

## **STROUD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2000 at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud.

### **MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENT :-**

Nina Costigan (Chair)	Thomas Keble
Stewart McKane (Vice Chair)	Katharine Lady Berkeley's
Alex Hughes	Archway
Fred Hulls	Archway
Sam Rees	Maidenhill
Mark Loveridge	Maidenhill
Lawrence Anderson	Marling
Dan Snell	Marling
Marcus Angell	Marling
Lucy Mather	Rednock
Katy Costigan	Thomas Keble

### **Also Present:-**

Fred Chance	Stroud Team Leader, Youth and Community Service
David Marshall	Information Officer, Stroud District Council
Phil Sullivan	Community Safety Officer, Stroud District Council

### **Apologies:-**

Lee Stopford, Cheryl Holley (Sam Rees and Mark Loveridge substituting), second rep KLB.

<b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b>	The Chair welcomed the new members and reiterated her previous request that schools should try to bring substitutes if original members were not available.
<b><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2000</u></b>	Accepted as a correct record, but with a request that the following be added to the list of those present: Phil Sullivan - Community Safety Officer, SDC Eddie Whitlock - Neighbourhood Watch Association Bernard Brown - Neighbourhood Watch Association
<b><u>Matters arising</u></b>	It was reported that Archway School had been unable to find a Nailsworth representative for the Council. However, Marcus Angell (Marling) advised that he lives in Nailsworth.
<b><u>Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)</u></b>	Members advised that they needed more information. Phil Sullivan repeated NHW's offer to talk to schools.  <b>Members were asked to find when it would be convenient for these talks, when as many pupils as possible could be present, and report back.</b>
<b><u>Stroud Substance Action Group (SSAG)</u></b>	Phil Sullivan explained that feedback was needed from young people on the causes of under-age drinking. A discussion followed, focusing on the lack of "no-alcohol" bars, transport problems and the preference of some young people to be on the streets. Fred Chance explained the role of SSAG and emphasised that it only covers the Stroud area. <b>It was agreed that the Youth Council should be represented on SSAG; members can attend its next meeting at 2pm on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July. It is confirmed that this will be held at Maidenhill School. Anyone needing transport should contact Phil Sullivan (01453 754280; <a href="mailto:phil.sullivan@stroud.gov.uk">phil.sullivan@stroud.gov.uk</a>)</b>
<b><u>Headed notepaper</u></b>	Views differed over whether this should be colourful and jazzy, or more serious. There was agreement that a logo is needed. <b>Members agreed to form a sub-group to examine these issues. This will comprise Fred Hulls, Marcus Angell, Lawrence Anderson, Dan Snell, Lucy Mather and Katy Costigan. The sub-group's first meeting will be held at Roxburgh House, Stroud at 7pm on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. (Meet up 6.45pm at top of High Street).</b>
<b><u>Any other business</u></b>  <b><u>Publicity</u></b>	The Chair drew members' attention to the recent Youth Council article which appeared in the Stroud News and Journal (SNJ). Concern was expressed that the Gazette newspaper area could be excluded. <b>Members agreed the following action:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Press officers were asked to release a regular Council update to the press.</b></li><li>• <b>An SNJ reporter should be invited to attend future</b></li></ul>

	<p><b>meetings.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stewart McKane would send Gazette contact details to Dan Snell.</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> March meeting</u></b>	Both the consultation and Young Person's Rights items are still outstanding.
<b><u>Youth Council Budget</u></b>	<p>Dave Marshall explained that the Education Business Partnership had to be consulted before the budget would become available. This should happen in time for September, when there would be more continuity in the Youth Council's business.</p> <p>Fred Chance outlined three projects which were examples of how the money could be spent. These were subsidised Leisure Centre access, the Prema outreach scheme and information cards.</p> <p>Phil Sullivan drew members' attention to the Crimebeat scheme, which could be a further source of funding. A member requested that Phil obtain an information pack.</p>
<b><u>Under age drinking</u></b>	A further debate on under age drinking took place. Fred Chance suggested that members should obtain details of how the subject is covered in schools from their PSE teachers. This was agreed as a basis for the Youth Council to make recommendations on the subject. Fred will represent SSAG at a future meeting when this is discussed.
<b><u>Vice Chair's email</u></b>	Stewart asked members not to use capitals in his email address ( <a href="mailto:smckane@mallcity.com">smckane@mallcity.com</a> ), as this causing confusion with a farmer in Idaho!
<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b>	10th July 2000

The meeting ended at 6.15 p.m.