

**SEVENOAKS YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MARCH 2010.**

Present: Frances Ainsworth, Sarika Breeze, Tamanna Miah, Emma Power, Cllr Eyre, Cllr Parry, Linda Larter (Town Clerk), Laura Gardner (Committee Clerk)

It was noted that there was insufficient Youth Councillors at the meeting to make it quorate (number required to have a meeting). It was agreed that discussion on outstanding and urgent issues i.e. for Summer Festival would take place and retrospective approval would be requested from the next Youth Council meeting.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2010.
These would need to be approved by the next Youth Council meeting.

2. Finance Report
It was noted that the balance stood at £1604.03

3. Skateboard Event at Summer Festival
At the previous meeting it had been agreed to hold a skateboard event within Sencio car park as part of the Summer Festival and to publicise the skateboard park at Greatness.

Quotations had been obtained and the Town Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee had agreed a grant of £1,600 towards the activity. A professional organisation would be hired to provide demonstrations, coaching and be responsible for Health & Safety etc.

The Youth Councillors at the meeting thought that there were other activities other than skateboarding that money could be spent on, but noted what the grant was for, the previous agreement of the Youth Council and the other young person activities planned for the Summer Festival at the Youth Council request.

The Youth Councillors at the meeting did not think it sensible for them to discuss the specific arrangements for the event and it was agreed that emails would be sent to the Youth Councillors who were more involved in skateboarding. They did however state that they want music at the event.

4. Discussion of the YAG Meeting held on 10th March 2010.
The Youth Councillors were thanked for attending and complimented on their presentation. They were asked for feedback about the meeting and supplied the following comments:-

- They thought the meeting went well.
- Was pleased to now have a contact with Maidstone Youth Café and wanted to arrange a visit.

- Wanted to have more opportunities to meet other youth councillors and share ideas.
- Recommend in future that a small meeting is held prior to the event for young people to talk to each other.
- Would like to have more links with KYCC

It was agreed that a visit should be arranged as soon as possible to visit Maidstone Youth Café, Laura would contact Loic Flory.

5. Summer Festival Ideas

It was noted that the arrangements for the following ideas were progressing:-

- i) Skateboard Event, Sencio car park – Saturday 19th June 2010
- ii) Face Painting, Shambles area – Saturday 19th June 2010
- iii) Wall climbing – details to be confirmed
- iv) Ukulele workshop – details to be confirmed

Other potential ideas discussed were pottery workshops and henna tattoos stall

Laura would be contacting Youth Councillors to ensure that there were enough people to 'man' the skateboard event and face painting event.

It was agreed that the Youth Council should use the events to publicise their own activities, banners and t-shirts would be purchased. Also suggestion boxes and slips of paper to receive feedback. Bradbourne School would be approached to see if they could assist with producing a logo. After some discussion the preferred colour scheme was black on red.

6. Sevenoaks District Council residential meeting to meet other youth groups.

Unfortunately the report had not been attached to the agenda. This would urgently be emailed to Youth Councillors with the permission slip. There were two places available for Sevenoaks Youth Council @ £60 each (to be paid for by Youth Council). Transport would be provided.

If more than two volunteers came forward, names would be put into a hat.

7. Annual Town Meeting – 29th March 2010, 7.00 p.m Plaza Suite at the Stag Community Arts Centre.

Youth Councillors were asked if they would be willing to provide a presentation at this public meeting similar to that provided at the YAG.

Youth Councillors agreed that they were willing to do this and would email each other to discuss further. They also wanted to show the Youth Café DVD.

8. Youth Capital Fund & Youth Opportunity Fund Decision Making Panel

Unfortunately the application forms had not been attached to the agenda.

Youth Councillors wanted to be involved particularly Tamanna and Emma. KCC would be asked if all Sevenoaks Youth Councillors could be trained to be involved in this (at a Youth Council meeting) and some places allocated for Sevenoaks Youth Councillors, thereby enabling substitutes if necessary.

9. British Youth Council Manifesto

Unfortunately the information had not been attached to the agenda and therefore could not be discussed.

10. KCC Rising Star Bursary

The background information supplied with the agenda was looked at and Tamanna provided some further details.

Emma said that she would be interested in being involved in this project.