



# Sevenoaks Youth Council

## Meeting of Sevenoaks Youth Council 07<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.00pm

**Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN133QG**  
**Youth Council Members:**

Henry Barden de Leon	Darcy Hogg
Mahedy Basher	Isabella McGlynn
Emilia Britain	Max Pound
Dexter Buhmann	Vince Rands-Webb
Leah Campbell-Sergeant	Elena Rozo-Navarro
Von Ming Fung Chu	Aanya Sidhu
Phoebe Critchlow, <b>Treasurer</b>	Mia Stack
Neil Gandhi	Anna Tarasheva, <b>Vice-Chairman</b>
Jasmine Geer	Katie Willis, <b>Chairman</b>
Maya Goodrich	Torsa Younus
Valentina Groves	

In attendance: Linda Larter, Town Clerk

Daren Mountain, Manager of House in the Basement Youth Café

Ieuan Chandler-Wilson, Committee Clerk

## AGENDA

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> To receive and note apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> To receive and adopt the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022.	Attached
3.	<b>Finance Report</b> To note the balance of the Youth Council budget 2022/23.	Attached
4.	<b>House in the Basement [HiTB] Youth Cafe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive and consider HiTB report June to July 2022</li> <li>Offers of help for promotion</li> </ul>	Attached

5.	<b>Talk from Kenwood Trust</b>	
6.	<b>Visit to the House of Commons</b>	Attached
7.	<b>Offer of Free CPR training from Sevenoaks Fire Brigade</b>	
8.	<b>Sevenoaks Soroptimist: Literacy day</b>	Attached
9.	<b>Youth Council Priorities</b>	Attached
10.	<b>E sports Tournaments</b>	Attached
11.	<b>Climate Change School forum</b>	Attached
12.	<b>Date of Next Meetings</b> To note the dates of future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023</li> </ul>	-

**Minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Youth Council  
Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

at House in the Basement, Stag Community Arts Centre, London Road, Sevenoaks, TN131ZZ

**Meeting Commenced:** 6.00 p.m.

**Meeting Concluded:** 7.00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Youth Council Members:**

Henry Barden de Leon	Present	Valentina Groves	Present
Mahedy Basher	Apologies	Darcy Hogg	Apologies
Emilia Britain	Present	Isabella McGlynn	Present
Dexter Buhmann	Present	Max Pound	Apologies
Leah Campbell-Sergeant	Present	Vince Rands-Webb	Present
Von Ming Fung Chu	Present	Mia Stack	Apologies
Phoebe Critchlow, <b>Treasurer</b>	Present	Anna Tarasheva, <b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Apologies
Neil Gandhi	Present	Katie Willis, <b>Chairman</b>	Present
Jasmine Geer	Apologies	Torsa Younus	Apologies
Maya Goodrich	Apologies		

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence**  
Received as shown above.
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Youth Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**  
**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.
- 3. Finance Report**  
**RESOLVED:** It was noted that the current balance of the Youth Council budget was £2,334.60.
- 4. House in the Basement Youth Café (HitB)**  
The Youth Council noted the report given by Daren Mountain, Manager of HitB. The Youth Councillors were reminded of the opening times for House in the Basement as well as the offer for volunteering and the possibility of someone taking up Social Media for HitB.  
  
It was noted that HitB had hosted in the Skate Park Fun day event on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April as well as attending the Jubilee Big Picnic event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.  
  
It was also noted that HitB would be holding a trip on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August to Hastings beach and Skatepark.
- 5. Review and prioritization of Youth Council agreed projects**

The Youth Council reviewed the list of agreed projects and agreed to start with the following projects:

- i) Arranging a Mental Health Workshop for young people
- ii) Plant a tree (s) on behalf of the Youth Council
- iii) To consider encouraging more bees in the town
- iv) Purchase of a folding table football for the youth café
- v) Introducing Movie Night and video game club at the youth café
- vi) Create environment awareness mural on ramp access to youth café
- vii) Offer assistance to Ukrainian young people where appropriate

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2022

At Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN133QG

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

**Agenda Item** Sevenoaks Town Council**9A** Youth Council General Income and Expenditure:  
7555/43

2022/23

		Expenditure £	Income £
Carried Forward from 2019/20:	1,834.60		
2022/23 Budget allocated:	500.00		
Total 01/04/21 starting balance:	<u>2,334.60</u>		£ 2,334.60
		£ -	£2,334.60
Available Funds		<u>£2,334.60</u>	
		<u>£ 2,334.60</u>	

**Agenda Item** Sevenoaks Town Council**9B** Youth Council **Charity** Income and Expenditure:  
7555/43

2022/23

		Expenditure £	Income £
Starting Balance:	01/04/2021		£ -
Budget allocated:	0.00		£0.00
		£ -	£0.00
Available Funds		<u>£ -</u>	
		<u>£ -</u>	

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**Manager's Report,**

**June figures:**

Open 15 days  
Total of 110 young people  
22 New  
27 SEN

**July's figures:**

Total of 142 young people  
26 new  
Open 17 days  
3 SEN days (closed 1 SEN day due to kitchen floor)

July was a busy month for HiTB especially before the school holidays begun, we saw, the most young people we have seen for a couple of years at least.

We have had an increase in all our prices as goods become more expensive.

We had to close on one evening as our kitchen floor was being replaced, this is still not complete so the kitchen has been closed for several weeks, which has been frustrating.

Our SEN group continued to be busy, but since the school holidays has become quieter.

Fritha leaves us at the end of August, I would like to personally thank her for her hard work & support & wish her the very best in her extended Job at Chipstead School.

Holly has settled very well & her experience, knowledge of Sevenoaks & relationships with existing young people has been helpful.

Also on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, House in the Basement took a trip to Hastings and the Source Skate Park, despite the threat of bad weather there were around 30 people in attendance. The event went very well with us all taking part.

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**Trip to the House of Commons:**

Youth Councillors have been invited to participate in a trip to the House of Commons on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

We will be meeting at Sevenoaks train Station at 9:30 am.

Following on from the tours there will be the opportunity to have a private meeting with Laura Trott MP for Sevenoaks with a Q&A session.

The visit will be followed by lunch which is normally at a Pizza restaurant.

All the cost for the day would be covered by the youth council budget.

We will send notes to the schools for those who wish to attend to allow for the day off.



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**Literacy day, Sevenoaks Soroptimist event:**

Sevenoaks Soroptimists are looking for a few Youth Councillors to attend an event relating to Literacy Day and talk about the Youth Council, coping with schoolwork and the different ways of learning during the course of the pandemic.

This event will take place on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Beatriz Wilson Room, Rockdale.


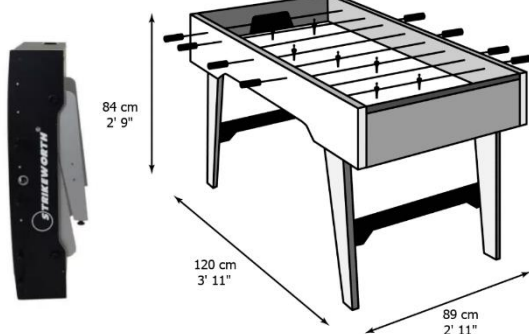

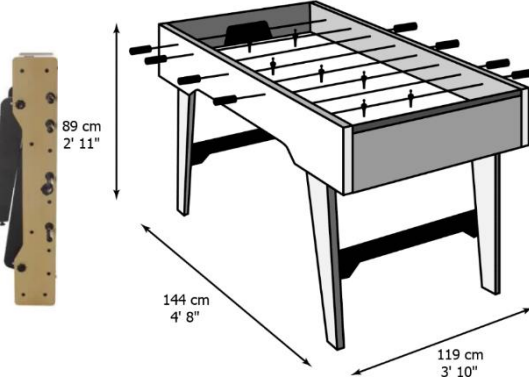
Anyone who wants take part in the event will be given help to prepare for it with information from the youth surveys and Linda will be at the event to help if needed.

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	Topic	Action needed	Draft Budget	Progress to date
1.	Arranging a Mental Health Workshop for young people.	Daren to talk to SDC Mentor Scheme.		
2.	Plant a Tree (s) on behalf of the Youth Council.	To consider the type of native tree (s) to purchase and locations to plant the tree.		Here is a list of varieties of trees that would grow in Sevenoaks soil and are native species: Beech, Birch, Cherry, Hawthorn, Hornbeam, Oak, Rowan.
3.	To consider encouraging more bees in the town.	The Town Council has moved to bee friendly plants.		
4.	Purchase of a folding table football for the youth café.	To review costs and the preferred options. (See the options below)		
5.	Introduce a Movie night and Video game club at the youth café.	HiTB to Programme and promote.		HiTB looking at holding movie nights in the winter as well as possibly adding some structure to video gaming, for example, Mario Kart competitions.
6.	Create environment awareness mural on the ramp access to the youth café.			Kent wildlife trust booked to hold workshops during the school holidays to work up designs.
7.	Offer assistance to Ukrainian young people where appropriate.			Ukrainian day event being held at HiTB 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.

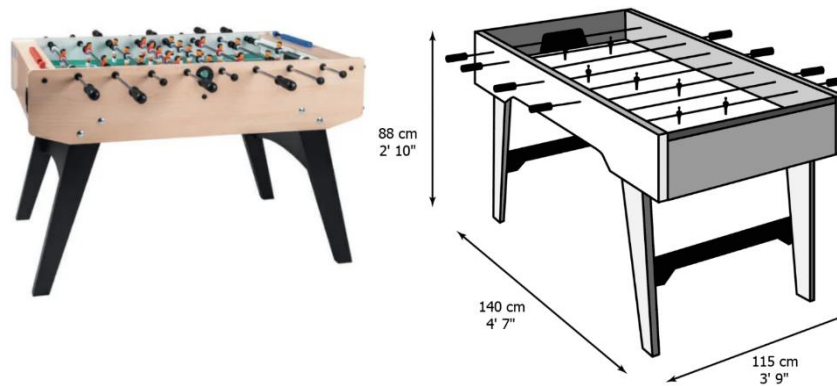
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**4. Folding Football Table Options:**

Option	Image	Product information	Price
Option 1, Strikeworth Free Kick Folding Football Table	  <p>84 cm 2' 9"</p> <p>120 cm 3' 11"</p> <p>89 cm 2' 11"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11-a-side red and blue teams in regulation 1-2-5-3 formation.</li> <li>Choose a Black/Silver or Wood/Red colour scheme.</li> <li>Quick-folding system with ergonomic locking hand bolts.</li> <li>Ball retrieval ports by each goal.</li> <li>Strong, sturdy cross-braced legs with level adjusters.</li> <li>Telescopic safety rods with ergonomic grips.</li> <li>Team colour-coded scoring abacuses.</li> <li>Includes a pack of 31mm footballs.</li> </ul>	£129
Option 2, Tekscore Full Size Folding Football Table:	  <p>89 cm 2' 11"</p> <p>144 cm 4' 8"</p> <p>119 cm 3' 10"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large gauge 16mm telescopic rods, which retract for safety.</li> <li>Folding leg system for compact storage and portability.</li> <li>Independent levelling feet.</li> <li>Regulation-sized 4ft pitch, measured from goal to goal.</li> <li>Raised pitch sides to keep the ball moving.</li> <li>Standard 1-2-5-3 player formation.</li> <li>Red and Blue team players with wedge-shaped feet.</li> <li>Central ball entry port for fair game starts.</li> <li>Internal ball return system with collection area.</li> <li>Abacus-style scoring beads for each player.</li> <li>Four cup holders, big enough to hold a UK pint glass.</li> <li>Available in two finishes – black or wood.</li> </ul>	£349

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Option 3, Garlando  
F-20 family folding  
football table:



- Maple coloured cabinet with melamine coating.
- Sturdy 30mm wooden legs.
- Legs can be folded under cabinet.
- Four rubber stoppers at one end for vertical storage.
- Realistic player figure design.
- Teams in white shirts with blue or red shorts.
- Players in European 1-2-5-3 formations.
- Fully rotating goal keepers.
- Green laminate playing field.
- Sloping corners - prevents ball getting stuck during play.
- High stress resistant solid rods.
- Score counters.
- Conforms to the European safety norm EN71-1/2/3/9.
- Includes 10 white Garlando footballs.
- European EN safety regulation compliant.

£399

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**E Sports Tournament in Sevenoaks**

E sports are becoming popular and it would be good to consider the possibility of creating a tournament in Sevenoaks. For further details see

[British Esports Federation - British Esports Federation.](#)

It is understood that there is currently no organised eSports event in Kent. North Kent College have however just introduced a one year course.

Sevenoaks Sports & Wellbeing Magazine is willing to work with Sevenoaks Town Council and Town Team to progress this project.

The magazine is mainly about sport, but as it includes “wellbeing” the editor takes the view that if we can get people out of their bedrooms and socialising then that will help with their development and “mental health”. An event like this would attract people from all over the District and maybe beyond, so it would also act as a good marketing tool which would largely target youngsters.

The most likely venues for such a project would be either The Stag or Bat & Ball Centre.

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# CLIMATE CHANGE YOUTH FORUM

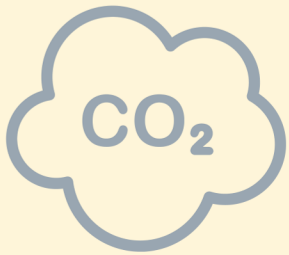
TO BE HELD ON THE 30TH OF  
SEPTEMBER FROM 1:30- 3:30PM

**AT THE BAT AND BALL CENTRE  
CRAMPTON'S RD, SEVENOAKS, TN14 5DN**

Contact Us : [cpo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:cpo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)

# Sevenoaks Town Council invites Schools to send representatives to attend the first Climate Change Youth Forum

We are holding this Youth Forum for schools across Sevenoaks Town to share ideas on the actions your school is taking to make a difference and help tackle climate change. We will also discuss ideas that we can all collectively progress.



These actions can include:

- Encouraging you to walk/cycle/use public transport or carpooling to get to school
- Using renewable energy on site
- Your school having separate bins for recyclables
- Your school having a food waste collector
- Having a "Grow your Own" club or allotment
- Reducing plastic use where possible

**Come join us to share what your  
school is doing to help**

