



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

13TH SEPTEMBER 2004

**Venue: Restaurant
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4.30 pm – 5.45 pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Ryan Castle, KLB	P	Nico Mustafic **	P
Katy Dainton, Stroud College	P	Justine Pemberton, Rednock	P
Jenny Dando Stroud High	P	Emma Pinchbeck, Stroud High *	P
Nikki Deeley, Maidenhill	P	Frankie Rushton, Stroud High	P
Alex Farrow, Marling	P	Ceri Wills, Rednock	P
Grace Jackson, KLB	A		

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Dorcas Binns
Councillor Miranda Clifton
Councillor Hilary Fowles
Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Barbara Tait

David Marshall
Phil Sullivan
Paul Helbrow

Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the members from Vale of Berkeley College who were unable to attend due to transport difficulties.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed new members to the meeting and invited all those present to introduce themselves.

NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Notes of the previous meeting held on 16th July 2004 were accepted as an accurate record by those present.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

TRAINING EVENT

Steve Miles suggested a number of alternative dates for the next Youth Council training event. In order to avoid a clash with half term, members agreed that the event should be held on the weekend of either 16-17 October or 6-7 November. Steve Miles said he would research possible venues and would report back with details at the next meeting.

David Marshall reminded members that they represented around 10,000 young people in the Stroud District who did not yet have a vote. It was important therefore that the Youth Council sought the views of those people and an important part of the training event should be to establish how to go about this. Councillors Binns and Tait said that the views of young people were needed so that they could be fed back to the District Council. It was important to get views in quickly so that they can be taken into account when preparing the budget for 2005/06.

YOUTH COUNCIL GIG

Katy Dainton said that all the advance preparations had been made for the gig to be held on 18th September. There would be a lot of setting up work to do on the night and she asked members if they could arrive at 5:00pm to help and also to stay on at the end in order to help clear up.

Posters have been prepared and distributed. Paul Helbrow reminded members that the District Council now has a strict policy regarding fly posting and asked that this be respected.

Alex Farrow said that publicity of the event had been arranged with the Press and local radio stations.

MEETING TIMETABLE

David Marshall said that it would be useful to have a timetable of regular dates for future meetings, but it was up to members to decide how often they felt they should meet. Members agreed to meet every three weeks on Monday at 4:30pm. Meetings may be brought forward or put back by one week if there is a clash with holiday periods. It was agreed that meetings should be held in the main Council Chamber whenever possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

David Marshall read out a letter from a former Youth Council member, Daniel Marshall, in which he asked that the Youth Council should take a more active role in representing the religious views of young people. He volunteered to serve on the Youth Council as a representative of those with strong religious beliefs. Members understood his point of view but felt that there could be a number of problems in singling out specific groups. Members decided to invite Daniel Marshall to the next meeting so that the subject could be discussed further.

David Marshall also read out a letter from Ben Ruggles in which he said how much he had enjoyed being a member of the Youth Council and that it had helped to widen his

experience. He thanked everyone for their help during the time that he had been a member.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Alex Farrow circulated a summary of a number of local and national initiatives that he was involved with as a member of the Youth Parliament. The Chairman and members congratulated Alex for his hard work.

Alex said he had been invited to a management meeting at Stratford Park Leisure Centre on Tuesday 21st September but was unable to attend. Emma Pinchbeck agreed to attend as a representative of the Youth Council.

Alex also said that he was visiting youth clubs in his role as a member of the Youth Parliament and it would be useful to have a representative of the Youth Council present as well. Katy Dainton agreed to go to future meetings with Alex.

Katy Dainton said that she had been invited to join the District Council's Equalities Advisory Panel in order to represent young people in the District. She said that a number of issues would arise on which it would be useful to seek the views of other members of the Youth Council. She will keep members informed.

Alex Farrow said that the Gloucestershire Branch of the UK Youth Parliament was holding an event on Thursday 14th October and it would be a good idea if the Youth Council were represented at the event. In view of the closeness of their own event on Saturday, Members agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next full Council meeting will be Monday 20th September 2004 at 4:30pm in the Restaurant. This will be preceded by a Youth Cabinet meeting at 4 pm.

The meeting finished at 5:45pm