

**Meeting of the Sevenoaks Youth Council
Held on 12th February 2020 in Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber**

Meeting Commenced: 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 6.55 p.m.

Present:

Roshni Agarwal	<i>Apologies</i>	Ola Kujawinska	<i>Apologies</i>
Eva Azazoglu	<i>Apologies</i>	Emily Mahoney	<i>Apologies</i>
Alexander Black	<i>Apologies</i>	Megan Ng	<i>Apologies</i>
Sam Chard	Present	Louisa Phillips	<i>Apologies</i>
Phoebe Critchlow – Vice-Chairman	<i>Apologies</i>	Michael Roberts - Treasurer	Present
Samuel Crawford	<i>Apologies</i>	Rose Spurling - Chairman	Present
Tasha Dambacher	<i>Apologies</i>	Gabby Tan	<i>Apologies</i>
Ronnie Day	<i>Apologies</i>	Loic Thiry	<i>Apologies</i>
Oscar Goodwin	<i>Apologies</i>	Amy Vickers	<i>Apologies</i>
Matthias Jammot	<i>Apologies</i>	Jacob Watson	Present
Meera Jassi	<i>Apologies</i>	Katie Willis	<i>Apologies</i>
Ishwar Sharma	<i>Apologies</i>		

In Attendance: Cllrs Canet, Eyre and Raikes, Town Clerk, Senior Committee Clerk, House in the Basement Youth Café Manager and Isabella Penn

85. Apologies for Absence

Received as detailed above.

86. Resignations Received

It was noted that Amber Warrender and Charlotte Foulds had submitted their resignations from the Youth Council due to pressure of work. They were thanked for their valuable contributions.

87. Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Council held on 4th December 2019

The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

88. Finance Reports

The Youth Council received and noted the following finance reports:

(i) Income and Expenditure for Youth Council's Running Budget

Noted that the balance as at January 2020 was £879.60.

(ii) Income and Expenditure for the Youth Council's Charity Fundraising

Noted that the balance as at January 2020 was £152.81.

89. Neighbourhood Development Plan/Cultural Quarter

The Town Clerk reminded Youth Councillors of the consultation exercise being undertaken on the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Sevenoaks prepared by the Town Council. The Plan provided a development vision and policies which would guide

development over the next 20 years. It was noted that the Plan focused on climate change initiatives. The Town Clerk asked that Youth Councillors forward any comments they have on the proposals and asked that they share details of the consultation with their families and friends. The Neighbourhood Plan and feedback forms are accessible via: [SevenoaksNDP](#)

The Town Clerk also gave a presentation setting out the vision of a Cultural Quarter for Sevenoaks, which aimed to strengthen and add to the cultural area in the town centre over future years. Feedback on the proposals was invited: [Sevenoaks Cultural Strategy](#).

90. House in the Basement (HitB) Youth Café

Chris Essex, Manager of the House in the Basement Youth Café, presented his report, explained the range of activities available at the Youth Café, and invited Youth Councillors to visit. It was noted that the Work Experience/Volunteering Programme was being relaunched.

91. Fundraising Update

Fundraising ideas suggested at the last meeting were reviewed. The success of the cake sale at the Christmas Lights Switch On event was noted and the possibility of holding a stall at the VE Day “Picnic in the Park” event on 8th May to be explored.

Youth Councillors welcomed the suggestion of an Inter Youth Quiz Night to be arranged for September 2020.

92. Live on the Vine

Youth Councillors confirmed that they would like to hold a “Live on the Vine” event this year at the end of the Summer school term, Friday 17th July 2020. Young performers to be encouraged to participate.

93. Current Programme and Updates

Youth Councillors reviewed progress against the proposals for their two-year term discussed in December 2018, and commented as follows:

Item 1 – Environmental Matters	Consideration to be given to whether an environmental theme could be incorporated into the “Live on the Vine” event. Cllr Canet invited Youth Councillors to meet with her if they would like to discuss any environmental ideas.
Item 2 – Mental Health for Young People	Mental Health First Aid Workshop being arranged, to take place at HitB, funded by West Kent Housing Association.

94. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that next meeting be arranged for April 2020.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.