

## SEVENOAKS YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

### NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2009 AT THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER, SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:** Amy Borrowman, Sarika Breeze, Charlie Conn (Vice Chairman), Edmund Davies, Tamanna Miah, George Pearce, Emma Power, Daniel Sabin, Roberta Stephens.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Andrew Eyre, Linda Larter (Chief Executive / Town Clerk), Mark Whyman, (Chief Executive of Sencio Leisure).

#### 56. **Apologies for Absence**

Frances Ainsworth, Heather Barnett, Amy Borrowman, Naomi Sparks and George Payne.

Charlie Conn chaired the meeting due to Heather Barnett's absence.

The following two items were brought forward to the beginning of the meeting to discuss whilst Mark Whyman was present:-

#### 57. **Dance Mat Competition**

During the summer holidays Sencio Leisure Centre in Sevenoaks will be holding 'pay as you go' Dance Mat evenings. These will be held between 7.20 – 9.20 pm on Tuesdays.

The Youth Council had previously stated that it wanted to be involved in a Dance Mat competition and had agreed a prize. These weekly sessions could have some part of them dedicated to a weekly heat, ending with a grand final.

Youth Councillors were asked for their ideas on this matter and whether they want to be involved in the practical arrangements.

Mark Whyman asked for ideas for events that could take place alongside the Dance Mats, the following were suggested:-

- Street Dance
- Guitar Hero
- Futsal
- Table Tennis

From the discussion the following was **RESOLVED** :-

- i) Sencio would provide a Youth Event on Tuesdays between 7.20 – 9.20 pm for 6 weeks in the Summer Holidays.
- ii) Within the events would be a dance mat competition with a best boy and girl chosen each week.

- iii) In addition to the Dance Mats would be Street Dance, Futsal and Table Tennis.
- iv) The Youth Council would provide £250 sponsorship and receive inclusion within all publicity.
- v) The Youth Council would provide £50 of high street gift vouchers for the Dance Mat Competition prizes.
- vi) The Youth Council could canvass young people at the event for information.

**58. Potential Youth Café at the Stag**

Francis had prepared a questionnaire which had been forwarded to Youth Councillors for distribution amongst schools and friends.

Originally the only real location for consideration was the Stag. It could be possible to combine a Youth Café with a young person's gym at the Sencio Leisure Centre.

Mark Whyman provided some details of how a Youth Café could fit in with interactive 'gym' equipment in a new extension attached to the Leisure Centre, subject to grant funding. The facility could have a 'pay as you go' membership, a commercial charge would be needed to enter.

Emma said that she liked the idea relating to Sencio, but preferred the idea of the Youth Café at the Stag as it was central in the town.

Some discussion then took place about the facilities for disabled children in the town. After discussion the following was **RESOLVED**:-

- i) Youth Councillors would continue to distribute questionnaires and collect for the next meeting.
- ii) Roberta would talk to the VSU regarding the possibility of the Youth Council being involved.
- iii) Linda would write to Valence School to see if the Youth Council could assist in some way.
- iv) The questionnaire would be added to the Youth Council Facebook and Myspace.

**59. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009.**

These were agreed to be a true record.

**60. Financial Report**

It was noted that there had been no changes since the previous meeting and the balance stood at £1,988.51.

**61. Sevenoaks District Council Young People's Action Plan.**

A copy of the document was given to each Youth Councillor.

**RESOLVED:** To discuss the Action Plan at the next meeting.

**62. Verbal Reports from Youth Councillors relating to the Young Band Night held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009.**

The Youth Councillors who visited were not present and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

**63. Cycling Forum**

Written reports were circulated.

**64. Suggestion Boxes**

These would be made for schools.

**65. Youth Council Facebook / Myspace**

Charlie had created a Facebook – [sevenoaksyouthcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:sevenoaksyouthcouncil@googlemail.com)

Emma had created a Myspace – [www.myspace.com/thesevenoaksyouthcouncil](http://www.myspace.com/thesevenoaksyouthcouncil)

It was agreed to mention on the internet that Bikes, Bikes, Bikes, now sold skateboard equipment.

**66. Sevenoaks Town Council – Youth Services Sub Committee**

Town Youth Councillors had been invited to join the Youth Services Sub Committee which took place after the Youth Council meeting. This would be discussed at the next Youth Council meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00 pm

Signed ..... Dated .....  
Chairman

**Dates of 2009 Youth Council Meetings – to start at 6.00 p.m., all on Wednesdays.**

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – Annual General Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2009.