

STROUD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2000 at 4.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud.

MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENT:-

Stewart McKane (Vice Chair)	Katharine Lady Berkeley's
Thomas Whitbread	Katharine Lady Berkeley's
Lawrence Anderson	Marling
Marcus Angell	Marling
Lucy Mather	Rednock
Katy Costigan	Thomas Keble

Also Present:-

David Marshall	Information Officer, Stroud District Council
Phil Sullivan	Community Safety Officer, Stroud District Council

Apologies:-

Fred Chance	Stroud Team Leader, Youth and Community Service
Dan Snell	Marling
Nina Costigan (Chair)	Thomas Keble

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<u>Youth Council Headed Notepaper</u>	<p>Lawrence circulated a sample of quick ideas for a logo for the Council which he felt could be expanded if necessary.</p> <p>Some members felt that it would be best to leave the choice until more of the Youth Council were able to attend a meeting in order to get their views.</p> <p>David Marshall suggested that if a copy of the examples was sent with the minutes to all the members, with a request for any other suggestions, the item could then be included in the agenda for the next meeting and a decision taken at that time.</p> <p>The Council agreed to this suggestion.</p>

<u>Any Other Business</u>	
<u>Stroud Substance Action Group</u>	<p>Phil Sullivan explained his role as Chairman of the Stroud Substance Action Group and that the Group were keen to have young persons' views through a representative from the Youth Council at their meetings.</p> <p>Their next meeting was at the High School on 11 July at 2.00 pm and he asked if anyone was interested in attending to see what was involved. He gave brief details of the organisations represented on the Group and the type of items discussed.</p> <p>The invitation was noted and Youth Council members asked to consider the question of representation and report back to the next meeting.</p>
<u>Publicity</u>	<p>Lawrence reported that no further progress had been made with publicity.</p> <p>It was suggested that a regular item about the Youth Council would be beneficial and Lawrence agreed to contact the Chair and discuss the matter, particularly with reference to the Stroud News and Journal offer.</p>
<u>Funding</u>	<p>Phil Sullivan referred to the High Sheriff's Fund and suggested that if a bid was to be put forward it would have to be specifically targeted to an initiative to benefit young people. He gave an example of young people who had introduced a regular informal meeting with elderly residents to try and improve the residents fear of the young and their own understanding of the basis of that fear. Postcoding young peoples' belongings to prevent theft was another possibility.</p> <p>Some suggestions were put forward but these were not considered to meet the necessary criteria.</p> <p>It was agreed that all members should be asked to go back to their respective schools and ask for ideas on funding projects and to bring any suggestions to the next meeting.</p>
<u>CCTV</u>	<p>Phil Sullivan explained that 3 bids were being made for additional funding for the CCTV scheme in order to upgrade the current equipment at Stroud and Dursley and to provide a new portable system to cover any particular problem areas in parishes.</p> <p>As part of the process for the bids it was required that he consulted on the proposals and it would be useful to have the views of the Youth Council to put forward.</p> <p>The Youth Council supported the principle of the proposed improvements to the CCTV scheme.</p>

<u>Items for next agenda</u>	Phil Sullivan put forward three matters for the next meeting:- a) 'Child Safe' Scheme; b) Truancy in senior schools; and, c) Age Concern – 'Message in a Bottle' scheme.
<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 11 September 2000 at 4.30 p.m. at Ebley Mill.

The meeting ended at 6.24 p.m.