

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES  
ON WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7 P.M.**

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**Meeting Commenced:** 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Concluded:** 7:40pm

Cllr J M Canet	Present
Cllr A Eyre	Present
Cllr Mrs R E Parry (Vice Chairman)	Present
Cllr R J Parry	Present
Cllr S G Raikes	Present
Cllr E Waite	Present <i>[arrived 7:34pm]</i>
Cllr Mrs Walshe	Present

(7)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs Caroline Berry, SAYT/Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District  
Mrs Maxine Quinton, Community Safety Officer  
Mrs Caroline Berry, SAYT/Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District  
Mrs Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk  
Mrs Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

In the absence of Cllr N J L Busvine, Cllr Mrs R E Parry chaired the meeting.

**454 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**RESOLVED:** to agree and accept apologies for absence received from Cllr N J L Busvine OBE, Cllr E Parson, and Mrs Gail Grieves, Manager of HOUSE in the Basement.

**455 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None received.

**456 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None Received.

**457 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** to receive

- a) adopt and sign the minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 as a true record of events, subject to the following amendments:
  - i. Cllr J M Canet was in attendance
  - ii. Minutes 402 b) to read *"It was noted that the local Divisional Commissioner Chief Inspector, Tony Dyer...."*
- b) and note the Minutes of the Annual General Youth Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 as a true record of events. It was noted that the agenda for the next meeting would include opportunities for volunteering in Bat & Ball Station Piroject by Sevenoaks Youth Councillors.

**458 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT [HiTB] YOUTH CAFÉ**

**RESOLVED:** to receive and note the following reports:

- i. HiTB report for January 2018 It was noted that:
  - many Christmas activities took place in the café in December 2017
  - 2018 has seen the revival of FREE Drop in Music Lessons taking place 5:30 to 6:30pm prior to the Open Mic Nights taking place 7 to 9pm on:
    - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018
    - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018
    - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018
    - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018
  - Wagamama continue to support the Open Mic Night events by supplying free food
  - The Committee Clerk and Manager of HOUSE in the Basement had recently attended an assembly at Sevenoaks School with Youth Councillors Phoebe Chrichtlow and Katie Willis following which three pupils visited the youth Café that evening. The Youth Council was awarded £350 by Sevenoaks School, from their Michaelmas Term cake sales which will buy a new iPad for HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café.
  - an event planner is now available
- ii. HiTB Geographical date for December 2017. It was noted there were no new members in December.
- iii. General statistics, including income for December 2017. The Town Clerk advised that the Committee Clerk had raised £2,575 from two sources thus enabling the 2018 Live on the Vine to take place, which was applauded by the Committee who were very grateful for these funds.
- iv. Outcomes for December 2017.

<b>Date December 2017</b>	<b>Support Provided</b>
02/12/2017	Assisted young person with going to Oxfam to collect volunteering forms and assisted with completion.
06/12/2017	How interrupting is seen as rude, and respecting personal space.
08/12/2017	When you think of a person what's the first 3 things you associate with that person.
09/12/2017	Had to speak to boys about noise and safe behaviour as they were bundling on each other
15/12/2017	Open Mic Night with Wagamamas
20/12/2017	Respecting peoples personal space
22/12/2017	Effects off over indulging at Christmas
28/12/2017	conversation around sexism and equality
29/12/2017	pros and cons of vegetarianism
30/12/2017	If you bring in games from home you cannot dictate who can and who cannot.

**459 YOUTH EVENT PLANNER 2018**

**RESOLVED:** to receive and note the Sevenoaks Youth Council/HiTB event calendar for 2018.

**460 REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

**RESOLVED:** to receive and note the following:

- a) SAYT - Mrs Caroline Berry confirmed that their Youth Worker is holding the fort very well.

A suggestion by SAYT and the Sevenoaks District Council's Community Safety Team was that instead of SAYT visiting Greatness weekly on Thursdays with their bus where the number of youths were dwindling, they visit the Bat & Ball Station.

It was agreed that this would not be suitable in view of the current ASBO issues and that if the bus there is as successful as it was at Greatness then the extra 50 to 70 youths could become dangerous being near the railway. The Town Council operates the building since August 2017 and had a duty of care to South Eastern Rail and had not been asked permission for this to go ahead.

It was established this idea had not been put into practice yet. The Town Clerk suggested that the bus rather best visit McDonalds where lots of young people gather and where there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour. Mrs Maxine Quinton advised they would contact and see permission to trial taking the bus to McDonalds.

- b) Community Safety Team – Mrs Maxine Quinton advised that:
- i. the Family Fun Day dates would be finalised next week
  - ii. the Development Day's new action plan would be available from April. Partnership meeting relating to gangs to be attended by the Town Clerk on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

It was noted that the Manager of the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café and SAYT Youth Worker had been of assistance to the police in identifying young people causing recent anti-social behaviour.

- c) Kent County Council – no one was present
- d) West Kent Communities [WKC] – no one was in attendance
- Further to Minute 402 d) a meeting took place with Mr Mark Morrison, Mrs Heather Brightwell, West Kent Communities and Linda Larter, Michèle MacDonald and Gail Grieves from Sevenoaks Town Council [STC] on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 on how to work together. Discussions were noted as follows:
- i. Apprentice Positions – both WKC and TC would pass on applicants to each other if more suitable for the other company than themselves
  - ii. WKC Wheel - there is minimal money to run activities thus partnerships are formed. Sevenoaks Town will imminently be revisited in the February to April term 2018.
  - iii. HOUSE in the Basement – is available to hire for WKC. The Committee agreed that this facility should be supported especially as no funds currently are available to set up additional youth facilities.
  - iv. Live on the Vine – WKC had taken a stall for £10 in 2017, which successfully helped increase their target numbers of young people. The Town Clerk invited WKC to work together with their element to integrate into the STC's event arranged for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

- v. Fairground at Sevenoaks Community Centre – The Town Clerk stated there were plans for this happening in May 2018. WKC had been invited to attend to increase their numbers of young people attending events and offered space within the centre for them to hire. The Committee Clerk would be in touch with the District’s Community Safety Team, should this occur.

*Youth workers would be welcomed to assist at such events from WKC, SDC and partners.*

- vi. Skateboard Park – The Town Clerk had suggested that WKC might also like to link in with the STC should an event be booked for the summer holidays.

**461 PRESS RELEASES**

No item be worthy of a press release

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Dated .....