

**SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT

Cllr N J L Busvine OBE – as Chairman
Cllr S L Arnold
Cllr R J Parry
Cllr S G Raikes
Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn, Treasurer
KCC - Ms Pauline Wagon, Community Youth Worker

In Attendance:

Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence:

Cllr C L L Baker
Cllr G R S Clack
Cllr A Eyre
Cllr R L Piper
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe
Youth Councillors Danika Dixon (Chairman) and Oliver Harper
Adam Wedd, HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café Manager

Mrs Caroline Berry - SAYT / Churches Together
KCC Integrated Youth Service - Mr Nigel Crocker, Team Manager Youth North
SDC – Ms Kelly Webb, Community Safety Team Leader
WKE – Mr Keith Rowell, Youth Work Manager

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

23 DISPENSATION

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

24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No further declarations were received.

25 MINUTES

i) Youth Services Sub Committee

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 24 July 2013 be noted, approved and signed.

ii) Youth Council

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 24 July 2013 be noted and approved.

26 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ

a) It was **RESOLVED** that the

- i) tabled July and August 2013 Report also including the Revenue and Finance Report for July 2013, statistics, income and geographical data be noted and approved.
- ii) the Youth Café closes at 9pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to enable HITB to open earlier on a Saturday at 12 noon [12 noon until 9pm].

b) It was **NOTED** that

- i) many new Young People are using HITB from diverse backgrounds with parents restricting frequency of access. Statistics show an increase in membership, a reduction in attendance numbers, but it is noted that the new members frequent HITB more consistently. On the positive side, it is less territorial with no one dominant Youth Group in attendance
- ii) the Sevenoaks Chronicle will run a press article regarding the launch of the Youth Magazine
- iii) the cost of the Healthy Eating Workshops to be funded externally
- iv) the KCC QES system involves considerable admin time. Cllr Parry requested that consideration not to insert back dated data be reviewed by the KCC Integrated Youth Service. Ms Pauline Wagon to inform Mr Nigel Crocker.

27 GRANT APPLICATION

A grant application from Oaks Martial Arts Foundation for funding to purchase much needed sparring equipment, i.e. protective gear, for students unable to afford this themselves. **It was RESOLVED that** a grant of £250 be made subject to terms and conditions being outlined to the Oaks Martial Arts Foundation.

28 CONSULTATION CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Correspondence from the KCC requesting HOUSE Managers publicise the Children Centre Consultation to families was received and noted. It was noted that Sevenoaks was not affected by any closures. **It was AGREED that** the Newsletter be displayed on the notice board in the Youth Café, HOUSE in the Basement.

29 TROUBLED FAMILY NEWSLETTER

The KCC HOUSE Troubled Family Newsletter for August 2013 was received and noted with interest.

30 REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED PARTNERS

Verbal reports were received from:

- i) **SAYT** – Ms Caroline Berry had given apologies
- ii) **West Kent Extra (WKE)** – Mr Keith Rowell had given apologies.
- iii) **Community Safety Partnership** – Ms Kelly Webb had given apologies

- iv) **KCC** – Ms Pauline Wagon, as Deputy for Mr Nigel Crocker, advised that:
- a. Swanley Youth Centre does not currently have a full time Youth Worker
 - b. A group of 20 junior school children leavers had been taken around Knole Academy during the summer holidays as an introduction for the new term to alleviate any anxieties.
 - c. The siblings [15] of the core group of the five offending youth, are involved in core preventative work during the holidays on Thursday nights
 - d. The Fire Service has offered the KCC intensive work discipline training with the enticement for good behaviour to learn how to use fire equipment.
 - e. CXK has issues regarding their delivery work across the county and are to meet with the KCC Integrated Youth Service to regarding renewal of their commissioning contract
 - f. Seal's Youth Club will operated by Play Places for four weeks from mid-September to mid-October 2013. The Croydon bus was chosen by Seal for this period
 - g. information about the KCC Youth County Council elections is now available. **It was NOTED that** this had been an agenda item for the Youth Council meeting held earlier.

31 **Press Release**

It was RESOLVED that a press release be issued regarding the Healthy eating workshops being held at the Youth café.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8:06pm.

Signed: Chairman