

Sevenoaks Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council

Held on Wednesday 26 November 2025 in the Bat and Ball Centre, Crampton's Road,
TN14 5DN

Meeting commenced: 18:00

Meeting Concluded: 19:00

Present:

Aahana Verma	Present	Henry Thomas	Present	Penelope Rowbotham	Present
Aalim Saeed-Tirmizi	Present	Ines Wang Neto	Present	Poppy-Grace Dixon-Lyon	Present
Adelina Suslikova	Present	Ishwar Sharma	Present	Angelos Maroulis	Present
Aditya Srinivasan	Apologies	Jasper Barnes	Present	Rhea Engineer	Present
Aidan Hirst	Present	John Ng	Apologies	Riddley McDermott	Present
Alex Jin	Present	Joshua Maddox Aquino	Present	Riley Ferguson	Present
Ali Esad Kutuloglu	Present	Joshua Maretlane	Present	Russell Street	Apologies
Alice Warren	Present	Julien Beck	Present	Ryan Zhaeentan	Present
Alicia Ho	Present	Karam Kandhari	Apologies	Sarah Pardasany	Present
Allegra Delli Rocioli	Present	Katie Lo	Present	Sayeesha Boysen	Present
Arina Evtushenko	Present	Kisali Wijesekara	Present	Shinki Yu	Present
Aryana Mahdavi Ardestani	Present	Lily Court	Apologies	Shiv Lamba	Present
Audrina Chan	Present	Lizzie Hunt	Present	Simi Akintoye	Present
Ayan Motwani	Present	Lukas Abromavicius	Present	Sofia Veloso	Apologies
Caspar Tillieux	Present	Mackenzie Willis	Present	Sofia Vittoria Moschini	Apologies

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Charlotte Bagoee	Present	Mark Bielikov	Apologies	Sophia Yu	Present
Chelsey Dai	Apologies	Max Oser	Apologies	Summer Chen	Present
Clement Isong	Present	Max Rowland	Apologies	Susanna Local	Present
Cynthia Chen	Present	Maximilian David	Apologies	Taani Shukla	Present
Cyrus Tillieux	Present	Megan Philips	Apologies	Tabitha Peters	Apologies
Dhriti Pasumarty	Present	Mila Skoko	Present	Thomas Heregods	Present
Ethan Cook	Present	Milly Anscorb	Present	Thomas Mather	Present
Eva Isgren	Present	Mirabel Poulson	Present	Vihaan Sharma	Present
Eva Wang	Present	Morgan Ingarfield	Present	Vyom Bhandari	Present
Finn Chadwick	Present	Naima Karki			
Franz Lahura-Sturm	Present	Nicholas Chan			
George Kelly	Present	Pendar Ahmadvazir			
Harry King	Present	Penelope Muccino			

In attendance: Cllr Tony Clayton- Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Cloe Gustard- Chair of Sevenoaks Town Councils Youth Services Committee, Linda Larter MBE- CEO & Town Clerk of Sevenoaks Town Council, Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet, Holly Brayzier- Deputy Manager of House in the Basement Youth Café, Samara Devlin Jones- Youth Worker for House in the Basement Youth Café, and Ieuan Chandler-Wilson- Youth Committee Clerk for Sevenoaks Town Council.

1 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and note apologies for absence.

2 - MAYOR OF SEVENOAKS (CLLR TONY CLAYTON) TO WELCOME THE NEW YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council received an introduction from the Mayor of Sevenoaks, welcoming them to the Youth Council, expressing that he wishes them the best over

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the next two years and that they continue the outstanding work of the Youth Councils that have come before, from founding House in the Basement Youth Café to the publication of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey report.

A photo was taken with the Mayor of Sevenoaks,



3 - INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Larter MBE, CEO & Town Clerk for Sevenoaks Town Council, introduced all of the staff and Cllrs who were present at the meeting before outlining how the elections would work. Each candidate who wished to stand for a position was invited to speak, and all youth councillors were invited to cast their votes on paper.

4 - ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

The Youth Councillors received nominations from the following:

Aryana, Harry, Lukas, Summer, Alicia, Julien and Lenardo

RESOLVED: That Aryana be elected as Chair.

5 - ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR

Due to the Election of the Chair being close, the Youth Councillors were asked if they would like the person with the second most votes to be the Vice Chair. A vote was held and the motion carried.

RESOLVED: That Lukas be elected as Vice Chair.

6 - ELECTION OF THE TREASURER

The Youth Councillors received nominations from the following:

Shiv, Harry, Lizzie and Riddley,

RESOLVED: That Lizzie be elected as the Treasurer.

7 - ELECTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER

The Youth Councillors received nominations from the following:

Eva, Sarah, Ishwar, Franz and Arina,

Due to a close election, the Youth Council elected two young people to share the position.

RESOLVED: That Eva and Sarah be elected as the Social Media Officers.

8 - MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10th September 2025, as a true record.

9 - FINANCE REPORT

RESOLVED: To note the current Youth Council Budget for 2025-2026 was £1,101.70

10 - HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HiTB) YOUTH CAFE

Holly Brazier reported that House in the Basement is the Youth Café under the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks and provides a safe space for young people aged 11-17 with an SEN club every Tuesday, and they are open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The Youth Council received thanks from Holly for all of their support for the House in the Basement in the past, from funding equipment to helping to provide projects and trips for the young people who visit. Holly also reported that over December, House in the Basement had a number of events coming up:

- Friday 5th December- Open Mic Night
- Friday 12th December- Girls Night (boys are welcome too)
- Saturday 13th December- Art Session by Cygnets School for Art
- Friday 19th December- Christmas Party

11 - WORKSHOP IDEAS FOR FUTURE YOUTH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Youth Council adjourned to participate in a workshop to discuss and share ideas for Sevenoaks Town.

What do you think is the greatest need for young people right now?

- Social Safety
- To feel supported and safe, no matter their identity
- Safe Spaces to meet in town
- Awareness/ education on politics
- More activities
- More Community/ Volunteering/ Work opportunities
- Transport

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- Waiting lists for diagnoses
- Financial Literacy
- Bigger pavements on High Street
- Spaces for Peaceful Contemplation

If money and practical issues were no problem, what would you like to see in Sevenoaks?

- More free indoor spaces for young people
- More activities for young people
- More youth clubs
- More events outside of schools
- Food and shelter provided to those in need
- Better SEND support
- Youth Fair
- More communal areas
- Shopping mall
- More green spaces/ gardens/trees
- Free transport
- Large community centre at the heart of the town
- Make E-bikes more accessible
- More School Housing
- More shops for teens
- Plastic-free Sevenoaks
- Less litter/ better rubbish collection
- Christmas Market
- Mental health areas
- Cycling lanes
- Prevention of the loss of natural habitat
- Installations for Teenagers
- Help for newcomers to feel at home

What topics would you like to focus on over the next two years?

- Bringing the youth council important decisions
- The future of the Stag under the Government
- Raising More money
- Charity work
- Mental health
- Public transport/Regular shuttles
- Community Engagement
- Equality
- Increase in fun activities
- Make Sevenoaks Greener

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- Child-friendly advertisement
- Diversity, Equality, Inclusion
- Youth events
- Food Kitchen
- Days out for struggling families
- HitB
- Community Activities
- Environment

What do you want to achieve in your two years as a Youth Councillor?

- Making Sevenoaks more welcoming/ safer
- Raising money for more charities
- Increase/ Improve Mental health awareness
- More indoor eco-friendly spaces
- Help improve Sevenoaks/ more accessible
- More diversity
- Build a stronger sense of community
- More opportunity for youth jobs
- Reduce plastic waste
- How do councils work
- Increase Street Lights
- Green
- Build confidence/ public speaking
- Meaningful change

There being no further business, the Chair closed the Meeting.

Signed
Chair

Dated