

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
ON WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY 2019 AT 7 P.M.**

Meeting Commenced: 7:02 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7:50pm

Cllr J M Canet	Present
Cllr A Eyre	Present
Cllr Mrs R E Parry (Chairman)	Present
Cllr R J Parry	Apologies
Cllr E Parson (Vice Chairman)	Present
Cllr S G Raikes	Present
Cllr O Schneider	Apologies
Cllr E Waite	Apologies
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Apologies
Mr Shane Mochrie-Cox	Apologies
Mrs Caroline Berry	Present
Mrs Maxine Quinton	Absent
Ms Kelly Webb	Absent
Mr John Stanley	Absent
Mr Andy Watson	Absent
Mr Mark Murison	Absent
Ms Charlotte Marchant	Apologies

(6)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Sarah Gaunt, KCC Youth Hub Delivery
Mrs Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk
Mrs Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

436 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

RESOLVED: to agree and accept apologies for absence received from:
Cllr R.J Parry, Sevenoaks Town Council
Miss Charlotte Marchant, HOUSE in the Basement

437 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None received.

438 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received.

439 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

a) Youth Services Sub Committee

to adopt and sign the amended minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee meeting held on 7th November 2018, as a true record of events. The amended minutes showed the corrections as follows:

- previous Minute Nos 303 to 309 to be replaced with Minute Nos 323 to 329
- previous Page Numbers 291 to 293 to be replaced with page Nos 302 to 304

The Chairman thanked SAYT for the breakfast meeting invitation which she thankfully had accepted and attended on 24th November 2019.

b) Youth Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on 4th December 2018 were received and noted. The Committee noted the impressive content of outline plans, of which quite a few actions had been completed

440 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT [HiTB] YOUTH CAFÉ

RESOLVED: to receive and note the following reports:

a) HiTB report for November and December 2018 - It was noted that HiTB:

- i. had recruited two new members of staff starting in February 2019:
 - Simeon will continue as a member of staff with the Free Music Lessons and Open Mic Nights
 - Paula's background is working with special needs and will help with the Tuesday Club when it reopens as well as the Open Mic Nights.
- ii. Youth Councillor Jacob Watson is to start up a Chess Club at HiTB, initially for a six-week period and the Youth Council agreed to donate £100 towards the set-up cost of equipment leaving £300 to be funded [*YC Minute 18 (a) refers*]
- iii. Cllr Canet advised that a contact at Lidl would be willing to donate food to HiTB and will forward the contact details to the Committee Clerk to follow this offer up.
- iv. The Committee wondered if the HiTB had contact with sports teams especially the Sevenoaks Football Club and asked if the Manager of HiTB would contact them to hold talks at HiTB to the young people.

b) HiTB Stats for November and December 2018 - It was noted that attendance figures were increasing to approximately fifteen per night in the January figures to date.**441 KCC YAG MINUTES**

The minutes of the Youth Advisory Group meeting held on 18th November 2018 were received and noted.

The KCC representative, Mrs Sarah Gaunt, advised that another restructure of the YAG is imminent as currently only two young people may attend. The Committee Clerk confirmed that the Town Clerk and a Youth Councillor would attend the next YAG meeting being held in Edenbridge on 7th February 2019.

The Town Clerk queried when the letters relating to Youth Provision in Sevenoaks sent by the Chairman in September 2018 and herself in November 2018 would be responded to. The KCC representative advised that the letter had been written and should be sent out soon. The Committee reiterated that the Bat & Ball Station was not an appropriate venue for young people next to a railway station and that the Sevenoaks Community centre was no longer an option as it would be demolished shortly. It was thought that the Hope Church currently offered was an excellent facility due to being adjacent to public open space. Ms Sarah Gaunt advised that KCC however was searching for a venue as the young people feel uncomfortable using Hope Church as their venue.

442 REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS

RESOLVED: to receive and note the following:

a) KCC – Mrs Sarah Gaunt advised that:

- i. the next YAG meeting is at 5pm on 7th February 2019 at Edenbridge
- ii. Shane Mochrie Cox has delivered some PHSE lessons and 1-1 support at Knole Academy again recently

- iii. Two Part time street-based staff [6+9 hours weekly] have recently been recruited for a presence around the Sevenoaks District from the beginning of March 2019.
- b) **Kenward Trust** – no representative was present
- c) **SAYT** - Mrs Caroline Berry reported:
 - New Youth Worker had joined them and was working full time.
 - Angela Reynolds is a new Trustee of theirs
 - their bus is currently visiting Kemsing
- d) **SDC Community Safety Team** - no representative was present
- e) **West Kent Communities** - no representative was present

443 **PRESS RELEASE**

RESOLVED: to issue a press release relating to the Youth Council's forthcoming Chess Club being held at the HiTB.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:46pm.

Signed

Chairman

Dated

For Information – to be discussed at the next meeting via the Agenda

The Town Clerk informed all that F M Conway, The Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council were organising a week of Work Experience for NEET young People.

Mrs Sarah Gaunt advised that one can upload Apprenticeship positions free of charge to: www.apprenticekent.com, which the Committee Clerk will arrange on behalf of the positions available at the Town Council.