



## NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

07.10.2006

**Venue: Bodley Block 1,  
Ebley Mill, Stroud**

**Time: 4:30pm- 6.00 p.m.**

### YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Amy Jade, Minch Youth Club	A	Meg Brown, Wotton Youth Club	P
Ashley Skuse, Wotton Youth Club	P	Oliver Timms, Marling	A
Becky Perry, Peer Education Group	A	Ruth Royall, Stroud Youth Centre	A
Dean Morgan, Archway	A	Ceri Wills, Rednock	P
Elsie Kenny, Rednock **	P	Josephine Marshall, Stroud High	A
Erfan Fadaei, Marling	A	Josh Conway, Painswick Youth Club	A
Georgina Greenwood, Stroud High	A	Ben Challis, Marling	A
Joe Tarran, Painswick Youth Club	A	Danielle Russell, Minch Youth Club	A
Katherine Birkin, Thomas Keble	A	Amy Lang, Dursley Youth Centre	A
Sam Durn, Stroud College	A	Mandy Noble, Cashes Green YP	A
Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	A	Freddie Whittaker, Archway *	P
Stuart Gardener, Maidenhill School	A	Max Webb, Stonehouse YC	A
Dan McIntosh, Maidenhill School	A	Kelly Hooper, Cashes Green YP	A

\*\* = Chair   \* = Vice-Chair   P = present   A = absent   Ap = apology

### OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer (Hear by Right) SDC  
Sinead Chambers, Youth Council Support Officer, SDC  
Kathleen Maunsell, Glos Youth Service  
Cllr Miranda Clifton, SDC  
Cllr Elisabeth Bird, SDC

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### WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Elsie Kenny welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Phil Sullivan, Head of Community Safety SDC.

## **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and agreed to be a true and accurate record.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF**

Steve introduced himself and Sinead to the group and highlighted their respective roles with reference to the Youth Council's function. Steve being already well-known to the group, as previously employed by the County Youth Service (until September 2006) as the Youth Worker for Stroud District Youth Council – he is now employed by SDC as the Senior Hear by Right Youth Officer (a new post) and Sinead is the new Youth Council Support Officer also employed by SDC in the Community Safety department.

## **REVIEW OF 2005/2006 YOUTH COUNCIL YEAR**

Steve facilitated a feedback session to enable members to review the work of the youth council from October 2005 to October 2006. The following was noted;

- Attendance was generally poor at meetings.
- The training residential was good in light of the group being expanded to include youth club representation.
- SDYC funded activities (via YIF) at Berkeley Festival, The Duke of Edinburgh 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. Members were also in attendance.
- Helped coordinate the Litter Pick in Stroud. Cllr Bird stated that this event brought the Youth Council a good positive profile.
- UK Youth Parliament representatives for Stroud & Cotswolds were both from this Youth Council.
- French Connection - Linked up with a similar youth council from France during a Twinning visit to Frampton on Severn. A presentation was made and information was shared.
- Progress was made on the development of a Questionnaire – it is now ready for use as a consultation tool.
- Some environmental and 'Fair-trade' work was done in schools.
- A joint fundraising Car Wash with the Fire & Rescue Service was successful in Wotton under Edge.
- Grant Funding via Youth Initiative Fund and Talented Young Sports Performers grant was again successful, although an under spend was noted at the end of the financial year in March.
- The expansion of the Youth Council membership involving youth club forums led to many challenges to established group norms. However it was noted that young people had learnt much and youth work staff alike - it was intended to address many issues during the formation of the new training programme.
- Press columns and write-ups were reasonably successful.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Youth Council has designed and completed the formation of a questionnaire targeted at young people across the district particularly in schools, youth clubs and general communities. This is to be a consultation tool in which to inform the youth council on a number of wide issues for young people across the district. We have 3 digital cameras to give as prizes to the school or youth club who returns the most completed questionnaires, the 3<sup>rd</sup> camera will go to the person who's name is drawn

randomly out of a hat. This will be shared with the new youth council at the next meeting.

### **UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT REPORT**

Ceri reported that her and Ben (as MYP and Deputy MYP respectively) would be continuing their time in office until the elections in January 2007. The promotion of UKYP will begin in November with view to setting up polling stations around the county – there will also be workshops available for those interested in being candidates throughout November, dates to be advised.

### **REPORT FROM MEMBERS**

The members present gave a brief incite into their work since the last meeting.

It was noted that this would be Ceri and Elsie's final meeting due to increased commitments with educational studies, they both spoke of the enjoyment and personal gain in being members of the youth council – they were thanked for their services and hard work during their respective time as youth councillors and best wishes were conveyed for their future.

### **PROMOTION AND RECRUITMENT**

It was highlighted that Ceri using previous material as a base, had formulated a short promotion and recruitment power point presentation. This would be presented prior to the next Youth Opportunity Fund Panel meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October, having been offered to some schools and youth clubs.

### **IDEAS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

Steve facilitated a feedback session to enable members to put forward ideas for the year ahead. The following was noted;

- Produced 3 targets to work on that would focus the youth council as a whole.  
An Event (s)  
An Issue (i.e. Transport)  
An N Other (?)
- Concentrated on specific projects (linked to the above)
- Coordinate a live music event (similar to The GIG – 2/3 years ago)
- Coordinate a local DJ event.
- Training events throughout the year – particularly based on team building.
- Have a social element to being a Youth Councillor
- Join the British Youth Council
- Transport Issue – Buses / Trains / Coaches
  - Seek link with BYC for a National campaign
  - Night Bus for Cinema
  - Lower prices for 16 to 18 year olds
- Hold more meetings at Youth Centres – less formal & more relaxed
- Hold quarterly meetings in Council Chamber

Freddie took the chair following Elsie's need to leave the meeting early.

### **ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT**

It was highlighted that the annual training event would be taking place from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Whitemead Forest Park, Forest of Dean. An extended programme had been produced by Steve and Kathleen who would facilitate the weekend event with support from Danny James (Youth Worker, Cam & Dursley). Details have been circulated to all youth council members with returned contacts detail forms, but it was noted that many contact form returns were still outstanding despite a huge effort to communicate with schools and youth clubs.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting would take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October as part of the Training event.

**Change to Constitution Proposal** - It was also agreed that a proposal would be put to the meeting to increase the number of voting & deputy representatives from youth clubs from 1 person to 2 people respectively. Freddie agreed to propose this change and Meg agreed to second this.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

It was agreed that future-meeting dates should be agreed with the 'new' youth council at the next meeting.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Whitemead Forest Park, Forest of Dean.