



**MEETING OF SEVENOAKS YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON 5 January 2011 AT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

Youth Councillors Present:

Ed Davies, Emma Power (6:10pm), Holly MacAskill, Liam Delaney-Cole (6:25pm), Sarika Breeze, Shane Owen (6:25pm), Tamanna Miah (Chairman), Thomas Owen (6:25), Tim Copeland (Treasurer), George Pearce (Vice Chairman),

In Attendance:

Cllrs A Eyre, S G Raikes (6:21pm) and Cllr R J Parry (6:20pm), Linda Larter (Chief Executive/Town Clerk) and Michèle MacDonald (Committee Clerk)

Guests:

Oxford Youth Forum and Hazel Solly, Connexions

Apologies for Absence:

Naomi Sparks

13. Welcome

Tamanna welcomed the Oxford Youth Forum and Hazel Solly from Connexions to the meeting.

14. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2010 were noted and approved.

15. 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.

16. Date of next meetings

The next meetings will be held on:

- a. 16 February 2011
- b. 30 March 2011
- c. 11 May 2011

All meetings start at 6pm and are held in the Council Chamber, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks TN13 3QG



17. Visit to Maidstone Youth Café

It was RESOLVED that the Youth Council visit the Maidstone Youth Cafe one Friday evening leaving the Town Council offices at 5pm via mini bus. Michèle will co-ordinate date and minibus and confirm the date to the committee.

18. Youth Band Nights

It was RESOLVED that

- a. these events would be named Soundwaves and known as Youth Band Nights
- b. Volunteers for the first event taking place on 11 February 2011 are to be:
 - Compere to be Emma with Tamanna
 - Drinks and stage help to be George, Ed and Tim
 - Promotion of event to be Tamanna on Face book and Twitter

19. British Youth Council

It was RESOLVED that

- a. an application for £300 be made by the Youth Council to cover the cost of Sevenoaks Youth Council visiting the House of Commons in Parliament.
- b. Holocaust Day – only Liam expressed an interest in attending 23.01.2011. Practical arrangements will be reviewed.

20. Kent Youth Opportunity Fund

An application form regarding grants of up to £5000 being available from the Kent Youth Opportunity Fund.

It was RESOLVED that the Youth Council apply for funds to create a Sevenoaks Youth Portal/website to include links to sites and create a job site page for local youth in education seeking part time employment and to include youth events in Sevenoaks plus dates of Youth Bands.

21. Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2011

- a. Summer Festival - Ideas of how the Youth Council could support the Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2011 were discussed.

It was RESOLVED that the Youth Council suggests the following events:

- face painting
- pottery/ceramics in the Plaza Suite at the Stag Community Arts Centre
- Bumper cars
- Friendly football game in sumo suits
- An assault course provided by the Army
- Climbing wall provided by the Marines

Sevenoaks Youth Council agreed that they would sponsor these events up to the sum of £700.



b. Talent Show

It was RESOLVED that Hillingdon and Greatness Youth Forum together with Sevenoaks Town Council organise a talent show to be held at the Stag

Community Arts Centre before the middle of April 2011. Dates to be investigated by Linda and brought to a future meeting. It was agreed that prizes be as follows:

- 1st Prize – winner to perform at the Mayor's Gala for St George's day on 23 April 2011
- 2nd and runner up Prize – cinema vouchers to be provided by the Stag Community Arts Centre

22. Youth Council Events 2011

A Comic Relief Disco will be held on 03.03.2011 at the Stag Community Centre for Youth aged between 11 and 16. **It was RESOLVED that** the message board be used again and that £1 a ticket go towards Comic Relief.

23. Kent Freedom Pass

It was noted that the possibility of extending the age group is not feasible for KCC in the current economic climate. **It was RESOLVED that** Cllr Parry investigates the usage of these passes and reverts directly to Youth Councillor George Pearce.

24. Discounts for Youth

A report from Emma Power and Tamanna Miah was received and noted. **It was RESOLVED that** Michèle submit the report for discounted gym membership and swimming and report back to a future meeting.

25. Connexions

Emma Power's report was discussed with Hazel Solly, Connexions Senior PA and the Youth Council. Hazel will make contact with local schools to check the possibilities of helping students write CVs to apply for part time work whilst in further education and will report back to the committee. Hazel advised that she is keen to work with Sevenoaks Youth Council and would like to be a regular attendee at meetings.

26. School Presentations in Sevenoaks

A report from Emma Power was received and considered. **It was RESOLVED that** the sharing of ideas, publicity of events, notification of Youth Councillors' work being performed and participation of the youth within the town of Sevenoaks be noted in the grant application in order to ensure a successful Youth Council working together with Kent County Council. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.



27. Cycling in Sevenoaks

A report from Holly was received and considered. **It was RESOLVED that** Michèle make contact with the Sevenoaks Cycling Forum (Mr R Oakley) to discuss this report and/or attend their meeting. Michèle to report back at a future meeting.

28. Urban Outfitters within Sevenoaks Town

It was RESOLVED that youth councillors contact Michèle with names of urban outfitters and that Michèle will draw up a list and write to them.

29. Additional Street Lighting in Wildernesse

It was noted that the possibility of providing additional street lights is not feasible in the current economic climate. Youth Councillors were advised to discuss this with their schools and the local PCSOs.

30. Days Out

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

31. Administration

It was RESOLVED that Youth Councillors Jack Coombs and Thomas Owen duly complete their application form and that they and Cammilla Nicholson return their parental/guardian permission forms **prior to the next meeting**. Michèle will send out a third copy with the minutes.

Tamanna, as Chairman, thanked the Otford Youth forum for attending and hoped they found the meeting of interest, which they did.

The meeting closed at 7:08pm.