

**SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
HELD ON 10 JULY 2013 IN THE SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7P.M.**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs P C Walshe – Chairman
Cllr S L Arnold
Cllr C L L Baker
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE
Cllr A S Clayton
Cllr A Eyre
Cllr R L Piper
Cllr S G Raikes
Mrs Caroline Berry - SAYT / Churches Together
Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn, Treasurer
KCC - Ms Pauline Wagon, Community Youth Worker
SDC – Ms Kelly Webb, Community Safety Team Leader
WKE – Mr Keith Rowell, Youth Work Manager

In Attendance:

Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Adam Wedd, Youth Café Manager
Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs R J Parry and Cllr R M C Hogarth (*ex officio*)
Youth Councillors Danika Dixon, Chairman and Oliver Harper

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

57 DISPENSATION

No requests from Members regarding any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any items on the agenda were received [S31 & 33 Localism Act 2011 refers].

58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No further declarations were received.

59 MINUTES

a) Youth Services Sub Committee

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 10 July 2013 be noted, approved and signed.

b) Youth Council

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 10 July 2013 be noted and approved.

60 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ

It was RESOLVED that the

- i) joint March, April and May 2013 Report also including
- Appendix A Statistics
 - Appendix B Geographical Data
 - Appendix C Impact Record
- be noted and approved.

- ii) Revenue report for the period 1 April 2012 to the year end 31 March 2013 be noted.
- iii) Revenue report for the period 1 April to 31 May 2013 be noted and approved.

61 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

A grant application request from Knole Academy for the sum of £250 was received and discussed. **It was RESOLVED that** the Sevenoaks Boys Group be awarded equivalent of £250 for the hire of the Sevenoaks Community Centre

62 **SUMMER PLAY PROVISION (INCLUDING RAYLEYS GYM)**

It was NOTED that the Sevenoaks Town Council is to provide four free Family Fun Days in Sevenoaks which are to be held:

- 31 July 2013 @ The Vine from 2 to 5pm
- 9 August 2013 @ Hillingdon Rise Play Area from 10am to 3pm
- 14 August 2013 @ Greatness Recreation Ground from 2 to 5pm
- 21 August 2013 @ Julian's Meadow from 2 to 5pm

63 **Reports from co-opted Partners**

Verbal reports were received from:

- i) **SAYT** – Ms Caroline Berry advised that there is a need for more volunteers on a Friday night
- ii) **West Kent Extra (WKE)** – Mr Keith Rowell updated all to advised that WKE and HitB had been successful in obtaining KCC Commissioning funding for employing Mr Tim Metcalf to educate young people in alcohol, drug and substance misuse. Mr Tim Metcalf is employed for five hours weekly at the HitB Youth Café and at the Eden Centre and five hours weekly in outreach within Edenbridge and Sevenoaks Town areas.
- iii) **Community Safety Partnership** – Ms Kelly Wedd advised that young people and anti-social behaviour has been an issue on the Vine since May and that parents had been seen dropping off their children with alcohol. Kenward trust have assisted on Friday nights. The Police and Sevenoaks Town Council are monitoring the area with presence and CCTV. **It was NOTED that** the Crime Statistics need to be further broken down to reflect age and location in order not to be misleading. **It was NOTED that** in over 4000 visits from young people there had been 9 reported incidents/call outs to police or recorded by CSU.

The Town Clerk advised that statistics taken from www.uk.crimestats.com current published data to April 2013, showed that in the first 10 months of the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café being open (July 2012 to April 2013) there had been a drop in Anti-Social Behaviour in Sevenoaks with 323 reported cases as compared with the ten months preceding the Youth Café's opening (September 2011 to June 2012) with 344 reported cases. Linda advised that there is no information regarding the age group of these reported cases.

The Town Clerk requested that all present promote the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café and not automatically make assumptions that reported cases in Sevenoaks relate to the young people within the town. The Town Clerk suggested that some positive case studies be publicised – decrease in

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trouble at the Vine, young people playing chess, and that this is a leisure centre facility and a safe place to come to play and learn – a Youth Café.

- iv) **KCC** – Ms Pauline Wagon advised that:
- The Try Angle Award Ceremony was held on 1 July 2013 and congratulated Alexander for his Sevenoaks District Award for Citizenship, Josh for his art award and Danika Dixon who performed at the event and has been offered a recording contract
 - Ms Marie Bonniface has been promoted to Practice Manager at KCC
 - This summer will see a skate competition week on the history of the culture of skate boarding and a copy would be sent to the Youth Council. **It was NOTED that** Sevenoaks Town Council needed to be liaised with on this matter as the landowner and owner of the Skateboard Park.
 - She had attained the British Council International Youth Work Champion and that 85 to 95% is funded for international exchange visits. Cllr A S Clayton requested that Pauline liaise with the Youth Council and the HOUSE in the Basement to bring in the Town Council's Twin Towns

64 **Press Release**

It was RESOLVED that a press release be issued regarding:

- i) the first anniversary of the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café
- ii) plans for the forthcoming Youth Magazine
- iii) free music lessons
- iv) Youth Magazine - articles for the Chronicle in September required

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 08:40pm.

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Chairman