

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Youth Services Committee
Held on 11th September 2019 in the Council Chamber

Meeting Started: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 8.10 p.m.

Cllr Rachel Parry, Chairman	Apologies		Cllr Claire Shea, Vice Chairman	Present
Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Apologies		Cllr Tom Morris Brown	Apologies
Cllr Keith Bonin	Present		Cllr Victoria Granville Baxter	Present
Cllr Simon Raikes (Chairman F&GP)	Apologies		Cllr Edward Waite	Present
Mrs. Caroline Berry, SAYT	Present for part of the meeting			

In attendance: Cllr Dr M. Canet, Linda Larter Town Clerk, Alison Futtit Committee Clerk.

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

164. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above, and from Ms. Sarah Gaunt and Ms. P Nicholson.

165. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

166. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest at the meeting.

167. Minutes

i) Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee held on 3rd July 2019

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

ii) Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2019

The Town Clerk advised that Youth Councillor Gabby Tan had won a Diana Award for inspirational young people for her environmental campaigns and initiatives and her work in the UK and Malaysia supporting refugee and asylum seeker education.

RESOLVED: To note the Minutes.

168. House in the Basement Youth Café

i) Report to August 2019

The following report was received from the Town Clerk:

- Charlotte Marchant the manager of the Youth Cafe for the past two years had now left and a new manager, Shelley Reynolds, had started the previous week.
- Part time staff Simeon, Paula and Daren had kept the youth café open, however on reduced hours. They continue to be supported by volunteers including from Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT).

- The number of young people attending the youth café remained good and several new younger members had recently started to attend.
- Now the new manager was in place, statistics reports would be provided as previously.

The Committee hoped that Shelley Reynolds would be able to attend the next meeting to meet the Committee members and discuss the way forward for the Café.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

ii) Finance Report to 30th June 2019

RESOLVED: That the Finance Cost Centre report for the Youth Café to 30th June 2019 be noted.

169. Youth Council Finance Report

RESOLVED: That the Income and Expenditure reports for the Youth Council and its charity to 30th June 2019 be noted.

170. Youth Grant Applications

The Town Clerk advised that, under its Terms of Reference, the Committee was authorised to allocate funds from the Youth Outreach Budget of £4,656, and to make recommendations to the Finance and General Purposes Committee regarding other grant applications.

The Committee considered grant aid applications within the youth remit, together with the Youth Outreach balance.

RESOLVED: That grant requests be awarded under the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011 Sections 1-8 refers) as follows:

Grant Ref No.	Organisation Name & Charity Reg No if applicable	Purpose of Award	Grant Application	Grant Approved
	Stag Youth Theatre	To tour production on climate change to primary schools	£2000	£2000
	Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival	First prize in Sevenoaks Young Musician of the Year competition	£1000	£600
	Sevenoaks Swimming Club	New starting blocks and backstroke wedges to be	£11,538	Declined from Youth Outreach Budget.

		based in Sevenoaks Leisure Centre		Referred to Finance & General Purposes Committee
The Children's Workshop	The Children's Workshop	Outdoor learning training for 9 staff members	£720	£720

171. Reports from Co-opted Partners

- i) **Kent County Council:** Representative not present, report provided tabled at meeting. Noted activities to date and plans for a Young Persons Conference on Monday 4th November.
- ii) **SAYT:** Caroline Berry reported a busy summer of activities including beach trips, an art afternoon, Live on the Vine, regular sessions at Kemsing and/or Greatness plus a training event for volunteers on drug use. She advised that the Youth Worker was leaving, and Trustee discussions were taking place regarding her replacement. The Town Clerk thanked SAYT volunteers for their continued support at the Youth Café.
- iii) **Community Safety Team:** No representative present and no report provided.
- iv) **West Kent Communities:** Representative not present but report circulated with the agenda. Contents of report noted, in particular the offer to provide a training course for young people, joint hosted by the Town Council, in the House in the Basement funded by West Kent Communities up to the value of £1000. Town Clerk advised of the appointment of Peggy Nicholson as Head of Communities; the Committee hoped to meet her at the next meeting to discuss a way forward.

172. Press Releases

RESOLVED: That, subject to their agreement, press releases be distributed regarding:

- the appointment of Shelley Reynolds as manager of the Youth Café
- the receipt of a Diana Award by Youth Councillor Gabby Tan

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed

Chairman

Dated