



Sevenoaks Youth Council

**Meeting of Sevenoaks Youth Council
01st November 2023 at 6.00pm**

**Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber,
Sevenoaks Town Council Offices,
Bradbourne Vale Road
Sevenoaks
TN13 3QG**

Youth Council Members:

Aryanna Mahdavi Ardestani	Simba Li
Dexter Buhmann	Madeleine Politzer
Elena-Teodora Dragoi	Elena Rozo-Navarro
Maya Goodrich	Aanya Sidhu
Bea Hayward	Jospeh Soanes
Sharma Ishwar	Aditya Vara
Harry King	Niki Zhang

In attendance: Linda Larter, Town Clerk, Daren Mountain, Manager of House in the Basement Youth Café, Ieuan Chandler-Wilson, Committee Clerk

AGENDA

1.	Apologies for Absence To receive and note apologies for absence.	
2.	Mayor of Sevenoaks to welcome the New Youth Council	
3.	Introductions	
4.	Election of the Chair	
5.	Election of the Vice Chair	
6.	Election of the Treasurer	
7.	Minutes of Last Meeting To receive and adopt the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 13 th September 2023.	Attached
8.	Finance Report To note the balance of the Youth Council budget 2023/24,	To Follow

	<p>To also note that between the last meeting the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasure agreed to allocate £500 from the Youth Council Budget to help fund the re-opening event at Greatness Recreational Ground Skate park on Tuesday 24th of October 2023.</p> <p>To note the balance of the Youth Council budget 2023/24,</p>	
9.	<p>House in the Basement [HiTB] Youth Café House in the Basement - Home (weebly.com)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive and consider HiTB report 	Attached
10.	Youth Survey Results	Attached
11.	Workshop Ideas for future Youth Council Activities	
12.	<p>Date of Next Meetings To note the dates of future meetings: Wednesday 17th January 2024 Wednesday 20th March 2024 Wednesday 15th May 2024</p>	-

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House in the Basement Youth Café Manager – October 2023 report

August figures:

In August we were open for 18 days. we had 221 young people attend, 11 of these were new and we held 5 SEN sessions and had 31 SEN attend.
We took over £320 taken.

September figures:

In September we had 168 young people attend 7 of those were new. We saw 29 SEN.
We took over £350.

HiTB continues to see a good number of Young people come through its doors after a slightly quieter period over the School summer holidays, which was expected.

We have a Silent disco at Bat & Ball Centre & also involvement in the re-opening event at Greatness Skate park, both of these are over October half term.

We are grateful to outside catering partners like Perfect Cuisine & Giselda who have provided more food day's & workshops over the last few months, Gail's bakery have also supplied us with their excess bread & cakes on 3 days per week.

Art projects have been popular recently with entries to the Bat & Ball station art project coming through & a lovely art piece donated to us at HiTB from one of our SEN young people.

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Christmas parties are being planned & Perfect cuisine once again will be providing a full Christmas dinner experience for all the young people.

Long term we also hope to be involved in the planning for an outdoor well-being space in Sevenoaks which Bessels Green Baptist Church hope to bring about in the future.

With several new projects & possibilities on the horizon we are expanding our fundraising applications, if you are reading this & are aware of any pots of money large or small that might enhance young people's lives, please be in touch.

NEET Project

We continue to plan for the new NEET program in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council which will be on Tuesdays. This is a two-hour programme planned for twenty-six weeks. We hope to have a soft launch in November and a more structured hard launch in January.

Q13 We have a Youth Council in Sevenoaks to voice the opinions of young people to those in local government. We would also like your feedback on:

Answered: 37 Skipped: 29

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
What is the main problem young people face in Sevenoaks	89.19%	33
What is one improvement you would make to Sevenoaks? (Facilities, Clubs etc.)	89.19%	33
What, in your opinion, should the Youth Council do for young people in Sevenoaks?	89.19%	33

#	WHAT IS THE MAIN PROBLEM YOUNG PEOPLE FACE IN SEVENOAKS	DATE
1	I don't know	7/13/2023 10:40 AM
2	Depression	7/1/2022 11:28 AM
3	They don't get there voice	7/1/2022 11:27 AM
4	Bullying	7/1/2022 11:20 AM
5	Pollution	6/15/2022 9:58 AM
6	Bullying	4/27/2022 3:47 PM
7	being Judged	4/27/2022 3:42 PM
8	not enough free just turn up clubs	4/20/2022 10:58 AM
9	making friends	4/20/2022 10:54 AM
10	IDK	3/28/2022 3:01 PM
11	Can't think of any	3/28/2022 2:59 PM
12	Improve safety Do not feel safe	2/24/2022 12:28 PM
13	Clubs&Facilities Improve safety A place to go to be safe to socialise in.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
14	Clubs&Facilities Mental health Loneliness	2/17/2022 1:30 PM
15	Influencers	2/14/2022 9:16 AM
16	Don't know Don't know	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
17	Mental health Mental health	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
18	lack of community spirit	2/10/2022 9:28 AM
19	Climate change	2/10/2022 9:26 AM
20	Mental health Mental health	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
21	Mental health mental health issues	2/9/2022 5:24 PM
22	Not being able to go on holiday	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
23	Not being able to go on holiday	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
24	Peer pressure Peer pressure	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
25	Don't know I don't know	2/7/2022 11:18 AM
26	The spreading of COVID (not necessarily the symptoms themselves)	2/7/2022 11:16 AM
27	Peer pressure Peer pressure	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
28	Clubs&Facilities Too few places to gather socially	2/2/2022 7:20 PM
29	Don't know Don't know	1/22/2022 5:19 PM

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30	Don't know Not sure	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
31	Peer pressure Peer pressure	1/21/2022 5:52 PM
32	Peer pressure Smoking & vaping pressure & online addiction	1/21/2022 5:44 PM
33	Clubs&Facilities No indoor free space for sports	1/21/2022 10:03 AM
#	WHAT IS ONE IMPROVEMENT YOU WOULD MAKE TO SEVENOAKS? (FACILITIES, CLUBS ETC.)	DATE
1	I don't know	7/13/2023 10:40 AM
2	Mental health	7/1/2022 11:28 AM
3	open space	7/1/2022 11:27 AM
4	More clubs	7/1/2022 11:20 AM
5	Carbon emmissions	5/20/2022 1:42 PM
6	Safety	4/27/2022 3:47 PM
7	a park	4/27/2022 3:42 PM
8	it is good	4/20/2022 10:54 AM
9	Sell more types of Santa	3/28/2022 3:01 PM
10	Bowling	3/28/2022 2:59 PM
11	Clubs&Facilities More clubs	2/24/2022 12:28 PM
12	Clubs&Facilities More inclusive clubs for all people/interests/social groups	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
13	Clubs&Facilities I would add bowling	2/17/2022 1:30 PM
14	Clubs&Facilities More open spaces for young people	2/14/2022 9:17 AM
15	Make it more affordable	2/14/2022 9:16 AM
16	Clubs&Facilities Add more activity parks	2/11/2022 9:35 AM
17	Clubs&Facilities More shops	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
18	Clubs&Facilities Improve Leisure Centre pool	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
19	Cycling cycle racks	2/10/2022 9:28 AM
20	Cycling Cycle Lanes	2/10/2022 9:26 AM
21	More trees	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
22	Don't know I don't know	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
23	Don't know I don't know	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
24	Clubs&Facilities More clubs like this	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
25	Don't know I don't know	2/7/2022 11:18 AM
26	Improve safety More mask wearing	2/7/2022 11:16 AM
27	Clubs&Facilities More cool places like this	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
28	Cycling I would add more parks, cyclepaths and places to hang out	2/2/2022 7:20 PM
29	Don't know Don't know	1/22/2022 5:19 PM
30	Clubs&Facilities More public spaces to chill	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
31	Improve safety Less ASB	1/21/2022 5:52 PM
32	Clubs&Facilities more youth workers & youth clubs	1/21/2022 5:44 PM
33	Clubs&Facilities Youth club with a sports hall	1/21/2022 10:03 AM
#	WHAT, IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD THE YOUTH COUNCIL DO FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SEVENOAKS?	DATE
1	I don't Know	7/13/2023 10:40 AM

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2	I Don't Know	7/1/2022 11:28 AM
3	help them	7/1/2022 11:27 AM
4	Help by going door to door	7/1/2022 11:20 AM
5	Give them the option to vote	5/20/2022 1:42 PM
6	offer more sociable things to do like house in the basement	4/27/2022 3:52 PM
7	Be supportive	4/27/2022 3:47 PM
8	More things like house in the basement	4/27/2022 3:42 PM
9	more free turn up clubs	4/20/2022 10:58 AM
10	I don't know we are fine	3/28/2022 3:01 PM
11	Can't think of anything	3/28/2022 2:59 PM
12	Improve safety Keep them safe	2/24/2022 12:28 PM
13	Engage youth opinions More listening to young people and what they want.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
14	Help them make friends	2/17/2022 1:30 PM
15	Clubs&Facilities Not have to pay for other clubs	2/14/2022 9:17 AM
16	Motivate them	2/14/2022 9:16 AM
17	Don't know Don't know	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
18	Mental health Mental health and improve Leisure Centre pool	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
19	Clubs&Facilities Engage youth opinions create more engagement	2/10/2022 9:28 AM
20	Cycling Safer, greener transport	2/10/2022 9:26 AM
21	Mental health make mental health a priority for young people	2/9/2022 5:24 PM
22	I think they are doing well	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
23	Clubs&Facilities Make more clubs available	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
24	Clubs&Facilities Cleaner toilets (for school)	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
25	Clubs&Facilities Make fun stuff	2/7/2022 11:18 AM
26	Spread awareness of COVID-related problems.	2/7/2022 11:16 AM
27	Clubs&Facilities More cool places like this	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
28	Make it a more attractive place for young people to live	2/2/2022 7:20 PM
29	Engage youth opinions More freedom of speech for teenagers in schools	1/22/2022 5:19 PM
30	Engage youth opinions Give out flyers & questionnaires	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
31	Improve safety Making parents aware of ASB	1/21/2022 5:52 PM
32	Clubs&Facilities More music nights & lobby young people	1/21/2022 5:44 PM
33	Engage youth opinions Have meetings in schools for students	1/21/2022 10:03 AM