

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Youth Services Committee
Held on 12th February 2020 in the Council Chamber

Meeting Started: 7.05 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7.55 p.m.

Cllr Rachel Parry, Chairman	Apologies		Cllr Claire Shea, Vice-Chairman	Present
Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Present		Cllr Tom Morris Brown	Apologies
Cllr Keith Bonin (7.22pm)	Present		Cllr Victoria Granville Baxter	Present
Cllr Edward Waite	Apologies			
Charlotte Ede, West Kent Communities	Apologies		Sarah Gaunt, Kent County Council	Apologies
Jacob Watson, Sevenoaks Youth Council	Apologies		Caroline Berry, SAYT	Present

Substitute			For
Cllr Richard Parry	Present		Cllr Rachel Parry

In attendance: Cllrs Canet, Eyre and Raikes, Town Clerk, Senior Committee Clerk and House in the Basement Youth Café Manager.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting.

The meeting was not recorded.

487. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above.

488. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

489. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest at the meeting.

490. Minutes

(i) Minutes of the Youth Services Sub Committee held on 6th November 2019

RESOLVED: to accept and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2019 as a true record.

(ii) Minutes of the Youth Council Annual General Meeting held on 6th November 2019 and the meeting held on 4th December 2019

RESOLVED: To note the Minutes of the Youth Council Annual General Meeting held on 11th September 2019 and the meeting held on 4th December 2019.

491. House in the Basement Youth Café**(i) Report to January 2020**

Chris Essex, Manager of House in the Basement Café, presented his report. It was noted that the Christmas/New Year closure had impacted on the December numbers. Chris Essex commented on the low number of girls attending and the need to target some of the outreach activities. He was working on the best ways to recruit new attendees, including communicating with parents and ensuring relevant social media was used. The range of activities at the Café was noted, including the art project about to launch. It was noted that the work experience.volunteering programme was being relaunched in March.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(ii) Finance Report to 30th November 2019

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

(iii) External Funding Obtained

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be congratulated on obtaining the following external funding for the Youth Café:

- £10,000 The National Lottery Community Fund for core staffing
- £1,000 from KCC Member Cllr Crabtree for staffing Art Projects

492. Finance Reports**(i) Youth Council Finance Report**

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

(ii) Youth Grants

It was noted that, following approval of grants at the last meeting, the Youth Outreach balance stood at £903.53. Consideration was given to three grant applications.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That a grant request 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
6	Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival	Hire of piano and performance space for competitive classes and prize winners' concert	£600	£600

- 2) That the following grant applications be RECOMMENDED for approval to the Finance and General Purposes Committee:

Grant Ref No.	Organisation Name & Charity Reg No if applicable	Purpose of Award	Grant Application	Grant Approved
23	Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra	Towards cost of Youth Jazz Workshop on 23.06.2020 at a local school in Sevenoaks (Total cost £750). Free of charge for young musicians to attend.	£500	Recommended to F&GP Committee for consideration
59	Sevenoaks Bookshop	Towards funding free open access entertainment for Young Readers Festival 19.09.2020 – face painting, magician, Moomins puppet theatre show & craft workshops.	£1,750	Recommended to F&GP Committee for consideration. Requested further information on overall cost of the Literary Festival and how this event sits within it.

493. Reports from Co-opted Partners

Noted reports from Co-Opted Partners:

(i) Kent County Council:

Sarah Gaunt was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a report setting out recent activity, including a Youth Conference and the establishment of a Sevenoaks District Youth Assembly. The Committee felt that established Youth Councils should have been involved and should be asked to take part: it was requested that this view be passed to Cllr Crabtree.

(ii) SAYT:

Caroline Berry reported that the second youth worker had started in January and was settling into the role, and that young people would be attending the International Women's Day event.

(iii) SDC – Community Safety Team:

No representative present, no report.

(iv) West Kent Communities:

Charlotte Ede was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report detailing the recruitment of a new Lead Youth Worker and the detached work programme. A meeting had taken place earlier that day with the new

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Youth Worker, Cllr Shea, Town Clerk, HitB Manager and Senior Committee Clerk to share information.

It was noted that the Mental Health Awareness course requested by the Youth Council and Youth Café members (to be funded by WKHA) was under development.

494. Press Releases

RESOLVED: That a press release be issued regarding the 10,000 funding obtained from the National Lottery Community Fund for core staffing.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed Dated
Chairman