

**Sevenoaks Town Council  
Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee  
Held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Council Chamber**

**Meeting started: 7.00 p.m.**

**Meeting concluded: 7.50 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs R Parry, Chairman, Cllr E Parson Vice Chairman, Cllr R J Parry, Cllr S G Raikes, Cllr E Waite, Mrs Caroline Berry SAYT, Ms. Maxine Quinton SDC.

**In Attendance:** Cllr A Eyre and Linda Larter Town Clerk

**487. Apologies for Absence**

Received from Cllr Mrs P Walshe and Sarah Gaunt KCC

**488. Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations

**489. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**490. Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**RESOLVED:** to accept and sign the Minutes of the meeting as a true record.

**491. Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**RESOLVED:** to note the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting and congratulate the Youth Council on its involvement including designing the logo for the Plastic Free Sevenoaks campaign.

**492. House in the Basement Youth Café.**

The Sub Committee received and considered the following reports:

- a) HitB report for January and February 2019
- b) HitB statistics for January 2019 and note February report would be presented to the next meeting.
- c) Recommendations from Youth Councillors for refurbishing the venue.
- d) Update report relating to the following funding:-

Round Table

Sevenoaks Round Table have agreed to fund the following:

- £300 Sponsorship of Chess Club (requests stickers on equipment)
- £2,622 towards total cost £2,892 for new carpet and lino

Kent County Council

KCC Cllr Margaret Crabtree has agreed to fund the Tuesday Club – a weekly event for young people with Special Educational Needs. It was hoped that this would commence again in April 2019.

**493. Event at Greatness Skate Park 2019**

Sevenoaks Town Council had previously bought in professional skateboarders to provide a day of skateboard and bmx entertainment and workshops.

Following a request from the Youth Council to repeat this popular event it has been booked for 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 to take place at the Skateboard Park in Greatness Recreation Ground. The day will involve Professional Demonstrations, Skate & BMX Workshops and will be fully staffed.

At previous events Hitb Youth Café staff and Youth Councillors have also been present and sold soft drinks.

The cost for the event would be £1,650.

In previous years the Town Council had been able to obtain funding for the event, however to date this had not been possible.

The Sevenoaks Youth Council had Resolved to donate £150 to the event from its funds.

**RECOMMENDED:** To the Finance & General Purposes Committee that the £1,500 balance required was met from the remaining Youth Outreach budget in the 2018 / 2019 accounts.

**494. Report from Co-Opted Partners**

Kent County Council

The following report had been received by email:

In the last year both the KCC Open Access Youth Hub Team and our commissioned partner, West Kent Communities, have met with and registered **819** young people who live in the 3 wards of Sevenoaks Town and St John, Sevenoaks Eastern and Sevenoaks Northern. This has been achieved through a number of activities which includes outreach, schools work and 1:1 support to young people and their families.

Out of this 819 young people **152** young people have regularly engaged with the Youth Service Offer (met on 4+ separate occasions). Again, this is through outreach, schools work and 1:1 support.

From these figures **122** of the registered young people live in the **Bat & Ball** area with **29** young people engaging regularly (4+ occasions). **211** of the registered young people come from around the **Hillingdon** area with **65** young people engaging regularly.

This data is for the previous 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. As you can see from this data whilst we have met with and worked with young people from across the whole of the Sevenoaks Town Council area, our efforts have been concentrated on working with young people from the most vulnerable families within Sevenoaks Town.

This figure doesn't represent all of the young people we have met carrying out school's work with Knole Academy or Trinity School as this work includes young people who live in areas outside of Sevenoaks Town. I've only included the data for young people who live in Sevenoaks Town.

**RESOLVED:** To thank KCC for providing this information however reiterate its requests for further details about where and when youth work had taken place and was currently taking place within Sevenoaks town.

Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT)

Youth work was mainly taking place at Kemsing and Greatness.

Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) – Communities Safety Team

Anti-social behaviour amongst young people in Sevenoaks was currently quiet. SDC were working with schools on cyber crime and digital sunset. SDC had recently held its Community Awards event. The Community Safety Unit would be producing its new Action Plan to start in April 2019.

West Kent Communities

A representative was not present, and a report had not been received.

Sevenoaks Town Council – HLF Evaluation Report of Bat & Ball Station

It was noted that the Town Council had contacted youth services operators for information to include in its HLF Evaluation Report to evidence how the combined resources had reduced the anti-social behaviour and related crime at the Bat & Ball Station. The following information had been requested. Dates and times of attendance at Bat & Ball Station for youth work between December 2017 and December 2018, information to be indicated on a monthly basis.

**495. Press Release**

**RESOLVED:** To distribute a press release relating to funding being provided for the House in the Basement Youth Café.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Dated .....