

Sevenoaks Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Services Committee Held on Wednesday, 01 April 2026, in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG

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Meeting commenced: 19:00

Meeting Concluded: 19:30

Present:

Cllr Chloe Gustard (Chair)	Present	Cllr Catherine Daniell (Vice-Chair, Deputy-Leader)	Apologies
Cllr Libby Ancrum	Absent	Cllr Dr Merilyn Canet	Present
Cllr Tony Clayton (Mayor)	Present	Cllr Gareth Willis	Apologies

Co-opted Members

Sevenoaks Youth Council: Vacant		Sevenoaks District Council: Maxine Quinton	Present
Kent Family Hub: Ellen Shaw	Apologies	House in the Basement: Daren Mountain	Apologies
Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust: Peter Robinson	Apologies	National Trust: Amy Sabine	Apologies
KCC Early Help: Debbie Bell	Apologies		

Substitute		For
Cllr Dr Peter Dixon	Present	Cllr Catherine Daniell (Vice-Chair, Deputy-Leader)

Also present: Town Clerk MBE and Youth Committee Clerk.

748 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To receive and noted the Apologies for Absence as above.

749 - REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

REOLVED: To note there were no requests for dispensations.

750 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: To note there were no declarations of interest.

751 - MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES WORKING GROUP HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED: It was agreed to adopt the minutes of the Youth Services Committee held on Wednesday, 25th of February 2026, as a true record.

752 - MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

RESOLVED: It was agreed to adopt the minutes of the Youth Council meetings held on:

- Wednesday 11th February 2026
- Wednesday 18th March 2026, as a true record.

753 - HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HiTB) YOUTH CAFE

753.1 - HiTB Manager's Update Report

The Committee received Darens' report and noted that the Thursday detached sessions with the new STC community bus had been going well.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Manager of House in the Basement Youth Café's report.

753.2 - Finance Cost Centre Reports

RESOLVED: To receive and note the House in the Basement finance cost centre reports.

754 - Vine Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Maxine thanked the Councillors on behalf of Kelly Webb for approving the move forward with the PSPO for the Vine Gardens. It was noted that it would go to People and Places on the 19th of May, then it would go to Cabinet on the 16th of June. After which, there would be a 4-week Public Consultation period where a questionnaire would be circulated to members of the public regarding the PSPO.

Maxine handed them a draft version of the Questionnaire and asked the Committee for their input. It was noted that it would be helpful if there were some form of description as to what a PSPO is.

It was noted that the Youth Council had asked what constituted a gathering within this context, and noted that it was two or more people. The committee asked that this be specified, as well as specifying that it is a gathering of people engaging in Anti-Social Behaviour.

The Committee noted that when the Questionnaire was ready to be distributed, it would be sent to all schools and Youth Councillors to obtain young people's views and opinions on the PSPO at the Vine, as well as sharing it through social media and other methods.

755 - SKATE PARK EVENT 2026

The Committee noted that STC was considering holding another Skate Park event for 2026 with Kings Ramps. It was noted that this event had proven popular in the past, noting that between 100 and 200 young people attend the event over the course of the day. Kings Ramps supply Skateboarding, BMX and Scooter lessons, bringing professionals and hosting competitions throughout the event. It was noted that this would cost £2,000

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The Councillors also noted that it was agreed in the meeting held on the 25th of February 2026, Minute number 679, to earmark the remaining funds from last year's Youth Outreach Budget.

RESOLVED: To assign £2,000 for the earmarked funds of the Youth Outreach Budget to pay for the Skate Park event.

756 - STC YOUTH PROVISION SOCIAL VALUE REPORT

The chair expressed their thanks to all of the officers involved in the creation of the Youth Provision Social Value Report. It was noted that the figure mentioned in section one of the report purely expressed the monetary value of the provisions that STC provide and did not include the volunteering hours put in by young people at House in the Basement and other areas of the Council, either through Duke of Edinburgh, Work Experience or Volunteering.

The Committee noted that Maxine from SDC had offered to send this information to their Social Value engine team to help calculate the final figure.

757 - REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED PARTNERS

757.1 - SDC- Community Safety Team

Maxine reported that the Family Fun Days were going ahead this year with one taking place at Greatness Recreation Ground on the 4th of August.

The Committee noted that there had been no hot spots within Sevenoaks Town, but there had been a few incidents in shops over the February Half-Term. It was noted that they would be keeping an eye on the Environmental Park and the Town Car Park as the weather starts to improve.

757.3 - SAYT

While Peter Robinson was unable to attend the meeting, he sent the following report:

“SAYT is taking a small group of local youths away for a few days over the Easter holiday. Additionally, at the last meeting, when asked, I said SAYT was in talks with a local church to seek to jointly employ a youth worker. The update is that the church we have been talking to is unable to proceed with this at present, so the trustees in SAYT are considering our next steps.”

758 - UPCOMING EVENTS

The Committee noted that the Community tidy up days had happened with over thirty volunteers helping to litter pick on the day.

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759 - PRESS RELEASE

RESOLVED: There were no press releases arising from this meeting.

There being no further business the Chair closed the Meeting.

Signed
Chair

Dated

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