

**Sevenoaks Youth Council**  
**Notes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**  
**6 p.m. in Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber**

|                                 |           |                 |                                                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Roshni Agarwai                  | Absent    | Ola Kujawska    | Present                                                |
| Eva Azazoglu                    | Present   | Emily Mahoney   | Present                                                |
| Alexander Black                 | Absent    | Megan Ng        | Absent                                                 |
| Samuel Crawford                 | Present   | Louisa Phillips | Present                                                |
| Tasha Dambacher, Chairman       | Present   | Michael Roberts | Apologies                                              |
| Ronnie Day                      | Apologies | Rosie Spurling  | Apologies                                              |
| Charlotte Foulds, Vice Chairman | Present   | Gabby Tan       | Apologies                                              |
| Oscar Goodwin                   | Present   | Loic Thiry      | Apologies                                              |
| Matthias Jammot, Treasurer      | Apologies | Amy Vickers     | Absent                                                 |
| Meera Jassi                     | Apologies | Jacob Watson    | Present <i>[arrived 6:15 after running chess club]</i> |
| Tom Chapman                     | Apologies | Sam Chard       | Present                                                |
| Phoebe Crichtlow                | Present   | Amber Warrender | Present                                                |
| Katie Willis                    | Present   | Ishwar Sharma   | Present                                                |

**Also, In Attendance**

Cllrs: Keith Bonin, Dr Marilyn Canet, Andrew Eyre, Cllr Mrs Rachel Parry and Richard Parry  
 Shane Mochrie-Cox – KCC Senior Early Help Worker  
 Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk.

**37. Apologies for Absence**

Received and noted from Youth Councillors:

Ronnie Day, Matthias Jammot, Meera Jassi, Tom Chapman, Michael Roberts, Rosie Spurling, Gabby Tan and Loic Thiry.

**38. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true record.

The Chairman, Youth Councillor Tasha Dambacher, took the opportunity to welcome the newly elected [21.05.2019] Vice Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council, Cllr Diana Esler, on behalf of the Youth Council to say a few words.

Cllr Diana Esler was proud to attend the Sevenoaks Youth Council meeting, her first appointment after being in post half a day, saying it was a privilege and honour to attend and thanked all Youth Councillors for giving up their time to be here and hoped they will achieve great things.

The Vice Chairman personally presented the Making it Happen Community & Voluntary Award to a Youth Councillor, Ishwar Sharma, on behalf of the Sevenoaks Youth Council for achieving "Youth Group of the Year – Highly Commended 2019".

The updates since the last meeting were noted as:

- a. Fareshare donations continue
- b. Chess club is becoming more popular with the Youth People staying on afterwards at HiTB
- c. Pool competition has taken place with young people happy to receive the winning prize of two free Stag cinema tickets
- d. the chosen charity stem4, have been invited to attend a future meeting.
- e. Local schools have been asked to participate in the Plastic Free Sevenoaks campaign. To date one school, Trinity, had expressed an interest.

**RESOLVED** that Youth Councillors discuss this within their schools, advertise on Instagram and social media to encourage participation of this project for the Town of Sevenoaks. It was noted that this is now a global campaign, which may encourage interest.

### 39. Finance Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman noted that following the allocation of £500 from the Town Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, the balance stood at £1,159.20. The separate finance report for the Youth Council's future charity fundraising was noted.

### 40. House in the Basement (HiTB) Youth Café

**RESOLVED:**

- a) The March and April report with the aims for May 2019
- b) The Statistics for March and April which had been tabled and are attached as **Appendix A**

### 41. Kent Youth Voice

It was noted that three local young people in Sevenoaks, including one Youth Councillor, had participated in the making of the booklet Bullying Detox, which may be viewed on line: [https://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0016/92230/Anti-bullying-detox-guide.pdf](https://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/92230/Anti-bullying-detox-guide.pdf). The Chairman recommended that all Youth Councillors view this on line.

### 42. Debating Committee

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Chairman with the Youth Council set up a free debating committee at the House in the Basement Youth Café to start in September after school. The Chairman advised that this will involve local schools (years 9 to 11). Youth Cllr Tasha Dambacher to arrange liaising with Youth Councillors and the Committee Clerk in the interim.

### 43. Parliament Visit

Noted that parental/school permission slips were handed out to those Youth Councillors attending. The bus would leave the Town Council offices at 7am and return approximately 3pm.

**44. Events for 2019**

The Committee Clerk asked the Youth Councillors to be volunteers at the below events and possibly set up stalls to raise awareness of:

- a) the HiTB facilities and free of charge events it offers
- b) the Youth Council's chosen charity for the year.
- c) Youth Councillor Ishwar Sharma advised that International Yoga Day Celebrations would take place in Orpington on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 which is a fundraising event and may be of assistance to the Youth Council. The United Nations theme this year is global warming. Ishwar to further liaise with the Committee Clerk.
- d) Live on the Vine – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 **RESOLVED:**
  - i. Youth Councillors Amber, Phoebe, Katie and Oscar to have a stall at Live on the Vine in aid of the Youth Council's charity – stem 4. Committee Clerk to ask for assistance from other Youth Councillors.
  - ii. Youth Councillors to discuss amongst peers/family if anyone is interested in the performing arts [music- singing/playing instruments or a mixture, dancing, standup comedy etc] inviting them to attend the free music lesson/Open Mic Nights on the last Friday in May [31<sup>st</sup>] and June [28] 2019.

Apologies received from Youth Councillors Tasha and Emily.
- e) Skateboard event – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 **RESOLVED:** Youth Councillors to check diaries and inform Committee Clerk **asap** whether they can volunteer selling refreshments at this event in aid of their chosen charity.

**45. Date of Next Meeting**

6 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 in the Council Chamber. Apologies received from Charlotte, Emily, Louisa, Ola and Tasha.

**RESOLVED:** that Youth Councillors inform the Committee Clerk, by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019, of their attendance on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, should the meeting date need to be changed to ensure a Quorum of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Committee.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

- A After the meeting the Committee Clerk asked whether ASDAN folders could be handed in before the next meeting to try and get the award. Shane Mochrie Cox gave a succinct verbal presentation of the benefits of ASDAN assisting Youth Councillors regarding their volunteering hours to enable them to be recognise.

Youth Councillors Amber, Katie and Phoebe to meet up with the Committee Clerk during half term to help finish off their work and will advise availability to confirm date and time.

ASDAN to be put on the next agenda

- B Ishwar further discussed Minute 44c – advising that the Youth Council could perhaps have a stall. Amber would be interested in attending to raise money for the charity. It was agreed that the Global warming theme ties in with the Youth Council's Plastic Free Sevenoaks Pledge and that Yoga ties in with mental health and the Youth Council's chosen charity 'stem4'.

**Ishwar to email** the Committee Clerk with further details by the end of this week.



| DATE       | ACTIVITIES                                                                                                                                                         | Attendance Male | Attendance Female | Cash Banked   | Hours opened |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 02/03/2019 | Guitar, Pizza make your own, music, games, TV, my neighbour totoro, art, clay, singing                                                                             | 10              | 1                 | 13.85         | 6            |
| 06/03/2019 | Art club Final, Guitar, Piano, Pizza, PC games, PS4                                                                                                                | 4               | 4                 | 7.17          | 5            |
| 08/03/2019 | Shut the box, guitar, piano, singing, discussions regarding mental health, school and music. Drawing and painting. PC games, PS4, Music                            | 11              | 1                 | 29.7          | 5            |
| 09/03/2019 | Videogames, debating, gymnastics, drawing, computer games, guitars, piano, singing, clay, paint                                                                    | 8               | 6                 | 29.7          | 6            |
| 13/03/2019 | Beginning of chess club [x4] - numbers weren't as expected but will advertise more and spread the word. Hopeful for next week. Computers, pool, Debrief, Fairshare | 6               | 2                 | 23.2          | 5            |
| 15/03/2019 | Shut the box, Guitar songs, singing, pc games, xbox, pool, slime                                                                                                   | 5               | 2                 | 14            | 5            |
| 16/03/2019 | PC, Lasagne, hip hop, Music, guitar, songs, singing, debate, piano                                                                                                 | 12              | 5                 | 23.5          | 6            |
| 20/03/2019 | Chess club [x 7], Soup, PC Games, Monopoly, Uno, Doodle, Discussion, Cake, Scrabble, Art                                                                           | 9               | 2                 | 22.5          | 5            |
| 22/03/2019 | Ping Pong, shut the box, scooby dooby, soup, politics, art, pagan discussion                                                                                       | 6               | 1                 | 22.5          | 5            |
| 23/03/2019 | ping pong, guitar, Drawing, Art, Drag discussion, Knit, Reading                                                                                                    | 14              | 3                 | 28.6          | 6            |
| 27/03/2019 | Chess [x6] Table tennis, Pool, soup, Miranda, Music, Instruments                                                                                                   | 10              | 2                 | 24.4          | 5            |
| 29/03/2019 | Music - Where is my mind, Mr Brightside, Stand up comedy and discussed LOTV                                                                                        | 10              | 3                 | 12.9          | 5            |
| 30/03/2019 | Table tennis, Bread and butter pudding, pc games, card games, pool                                                                                                 | 11              | 2                 | 27.1          | 6            |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                       | <b>116</b>      | <b>34</b>         | <b>279.12</b> | <b>70</b>    |

| DATE       | ACTIVITIES                                                                                                   | Attendance<br>Male | Attendance<br>Female | Cash Banked   | Hours<br>opened |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 03/04/2019 | Chess [x6] Xbox, PC GAMES, MUSIC, NINTENDO SWITCH, UNO, DODDLE                                               | 10                 | 1                    | 39.2          | 5               |
| 05/04/2019 | Monopoly, PC Games, Minecraft, Guitar, Bass, Soup, Drawing, Painting, Piano                                  | 13                 | 0                    | 22.3          | 5               |
| 10/04/2019 | Chess [x6] Guitar, Piano, Drawing, School work/ Homeoworl, Sat outside with table and chairs.                | 6                  | 1                    | 21.01         | 5               |
| 13/04/2019 | PC games, PS4, Doodle, Pool, Uno, Supper, Monopoly, Scrabble, Art                                            | 6                  | 1                    | 23.6          | 6               |
| 17/04/2019 | Empires, Chess [x4], Dobble, Music, PC games, Pool, ps3                                                      | 10                 | 2                    | 36.3          | 5               |
| 24/04/2019 | Chess [x6] Doodle, Uno, Pictionary, Guitar, Singing, empires, PC, Scrabble, Drawing, PS4, pool, table tennis | 10                 | 1                    | 21.2          | 5               |
| 26/04/2019 | Pool, Table tennis, Guitar, Ukulele, Singing, Art, Uno, Scrabble OMN Girls x 6 Boys x 5                      | 8                  | 5                    | 12.5          | 5               |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                 | <b>63</b>          | <b>11</b>            | <b>176.11</b> | <b>36</b>       |

Closed Sat 6th / 12th / 19th / 20th / 27th and 30th