

**SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
HELD ON 24 JULY 2013 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs P C Walshe – Chairman
Cllr C L L Baker
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE
Cllr A S Clayton
Cllr A Eyre
Cllr R M C Hogarth (*ex officio*)
Cllr R J Parry
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

In Attendance:

Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Adam Wedd, HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café Manager
Ben Mason, HOUSE in the Basement Youth Worker
Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs S L Arnold
SDC – Ms Kelly Webb, Community Safety Team Leader
WKE – Mr Keith Rowell, Youth Work Manager
Youth Councillors Danika Dixon (Chairman) and Oliver Harper

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

17 DISPENSATION

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

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No further declarations were received.

19 MINUTES

i) 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 subject to the following amendments:

- Minute No 59 a) to read “**It was RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 8 May 2013 be noted, approved and signed”
- Minute No 59 b) to read “**It was RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 8 May 2013 be noted, approved and signed”

- Minute No 63 iii), paragraph one, be replaced with: Ms Kelly Webb updated the Youth Services Sub Committee regarding the work the District Council Community Safety Team's work carried out in partnership with KCC Youth Services, Kenward Trust & Police regarding anti-social behaviour within Sevenoaks since May until the end of July.

ii) Youth Council

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

20 **HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ**

- i) **It was RESOLVED that the** tabled June 2013 Report also including statistics, income and geographical data be noted and approved
- ii) The Magazine Project was presented by Ben Mason. The Youth Services Sub Committee applauded and welcomed the fact that local journalists are to give up their personal time free of charge to help this project and was also impressed that the Sevenoaks Chronicle is to run a weekly article from September to December 2013 ready for the publication of the bi-annual House in the Basement Youth Magazine to be launched in the New Year. 25 articles written by Young People of no more than 300 words are needed ready for the Chronicle's weekly article. All Young People are to send their articles, to info@houseinthebasement.gov.uk by the end of August 2013. Ben Mason confirmed that the Young People will work together with the staff and volunteers in the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café to edit, name and produce the magazine via a working party.
- iii) **It was RESOLVED that the** Revenue Finance Report be deferred to the next meeting

21 **Reports from co-opted Partners**

Verbal reports were received from:

- i) **SAYT** – Ms Caroline Berry advised that the bus on Thursdays at Greatness is going well partly due to good weather and that SAY would be reviewing staff available at HOUSE in the Basement.
- ii) **West Kent Extra (WKE)** – Mr Keith Rowell had given apologies.
- iii) **Community Safety Partnership** – Ms Kelly Webb had given apologies and sent the following report, which was tabled and discussed:
- a. work has been continuing at the Vine, but there have been no issues reported
 - b. there have been 2 initial reports in July for ASB at House in the Basement, both calls were due to noise, but when investigated were not linked to House in the Basement, but the car park at the back of the STAG (known as South Park car Park).

COMMENT: Mr Andrew Eyre confirmed that the STAG had no knowledge of these two initial reports and was happy to confirm that they were nothing to do with the users of the STAG.

- c. we are developing a 6 week community safety campaign which will start in September and will cover CSU, Funded Projects to incl youth work, Speeding, Burglary & Crime Prevention, CCTV and Safer Socialising & Shop Safe
- d. The 4 week summer family fun days will start on Mon 29 July. Leaflets have been delivered to schools in the area. If you would like a copy of the leaflet, please contact Kelly Webb.

COMMENT: Linda confirmed that Sevenoaks Town Council is funding four events:

31.07.2013 – The Vine 2 to 5pm

09.08.2013 – Hillingdon Rise Play Area 10am to 1pm

14.08.2013 – Greatness Recreation Ground 2 to 5pm

21.08.2013 – Julian's Meadow 2 to 5pm

- iv) **KCC** – Ms Pauline Wagon advised that:
 - a. the Sevenoaks Boys Group is an extremely difficult group to work with and in view of their disruptive behaviour confirmed that they will no longer use the Community Centre so regular hirers are not intimidated. Instead the group will meet on a Monday in the KCC bus in Greatness.
 - b. The Skateboard week will be held in Swanley and Cyclo Park in Gravesend and is now fully booked
 - c. There is an opportunity for funding for twinning with France and Germany. Linda advised that Twinning with Pontoise Youth Council would be an item on the next Youth Council agenda in September 2013.

22 **Press Release**

It was RESOLVED that a press release be issued regarding:

- i) the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café Youth Magazine
- ii) free music lessons
- iii) the need for a handyman at the Youth Café
- iv) the need for a cake baker

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

Signed: Chairman