

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Youth Services Committee
Held on 3rd July 2019 in the Council Chamber

Meeting Started: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Rachel Parry, Chairman	Present		Cllr Claire Shea, Vice Chairman	Present
Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Apologies		Cllr Tom Morris Brown	Absent
Cllr Keith Bonin	Present		Cllr Victoria Granville Baxter	Apologies
Cllr Simon Raikes (Chairman F&GP)	Present		Cllr Edward Waite	Apologies
Cllr Richard Parry (substitute for Cllr Hogarth)	Present		Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet (substitute for Cllr Granville Baxter)	Present
Mrs Caroline Berry, SAYT	Present			

Public Question Time There were no members of the public present.

158. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

159. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest at the meeting.

160. Minutes

i) Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee held on 22nd May 2019

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the Minutes as a true record subject to the following amendments:

- Noting that there were two Minute 89 and one to be altered to 89a)
- Minute 91 was not considered a true reflection of the discussion and to be deleted.
- The Minutes to record the amount of grant received for Live on the Vine - £1,000.

ii) Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2019

RESOLVED: To note the Minutes.

161. Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: to note the Terms of Reference changing the Youth Services Sub Committee to the Youth Services Committee and to note that future meetings would receive financial reports as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

162. House in the Basement Youth Café

The following report was received from the Youth Café Manager:

Opening times had been increased on Wednesdays and Fridays to 4-9pm and Saturday from 3-9pm.

We have also set up new clubs including Tuesday Club SEN (Special Educational Needs). The Chess club that has been going strongly for several months now, bringing new Young People into Hitb, and becoming regular attendees. Thanks to the Council and other organisations

for supplying the necessary funding for the lovely chess equipment. The pool tournament on the first Friday of the month had been bringing in a lot of new Young People, which are of a higher age range. The Stag had very kindly supported the pool tournament by providing complimentary cinema tickets to the winner.

HitB had also purchased some beautiful drawing equipment and some adult colouring books, which created a nice and relaxed finish for the session. It meant we can all sit down and discuss what had happened in the week, topics in the news or just a stress-free hour with no technology.

Numbers seem to have increased in the last few months making HitB have a real buzz when you enter! There also seems to be a rise in numbers regarding Young People who are interested in Volunteering with our 8-week program we offer.

Open spaces staff have planted lots of beautiful vegetables and herbs, which we hope to be able to use in HitB when ripe enough! In preparation to Sevenoaks In Bloom. It really brightens our Café up and makes a great first impression! HitB is still regularly receiving Fare share, using this in our own meals or supporting the YP of HitB.

Also, thanks to the council for supplying HitB with a new work phone, thus making it much easier to set up new trending social media accounts or just getting in contact with fellow colleagues.

RESOLVED: The Youth Café Manager, Town Clerk and Youth Councillors be complimented on the recent initiatives that had increased attendance numbers at the youth café.

It was noted that statistics and finance report was not available due to shortage of staff.

163. Reports from Co Opted Partners

- i) Kent County Council:** Representative not present and report not provided.
- ii) SAYT:** Planning a beach trip for the summer holidays. Following on from the success of the art project held at HitB Youth Café a further art project was being arranged to take place at Bat & Ball Station.
- iii) Community Safety Unit:** Representative not present and report not provided.
- iv) West Kent Communities:** Representative not present and report not provided.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed
Chairman

Dated