

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT
SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE 2017 AT 7 P.M.
FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL**

Meeting Commenced: 7 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7:45 p.m.

Cllr N J L Busvine OBE (Chairman)	Present	Cllr Mrs R E Parry (Vice Chairman)	Present
Cllr J M Canet	Present	Cllr S G Raikes	Present
Cllr E Parson	Present		

(5)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Caroline Berry, SAYT/Churches together in Sevenoaks & District
Ms Roxanne Frost, Lead Youth Worker, West Kent Communities
Town Clerk – Linda Larter, MBE
Committee Clerk – Michèle MacDonald

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

RESOLVED: to agree and accept apologies for absence received from
Cllr M A Chakowa (Mayor), Cllr A Eyre, Cllr R J Parry, Cllr E T Waite,
Mrs P C Walshe, Youth Cllr Elise van den Hoek, Youth Cllr James "the Don"
Armitage, Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, Mrs Kelly Webb and Ms Gail Grieves.

103 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None received.

104 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None Received.

105 MINUTES

- a) To receive note and sign the minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 26th April 2017 as a true record of events
- b) To receive and adopt the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 26th April 2017 as a true record of events.

106 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT [HiTB] YOUTH CAFÉ

The following reports were noted:

- a) HiTB report for May 2017.

The Town Clerk reported the staffing difficulty continues with casual staff in place. Funds have now been confirmed to 31st March 2018 and funds are now being sought for the 2018/2019 year.

The Open Mic Night was cancelled on 26th May in view of it being half term and going forward will not be scheduled for holiday periods.
Wagamama will provide free food for the next event on 30th June 2017.

It was noted that Waitrose has joined the Fair share scheme and donates food to HiTB on Fridays.

The report should read that West Kent Free Masons [instead of Fire Masons] donated money towards the Mayors Charity Breast Cancer Support Group who in turn hire the HiTB weekly on Tuesday mornings, which provides hire income revenue. In addition to providing hire income, some new equipment was provided including a new wipeable surface to improve and update the computer workstation, new computer chairs and replacement of ceiling tiles to make HiTB look much smarter, which has been gratefully received.

The Round Table provided HiTB with a grant of £2,500 for a new pool table with cover, three new PC towers and crockery, which has been most welcomed.

- b) Geographical stats for April 2017
- c) General statistics, including income for April 2017
- d) Outcome for April 2017
- e) The current Finance report to 30th April 2017

107 MASTERPLAN NORTHER SEVENOAKS

The Town Clerk advised that she had attended assemblies at Knole Academy and Trinity School where the pupils showed enthusiasm and support for the regeneration of the Bat & Ball area and in particular the station. Both schools have confirmed that they will include this in their A Level Geography curriculum. The Town Council is working with consultants to achieve this partnership work.

108 LIVE ON THE VINE

The event is beginning to shape up with stalls being available to youth groups free of charge. Mr Dan Clews, from We Teach Music is organising a line-up of events. The Youth Council approved the hire of a photo Booth in the style of a Rolls Royce.

109 FINANCIAL RESERVES

The Town Clerks report, approved at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, was received and noted. The Youth Outreach grants of £12000 for HiTB Revenue costs, £1000 for Live on the Vine and an increase of £500 in the Youth Council's annual grant was welcomed.

110 REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS

- a) SAYT – Ms Caroline Berry confirmed their presence at Live on the Vine. SAYT has teamed up with Scripture Union to find a trainee Youth Worker.
- b) Community Safety Team-apologies noted
- c) Kent County Council – apologies noted.

- d) West Kent Communities – Mrs Rozanne Frost gave an update as follows:
- i. Bat & Ball – Monday sessions take place in the Hope Church with 32 young people who have signed up and with an average weekly session of 8 to 16 young people attending. It was noted that many of these young people also attended the Thursday night SAYT sessions at Greatness Recreation Ground.
 - ii. 8-12s – has arranged a residential in Essex during the summer holidays.
 - iii. ASBOs – West Kent Communities are trying to address the needs of the town and confirmed their attendance at the recent Town & Parish Forum.
 Crime prevention work to address the needs of young people is being worked upon in conjunction with Mr Andy Watson from Kenward trust to highlight the choices being made by some of these young people may have different effects on their lives than expected later in life.
 Young People are wanting to meet with their PCSOs for a better understanding of the consequences of the law. The Town Clerk noted that the Youth Council had been addressing assemblies about the topic and were pleased information was filtering down. [Minute 42 – 26.04.2017 refers].
 - iv. NEETS – Ms Roxanne Frost mentioned a local youth wanting to be included with a space at a school so that they could get qualifications for a career in construction. The Town Clerk offered her contact with a local company who has won awards on their training programmes for young people.
 - v. Monthly meeting with HiTB Manager– to discuss joint work
 - vi. Live on the Vine- keen to be involved and will contact Committee Clerk
 - vii. Use of Community Centre – for Monday nights. Committee Clerk to check availability. Noted lack of youth facilities and potential conflict with other hirers as had happened previously.

111 PRESS RELEASE

RESOLVED that a press release be issued about the Live on the Vine Event and the photo booth.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Signed
 Chairman

Dated