



**MEETING OF SEVENOAKS YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON 17 November 2010 AT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

Youth Councillors Present:

George Pearce, Holly MacAskill, Shane Owen, Sarika Breeze, Tamanna Miah, Liam Delany-Cole, Tim Copeland, Jack Coombs

In Attendance:

Cllrs A Eyre & S G Raikes, Linda Larter (Chief Executive/Town Clerk) and Michèle MacDonald (Committee Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Camilla Nicholson, Ed Davies, Naomi Sparks, Emma Powers and Cllr R J Parry

1. Welcome

The Chief Executive, Linda Larter, gave a brief summary of the Sevenoaks Youth Council's history from October 2008 to the current date. Brief introductions were made amongst the new Youth Council. All present were asked for their ideas of how they saw the work of the Youth Council over the coming two year period. The Youth Council split into groups of 2 and 3 and discussed their ideas for:

- The current Financial year 2010/2011
- The next Financial year 2011/2012

and put them on post it notes. These were then collected by the Chief Executive/Town Clerk who in turn asked the group as a whole to place the ideas collectively into three sections:

- Possible to achieve during the current Financial year 2010/2011
- Most likely to achieve during the next Financial year 2011/2012
- Impossible to achieve over the following two years

The results were:

2010/2011	2011/2012	Impossible
Bike discounts for young people to encourage cycling	Youth Cafe	Theme Park (2 votes)
Young People Job Club	New men's clothes shop	Sports shop in town
Discounts for travel and in shops in Sevenoaks		



2. Welcome and Introductions by Town Mayor

The Town Mayor, Cllr Simon Raikes welcomed the new Youth Councillors to Sevenoaks Youth Council and made his introductions to all present. The Mayor thanked them for joining the Youth Council as their pooled ideas and efforts really make a difference to the Youth of Sevenoaks. He wished them well over their forthcoming two year period as elected Youth Councillors.

3. Election of Chairman

It was RESOLVED that Youth Councillor Miss Tamanna Miah be elected as Chairman

4. Election of Vice Chairman

It was RESOLVED that George Pearce be elected as Vice Chairman.

5. Election of Treasurer

It was RESOLVED that Youth Councillor Tim Copeland be elected as Treasurer.

6. Finance Report

The Treasurer confirmed that the current balance of the Youth Council be £6,383.44 split as follows:

a. To spend:

- £1,205.05 net balance (money to be deducted for a mini bus to provide transport for the Youth Council to attend the Maidstone Youth Café) [Minute No 41a 13.10.2010 refers]

b) In Reserve:

- £5000.00 – KCC Grant for Youth Cafe plans
- £178.39 – raised by recycling ink cartridges for the Youth Cafe funds.

7. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting 13 October 2010 were noted and approved.

8. PowerPoint Presentation of Former Youth Council's activities in brief

A presentation of the achievements of Sevenoaks' first Youth Council from October 2008 to November 2010 was shown to all present. The link for all to view the DVD for the Youth Cafe bid may be found on U-tube @ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-nSGFsLB20>

9. Date of Next Meetings

The future meeting dates were noted by all. The next meeting is 5 January 2011 at 6pm.



10. Young Band Nights

Young Bands will play at the Stag Community Arts Centre in 2011. The nights are for Youth under 18 to attend, will be alcohol free with tickets costing £4 on the door and £2 if purchased in advance via the Stag Community Arts Centre's website or at Box Office. The aim is for Young Bands to be provided with opportunity to play to an audience and/or young people to attend live music events. Lots of interest is expected and big audiences are needed.

The proposed dates for Introduction of Young Band Nights 2011 are:

11.02.2011	06.05.2011	05.08.2011	04.11.2011
04.03.2011	03.06.2011	02.09.2011	02.12.2011
01.04.2011	01.07.2011	07.10.2011	

It was RESOLVED that Youth Councillors assist with such events in numerous ways, namely:

- on the stage
- in the bar
- with the PA system
- by promoting the Band Nights amongst their peers.

11. Future Items to Bring Forward from Previous Youth Council

- a. Visit to Maidstone Youth Café – The current youth Councillors were updated and keen to attend and noted that they will hire a mini bus for the travel. [Minute 41 - 13.10.2010 refers].
- b. Freedom Passes Update – When the school age increases to 18, so too will the Freedom Pass. Pass cost £50 per annum and students may travel anywhere in Kent by bus. **It was RESOLVED that** this be discussed at a future meeting of the Youth Council Committee.
- c. British Youth Council Grant Application - The current Youth Councillors were updated and advised that they may re-apply for a grant of £300 after December 2010.

12. AOB

- a. Urban Outfitters – **It was RESOLVED that** the Youth Council write to as many Men's Clothes shops and as many sports shops as possible asking them to consider vacant premises in the Town of Sevenoaks in favour of the Youth.
- b. Work Experience - **It was RESOLVED that** the possibility of advertising this on the Town Councils and Stag's website and a Junior Job Club be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. Team Bonding Events – **It was RESOLVED that** the Youth Council visit the House of Commons in 2011 and discuss ideas of a day out at the next meeting.