



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD

ON 1ST MARCH 2004

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4.30pm – 5.15pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Louisa Holloway, Archway	A	Alex Farrow, Marling	P
Barney Witts, Archway	A	Dan Rebati, Marling	P
Start Byles, Berkeley Vale	P	Alex Chartier, Rednock	P
Daniel Dietschmann, Berkeley Vale	P	Nico Mustafic, Rednock **	A
Ryan Castle, KLB	P	Jo Sealey, Rednock	A
Adam Didcott, KLB	P	Alex Hutchinson, Stroud College	A
Grace Jackson, KLB	P	Katy Dainton, Stroud High	P
Ben Williams KLB	A	Emma Pinchbeck, Stroud High *	P
Jackie Boor, Maidenhill	A	Frankie Rushton, Stroud High	P
Carrie Gomersall, Maidenhill	A	Daniel Marshall, Thomas Keble	A
Danielle Holland	A	Ben Ruggles, Thomas Keble	A
Iman Fadaei, Marling	P	Catherine Jones, ex officio	A

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Gloucestershire Youth Service Dave Marshall, Stroud District Council
Barbara Tait, Stroud District Council

In the absence of Nico Mustafic, Emma Pinchbeck chaired the meeting

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jackie Boor and Ben Ruggles.

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2004 were accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Dave reported that it had not been possible to secure any of the free places for the conference to be held on 10th March. The Youth Council members agreed to pay for Katy to attend and Stroud High School has agreed to pay for Frankie to go as well.

YOUTH CABINET MEETING

An application for a grant had been received from the 3rd Stroud Guides and Brownies to help fund a trip to Guernsey. Members felt that as the trip was essentially a holiday, no funds should be given. RESOLVED that the application be turned down.

An application had been received from The Itchy Feet Dance Group (Stonehouse) who had won their way through to the finals of a National competition. The request was for funds to cover the cost of transport and accommodation. Members noted that every effort had been made by the dance group to keep costs down to a minimum. RESOLVED to make a donation of £190.

CONSTITUTION

Work on the Constitution was progressing well and it could be completed in time for the next full Council meeting. Members noted that the next Constitution Working Party meeting will be held on Monday 8th March at 4pm.

BUS SERVICES

Katy reported that a reply had been received from Stagecoach and a copy was attached to the Agenda. Members felt that the reply was not entirely satisfactory and decided that further enquiries needed to be made. As a next step it was agreed that a County Council representative should be invited to the next meeting to brief members on the current situation. If necessary, members would then invite a Stagecoach representative to a following meeting.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT – OPEN FORUM AFTERNOON

Alex Farrow reported that an Open Forum would be held in the Council Chamber on the afternoon of 12th March. Four topics would be on the agenda for discussion: Health, Leisure, Education and Transport. The purpose of the Forum was to find out what young people wanted. Representatives from all schools were invited. Alex said that he had also invited District Councillors and there had also been interest from the Press.

YOUTH COUNCIL EVENT

Katy said that discussions with some members had produced ideas for holding a gig on 18th September. It was now time to set up a group to look at the idea in more detail. Dan Rebaty, Alex Farrow, Alex Chartier, Chris Jackson, Grace Jackson, Iman Fadaei and Katy Dainton volunteered to set up a sub-committee. It was agreed that the main aim of the event would be to publicise the Youth Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Emma and Katy said that they had both had meetings with school groups to raise awareness of the Youth Council. Alex Farrow said that he had a Press release which would give further publicity in local newspapers.

Dave asked members if they could ensure that he had an up to date list of members email addresses so that they could be entered into the Stroud District Council website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The dates of the next two meetings will be Monday 29th March and Monday 26th April.

The next Youth Cabinet meeting will be held on Monday, 29th March at 4pm.

The Constitution Working Party will meet on Monday 8th March at 4pm.