

**Annual General Meeting of the Sevenoaks Youth Council
Held on 3rd November 2021**

at Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber, Bradbourne Vale Road TN13 3QG

Meeting Commenced: 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 6.55 p.m.

Present:

Youth Council Members:

Henry Barden de Leon	Present	Isabella McGlynn	Present
Mahedy Basher	Apologies	Maximilian Pound	Present
Emilia Britain	Present	Vincent Rands-Webb	Present
Phoebe Critchlow, Treasurer	Present	Mia Stack	Apologies
Jasmine Geer	Present	Anna Tarasheva, Vice-Chairman	Present
Maya Goodrich	Present	Kate Willis, Chairman	Present
Valentina Groves	Present		

In attendance: Cllr Dr Merylyn Canet, Sevenoaks Town Mayor; Linda Larter, Town Clerk; Alison Futtit, Senior Committee Clerk; Cllr Andrew Eyre; and Cllr Richard Parry

1. Welcome by the Mayor

Cllr Dr Canet, Sevenoaks Town Mayor, welcomed youth councillors to the first meeting of the new Youth Council, elected following a year’s break due to the Covid pandemic.

Cllr Canet explained that the chief campaign for her mayoral year was “Give it a Grow” encouraging more people to get involved with gardening, supporting wildlife and helping the community to protect the local green environment.

She thanked the youth councillors for giving their time to get involved with the community, emphasising that what they say and do as a Youth Council can help make a difference. She looked forward to hearing about the issues that concerned them and ideas for what they could do to make an impact.

2. Apologies for Absence

Received as shown above.

3. Election of Chairman

Two youth Councillors put their names forward to be Chairman of the Sevenoaks Youth Council for the period 2021-2022. A vote was taken by show of hands.

RESOLVED: That Kate Willis be elected as Chairman.

Kate Willis took the Chair and invited nominations for the election of Vice-Chairman and Treasurer.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

Two youth Councillors put their names forward to be Vice-Chairman of the Sevenoaks Youth Council for the period 2021-2022. A vote was taken by show of hands.

RESOLVED: That Anna Tarasheva be elected as Vice-Chairman.

5. Election of Treasurer

Two youth Councillors put their names forward to be Treasurer of the Sevenoaks Youth Council for the period 2021-2022. A vote was taken by show of hands

RESOLVED: That Phoebe Critchlow be elected as Treasurer.

6. Appointment of Youth Council Representatives to the Youth Services Committee

It was noted that two representatives from the Youth Council were invited to attend Sevenoaks Town Council's Youth Services Committee.

RESOLVED: That consideration be given at a future meeting to appointing representatives to Sevenoaks Town Council's Youth Services Committee.

7. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Youth Council held on 12th February 2020

The Minutes were received and adopted.

8. Sevenoaks Youth Council Constitution

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Sevenoaks Youth Council Constitution.

9. Finance Report

RESOLVED: to note

- (i) the income and expenditure report for the Youth Council 2021/22; and
- (ii) that the balance as at October 2021 for the Youth Council budget was £1,834.60

10. House in the Basement

Youth Councillors received an update report on the House in the Basement Youth Café. It was noted that numbers attending were low since the re-opening in June. The Town Clerk asked the Youth Council for ideas to help revitalise the Youth Café. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Youth Council would be held in the Café.

11. Preparations for Two Year Programme

The Youth Council adjourned for a workshop to discuss issues and share ideas for Sevenoaks Town. The suggestions will form the basis of a two-year work plan for the Youth Council, to be discussed at the next meeting. (To be circulated separately)

It was noted that the key was to consider the issues raised and work out what the Youth Council could do to make improvements.

For example, the issue of young people's mental health had been raised. Youth Councillors were asked to consider:

- What kind of support was needed?
- Where and how would it be best to advertise services available for young people
- How to get young people to understand what was available and how to access it
- What the best way was to communicate information to young people
- What the Youth Council could do or influence about mental health provision

12. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at the House in the Basement Youth Café.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.