

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
ON WEDNESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7 P.M.**

Meeting Commenced: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7:45pm

Cllr J M Canet	Apologies
Cllr A Eyre	Apologies
Cllr Mrs R E Parry (Chairman)	Present
Cllr R J Parry	Present
Cllr E Parson (Vice Chairman)	Apologies
Cllr S G Raikes	Present
Cllr O Schneider	Absent
Cllr E Waite	Apologies
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Present

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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Caroline Berry, SAYT/Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District
Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, KCC Youth & Community Worker
Mrs Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk
Mrs Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

248 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

RESOLVED: to agree and accept apologies for absence received from:

Cllr M Canet, Cllr A Eyre, Cllr E Parson and Cllr E Waite [*arrived 7:48pm*]
Miss Charlotte Marchant, Manager of HOUSE in the Basement,
Mr Mark Murison, Community Development Manager, West Kent Communities,
Ms Roxanne Frost, Lead Youth Worker, West Kent Communities,

249 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None received.

250 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received.

251 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

- a) Youth Services Sub Committee
to adopt and sign the minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 4th July 2018 as a true record of events. It was **agreed** that the date on HiTB statistics be written in *yyyy mm dd* format in future.
- b) Youth Council
to receive and note that the meeting due to have been held on 4th July 2018 was inquorate

252 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT [HiTB] YOUTH CAFÉ

It was **noted** that a new Manager of the Youth Café had been appointed: Miss Charlotte Marchant, for 20 hours a week.

RESOLVED: to receive and note the following reports:

- a) HiTB report for September 2018 and events. The Town Clerk advised that a Japanese Themed Event had been organised with Wagamama assisting with the provision of a chef on the night and that Youth Councillors, at the previous meeting of Youth Council, were happy to support the event.

It was **noted** that a TV Licence had been purchased for HiTB.

- b) HiTB Stats for July and August 2018.

It was **agreed** that the date be written in yyyy mm dd format in future.

253 REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS

RESOLVED: to receive and note the following:

- a) **KCC** - Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox, KCC Youth & Community Worker advised all of two meetings to discuss youth provision:

- i. update that there is a KCC Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, 25th September 2018 to discuss the outcomes to date of the KCC Commissioning project.
- ii. Followed by a second paper to discuss the YAGs, DABs and CCPGs to review how to proceed in the future.

Shane Mochrie-Cox advised that the KCC Youth Council Elections are underway and nominations are currently open.

- b) **Kenward Trust** – no representative was present

- c) **SAYT** - Mrs Caroline Berry advised they had appointed a Youth Worker, Beth Holgate, who starts on 24th September 2018. The Town Clerk asked if spaces be available, would the Chair and a member of SAYT wish to attend a Safeguarding Training Course put on by the District Council on 1st October 2018? **RESOLVED:** the Committee Clerk contact Kelly Webb.

- d) **Community Safety Team** – apologies received with the following report from Maxine Quinton, Community Safety Officer

“Sevenoaks District Council is launching the Voluntary and Community Awards for 2019 this week. The Awards Celebration evening will be taking place at the Stag Theatre on February 13th 2019. There is a category for Youth Group of the Year. Kelly will be emailing all Town and Parish Councils to encourage to nominate groups. This may be a good opportunity to nominate House in the Basement for all their great work with young people.

Summer Fun days were a great success. Kelly is awaiting the evaluation from the IMAGO and will distribute this to Town and Parish councils when received.

A couple of Sevenoaks Town Council employees are attending SDC Safeguarding training in October and we will keep you informed of any further training sessions. If anything is raised in the meeting that the Community Safety Unit can help with, please let me know”.

- e) **West Kent Communities [WKC]**– apologies received with the following report from Ms Roxanne Frost, Lead Youth Worker:

“We have had a very successful summer working in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council and Imago with providing the Summer Family Fun Days throughout the district. I am waiting to hear back from Imago with a full report on the numbers, but we successfully engaged with approximately 140 young people aged 8-19 years old.

I am very happy to announce we now have a term time schools’ worker in post (Ellie Hayes) and a youth work apprentice (Tilly Meteyard). We have attended a PSHE day already this school year in Knole Academy delivering to year 10’s and have much more coming up in the way of school’s work. As Ellie has started very recently we will have more to update in the next meeting.

In regard to detached work: Following my district wide sent emails to all parish and town councils that I have not yet worked in -I had very little replies but thanks to those

who have responded and I am very excited to be working 6 weeks detached programmes in both Kemsing and Crockenhill. Kemsing started last night (18/09/2018) and will be finishing 06/11/2018 and we will be out 5pm-7pm to start with focusing on the Nightingale Road recreation ground and surrounding areas. Crockenhill is starting this evening (19/09/2018) and will be finishing 07/11/2018 on a Wednesday evening 5pm-7pm focusing at Newports Green and surrounding areas. There are a couple of weeks that we are not able to go out due to staff A/L and trainings therefore the 6 weeks has been moved around to fit all. As we are approaching the end of the year I am aware that the evenings are getting colder and darker so have been in contact with Kelly Webb about using a youth bus to bring along to these detached areas and this is just being processed.

I am also happy to announce that we will be attending Sevenoaks fireworks night working with Sevenoaks Round table on this on the 3rd November 2018 where we are providing FREE hot drinks, face glitter, West Kent merchandise to engage with the young people that attend this event. We are also hoping to attend the Christmas lights switch on in partnership with Sevenoaks Town Council on the 20th November, we are just waiting on confirmation from Michelle and the team at the town council for this.

In addition to this we are still running our 8-12's project in the following areas: Edenbridge, New Ash Green, West Kingsdown, Swanley – Nurture and Friday, Dunton Green and Sevenoaks.

If anyone would like more information or has any youth work needs, please contact me on either: Roxanne.Frost@wkha.org.uk OR 07834633531."

It was reported that West Kent Community booked a £20 stall reduced to £10 at the forthcoming Christmas Lights Switch On Event [30.11.2018] to engage with the young people for two hours by handing out free goodies in exchange for the young people's contact details, which the Committee did not regard this as Youth Work.

The Committee was concerned why the youth work promised under the KCC Commissioning framework, the published WKC Wheel, i.e. to hold a festival within Sevenoaks and work with the Youth Forums within the Town of Sevenoaks, had not yet been delivered.

RESOLVED: the Chair to write to:

- Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education
- Matt Dunkley CBE, Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education
- Cllr Margaret Crabtree

to raise the Town Council's concerns regarding West Kent Community's 'Wheel' and the lack of Youth Work delivered in Sevenoaks Town under this commissioned scheme. It should also mention the fact that booking stalls at events run by the Town Council to hand out free merchandise in exchange for young people's contacts over a two-hour period, rather than providing actual youthwork, was not considered by the Town Council as fulfilling the KCC's Commissioning criteria.

254 PRESS RELEASES

RESOLVED: to issue a press release of the forthcoming Sevenoaks Youth Council Elections.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

Signed

Chairman

Dated