional **zebra crossings** within Sevenoaks Town:
 - i. Either side of the entrance on Bradbourne Vale Road to Knole Academy. Many pupils walk from Bat & Ball traffic lights area.
 - ii. In the High Street near the restaurant Otto at 37 High Street, TN13 1JD in view of the many pupils walking to and from Sevenoaks School.

For safety reasons, this request is made by Youth Councillors as young people are less perceptive of the speed of vehicles than adults and all considered that both areas have need of a zebra crossing.
- b) To **fundraise** for HOUSE in the Basement and an additional charity at the summer Festival Live on the Vine and at the 2018 Christmas Lights Switch on Event. Youth Councillors to have stalls at the event such as tombola, guess the name of the teddy bear, guess the weight of jar, guess the names of the reindeer at Christmas Lights Switch etc.

It was noted that

- i. some schools select a charity of the term and Youth Councillors, Elise van den Hoek, Phoebe Crichtlow, and Kattie Willis attending Sevenoaks School will liaise with their tutors to seek permission to select HOUSE in the basement to receive any funds raised with the sale of cakes on Fridays.
- ii. Sevenoaks School youth councillors will seek permission from their Heads of Service to host activities from 2pm to 4pm at HOUSE in the basement.

7 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT YOUTH CAFE

RESOLVED: to note the reports for:

- a) September to October 2017
- b) November 2017.

The Town Clerk explained the reasoning behind the opening of the HOUSE in the Basement /youth Café in the Centre of town in 2012. At that time, the nearest Youth Facility was in Swanley. Sevenoaks Youth Councillors undertook a survey and all youth at that time [2009-2011] agreed it would be best to have one central Youth Café in the middle of the town to avoid and hopefully stop territorial issues. Since the KCC Commissioning funding ceased in December 2016, it has been difficult to find funding and the idea to build more facilities instead of building upon the existing ones seems a duplication of effort. HOUSE in the Basement is open Wednesday to Friday and all-day Saturday with a Tuesday Club for the less abled aged 11-24 years.

It was agreed to view a four-minute film produced by Sevenoaks Youth Council when seeking funding for the opening of a Youth Café. Youth Councillors asked for the next Youth Council meeting in January to be held at HOUSE in the Basement.

The Town Clerk confirmed that food sales at HOUSE in the Basement were on the increase with the help of Tesco and Waitrose under the Food Share system and Mark and Spencer who continually donate free food.

All agree to add "Future Projects" on the agenda going forwards.

8 EVENTS

It was noted that:

- a) Youth Councillors be invited to either attend to help on the night or accept the invitation to attend the HOUSE in the Basement Christmas Party on Saturday 23rd December from 5 to 8pm where possible.
- b) Open Mic Nights in 2018 be held on Fridays as follows:
 - 26th January 2018
 - 23rd February 2018
 - 16th March 2018
 - 18th May 2018
 - 29th June 2018
- c) Live on the Vine Event in 2018 will be held on Friday 20th July

9 DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

All meetings start at 6.00pm

- 31st January 2018 in the HOUSE in the Basement, London Road TN13 1ZZ
- 21st March 2018 in the Town Council Chamber

There being no further items, the meeting closed at 6:50 pm.

AN ASIDE – BAT & BALL STATION

The Town Clerk informed the Youth Council of the good news:

The Heritage Lottery Fund has pledged £755,600 to enable the Town Council to restore the Bat & Ball Station by the end of September 2018, which will make it a more pleasant environment for the young people.

The Town Clerk asked youth councillors to consider volunteering with this project in several ways: carry out research, take part in activities and to contact her directly. Details would be on the agenda of the next meeting.

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HOUSE IN THE **Basement**

December 2017-January 2018

General update

Staffing remains the same. We are currently closed Thursday evening with the café being used for private hire for We Teach Music's rock school, this plans to run until March 2018 after then it will be reviewed. From January Gail has introduced a programme of events which she hopes to introduce to the café users (see attached). Gail and Michele will have attended a Sevenoaks School assembly on Wednesday 24th January to assist in the promotion of HiTB

In December STC granted HiTB some monies to hold a Christmas party, this was held on the 23rd December with Prizes for games kindly donated by STC and the Stag theatre.

The theme was old fashioned party games and these included pass the parcel and the name games. Each person who attended received a small gift and enjoyed the free food that had been prepared.



The Stag also donated some free Pantomime tickets and 16 young people enjoyed an afternoon at the theatre in early January.

We have also been visited by a Wildlife trust hoping to get Young people involved in some community environmental local projects. We're hoping for another visit as the café was very quiet the day she visited.

On January 31st the Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation Training Programme team will visit HiTB, which was arranged with SAYT.

We have received lots of fruit and vegetable from Tesco's and last week saw a box of bananas. Thus, some were frozen and others made smoothies and banana bread was baked twice.

2018

January

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01 Closed	02 Closed	03 Table Tennis Challenge 6-8	04 We Teach Music 4-9 Independent Music tuition	05 Movie Night enjoy Popcorn and a Movie from 7-9	06 2-6 Gaming Challenge challenge teams or individuals to matches on the Wii	07 Closed
08 Closed	09 5.30-7.30 Tuesday Club run with IMAGO	10 Pool Challenge 6-8	11 We Teach Music 4-9 Independent Music tuition	12 4-9 Please yourself. Do what ever you fancy	13 Visit from Blackwwo Bayne Wildlife trust. Looking for volunteers. Curry night Join us at 6pm for a curry £2.50 a head	14 Closed
15 Closed	16 5.30-7.30 Tuesday Club run with IMAGO	17 Air Hockey Challenge 6-8	18 We Teach Music 4-9 Independent Music tuition	19 Lets chat 6-8 Decide on a topic and lets debate.	20 Please yourself. Do whatever you fancy.	21 Closed
22 Closed	23 5.30-7.30 Tuesday Club run with IMAGO	24 Board/card game event 6-8	25 We Teach Music 4-9 Independent Music tuition	26 FREE Drop in Music Lesson - Guitar and Ukulele 5:30-6:30 OMN 7-9	27 Quiz Night 7-9 Prize for the winner	28 Closed
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05	06					

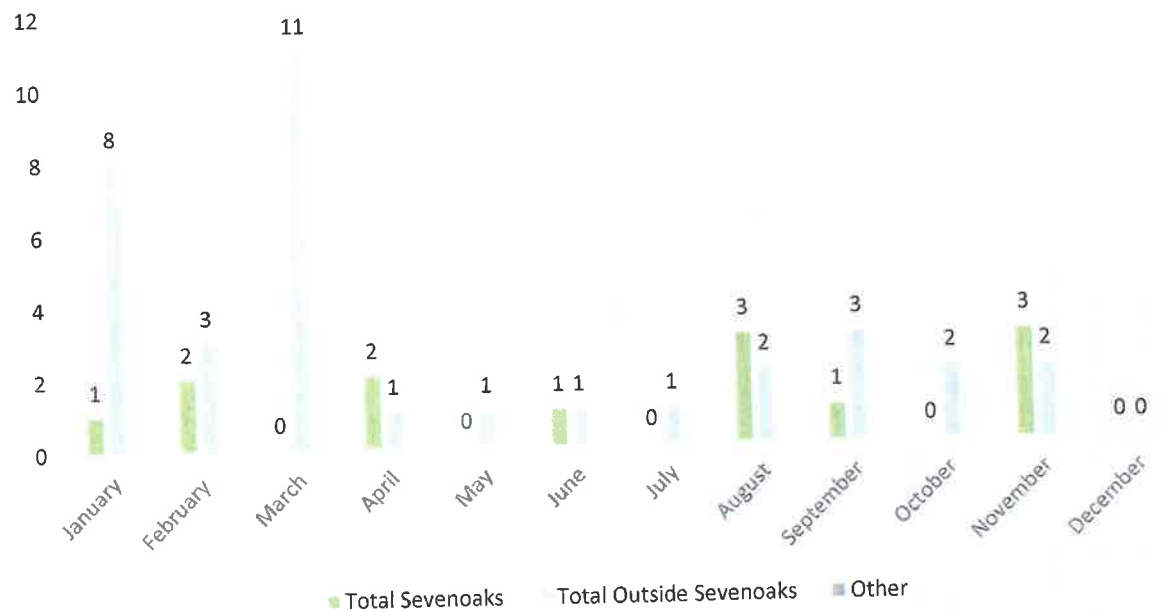
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February

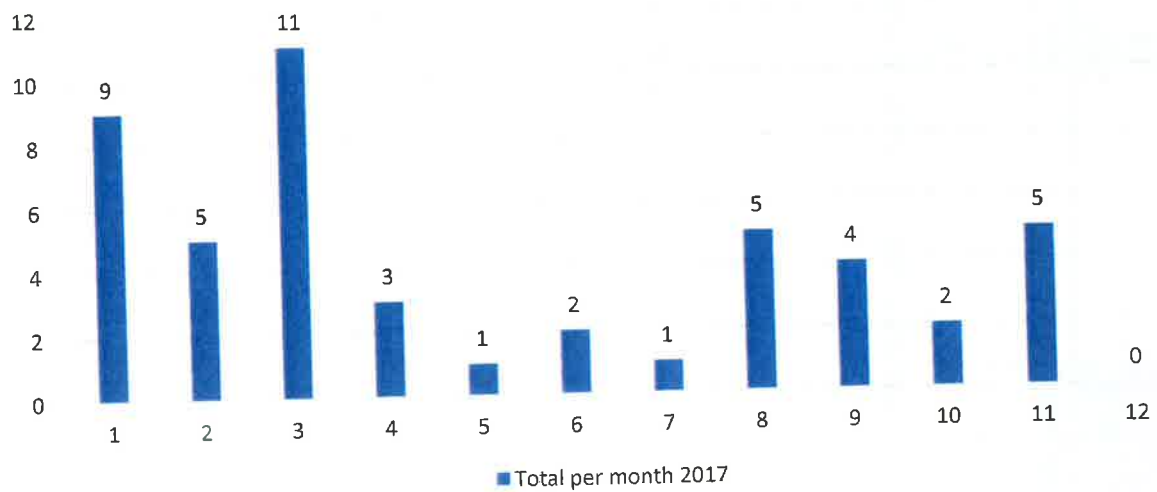
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New Members of the HiTB in 2017



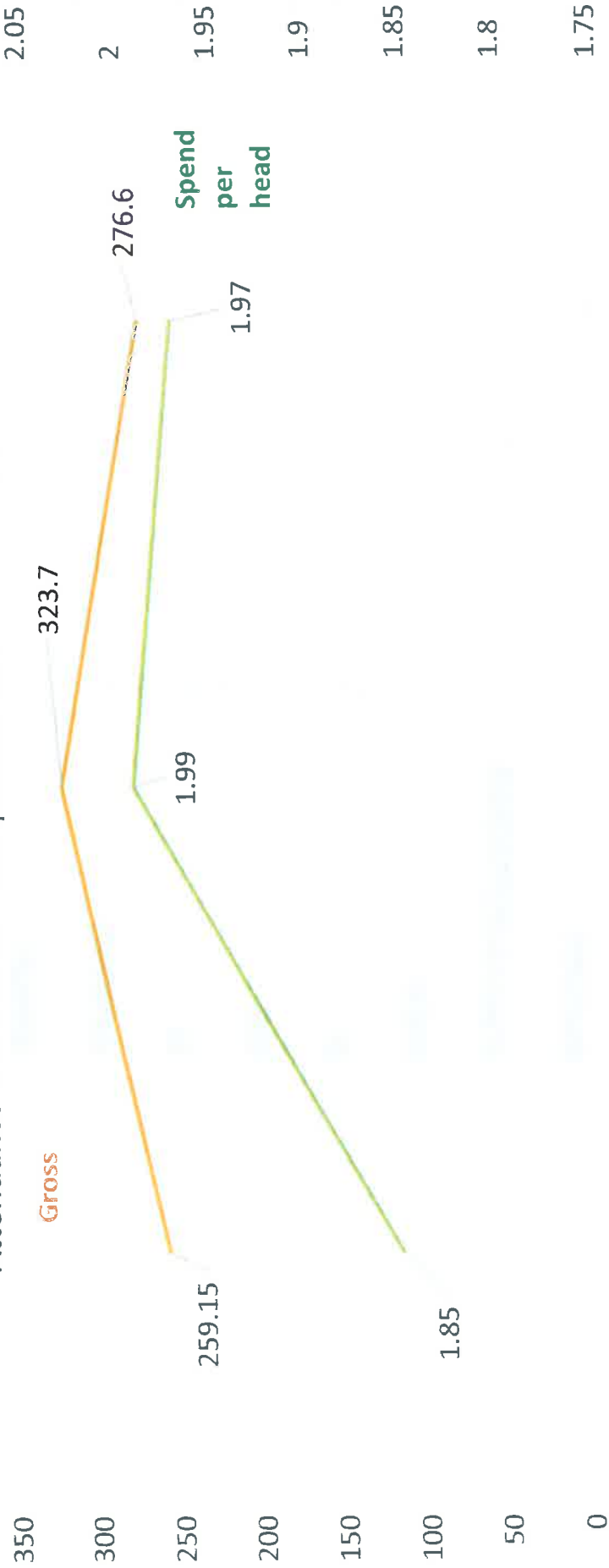
Total per month 2017



Total so far 2017 = 48

HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café		October	November	December
Girls		14	28	39
Boys		126	134	101
	Sub Total	140	162	140
Gross income		259.15	323.7	276.6
spend per head		1.85	1.99	1.97

Attendance and income - Comparison last 3 months stats



Date December 2017	Support Provided
02/12/2017	Assisted young person with going to Oxfam to collect volunteering forms and assisted with completion.
06/12/2017	How interrupting is seen as rude, and respecting personal space.
08/12/2017	When you think of a person what's the first 3 things you associate with that person.
09/12/2017	Had to speak to boys about noise and safe behaviour as they were bundling on each other
15/12/2017	Open Mic Night with Wagamamas
20/12/2017	Respecting peoples personal space
22/12/2017	Effects off over indulging at Christmas
28/12/2017	conversation around sexism and equality
29/12/2017	pros and cons of vegetarianism
30/12/2017	If you bring in games from home you cannot dictate who can and who can not.

SEVENDAKS TOWN YOUTH EVENTS

Open Mic Nights

Sevenoaks Youth Council working jointly with the House in the Basement to invite young performers aged 11-18 to audition at their Open Mic Nights. located at the 'House in the Basement' on the dates below, Free food has kindly been arranged by Wagamama on each of these nights.

Open Mic Night

26th January / 23rd February

16th March / 18th May / 29th June

7pm - 9pm



At The House In The Basement Youth Cafe

Free: Sampler from wagamama - from bowl to roll, find out on the high street



For more info e-mail council@sevenoaks.gov.uk or call 01732 459953

Live On the Vine

Come along and audition to perform at the end of school summer festival 'Live on the Vine' Friday 20th July along with other budding talented young musicians.



Christmas Lights

From September to mid November we'll be auditioning young performers for the chance to perform at the annual Christmas Lights Switch on Event on the 30th November 2018.

HOUSE IN THE Basement

YOUTH CAFE FOR AGES 11-18



FREE WIFI



FREE HOT DRINK



POOL TABLE



FOOD & DRINK



CHILL OUT



INFORMATION & SUPPORT

OPENING HOURS

School Term

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

4pm - 9pm

Saturday

2pm - 9pm

School holidays: Opens at 2pm instead of 4pm

AVAILABLE TO HIRE for Birthday Parties

In the Basement of the

STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1ZZ

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HOUSE IN THE Basement

What's Going on?

January

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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30 Live 7-9 Saturday 12-2pm with 8-10-12	31 SAVY and a 7pm Visit from Kingan a Nonviolence conflict resolution training	01	02	03

Youth Council Meeting Dates

January - March

- Wednesday 31st January 2018
(Located at Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber)
- Wednesday 21st March 2018
(Located at Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber)

Agenda Item No 6 - Invitation from the British Youth Council [BYC]

The BYC would like to invite a youth delegate and any staff members from Sevenoaks Youth Town Council for their upcoming Members Meeting.

As part of their new three-year strategy, the British Youth Council will be hosting three Members Meetings across 2018. The Members Meeting is a space for member organisations and the British Youth Council to share common issues and challenges as well as priorities, campaigns, and much more with one another. This event takes place on **Saturday the 10th of February** at their London office starting at **10am** and finishing at **4pm**. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Dietary needs may be met.

They would like attendees to be available for a further two meetings in 2018 and are aiming for the second one to be held in May. No dates have been set.

Their Strategy is:

"Members Meeting (February 2018)

As part of our new three-year strategy, the British Youth Council (BYC) have re-evaluated our member engagement and will be hosting three Members Meetings across 2018.

The Members Meeting is a space for member organisations and the British Youth Council to share common issues and challenges as well as priorities, campaigns, and much more with one another.

This will be a chance for us to explore with you how you can get the most out of your membership of the British Youth Council, look at how we can work in partnership with you more closely, and share with you the latest developments at BYC.

The first meeting on February the 10th will kick-off the year engaging our member organisations, building stronger inter-organisational relationships, and creating a deeper sense of 'BYC' as a network of youth organisations and young people."

Their Objectives are:

- *To have a better understand of the British Youth Council's national and international work*
- *To gather input and evidence as part of the Structured Dialogue national consultation on the topic of: 'Youth in Europe, what's next?'*
- *To create synergies in similar advocacy processes internationally and nationally*
- *To provide a space for BYC's member organisations to present their initiatives, processes, and priorities*
- *To provide a space for BYC's member organisations to give their input on the future of our cooperation*

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- a) the Committee Clerk attend this event with two Youth Councillors in the hope that one Youth Councillor will also attend the second event in May 2018.
- b) the two Youth Councillors and Committee Clerk submit an agenda item to the BYC e.g. to discuss "how funding can be secured for Revenue Costs for keeping youth facilities open".

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