



## **NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON**

**20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004**

**Venue: Restaurant  
Stroud District Council**

**Time: 4.30 pm – 5.35 pm**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

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

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Councillor Miranda Clifton  
Councillor Barbara Tait

Dave Marshall, SDC  
Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service

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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FOR 2004/05**

The Chair welcomed new Members to the Meeting and all were invited to introduce themselves.

### **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2004 were accepted as an accurate record by those present.

### **EQUALITIES ADVISORY PANEL**

Katy has joined the District Equalities Advisory Panel, which has been set up to enable Stroud District Council to consult hard to hear groups. Through Katy, the Youth Council has been asked to read through the draft Equalities Statement and the Council's recruitment paperwork (to be distributed amongst Youth Council Members at the next Youth Cabinet meeting) and advise as to whether they believe young people are being discriminated against.

It was agreed that there is a large amount of information to get through and this subject could take 2-3 meetings to cover fully. Discussions will begin at the next Youth Cabinet meeting.

### **MEETING TIMETABLE 2004/05**

The Council agreed that all Members present had received a copy of the meetings schedule and were happy that the meeting dates were all satisfactory. It was agreed that all meetings should be kept within term times.

### **YOUTH COUNCIL GIG**

The Youth Council gig was held on Saturday 18 September; all Members involved considered the event a success, with 230 tickets sold. It was estimated that the event made £1145 in sales, with approximately £300 profit available to the Youth Council.

The Chair asked how the event was advertised, to which Katy Dainton responded that the Youth Council logo was used on all advertising posters, an article was printed in the Stroud News and Journal before the event and a write up appeared following the event in the Citizen, there was however, no mention of the Youth Council at the gig itself. These methods prompted a number of people to ask questions about the Youth Council allowing for positive feedback.

Whilst it was agreed that the event wasn't always straightforward to organise and was at times stressful, it was agreed that the time and effort contributed by all those involved was worthwhile and another gig would be considered in the future.

The Council discussed how the profit could be distributed. The following options were discussed:

- All profits to be split between the bands
- All profits to be returned to the Operational Fund
- All profits to be returned to the Initiatives budget
- Split all profits a number of ways

It was decided that £200 would be distributed amongst the bands in order to reimburse them for expenses incurred, as well as a goodwill gesture. The remainder of the profit (minus expenses for Katy) would go back into the operational budget.

### **YOUTH CABINET REPORT**

There was a discussion about what the Youth Council consider they should be addressing this year.

It was requested that at the next meeting (11 October 2004), that the budget is discussed.

Katy said that the questionnaire she received last year wasn't very clear and needed further clarification, possibly a question and answer session.

The Council agreed they need to consider going out into the Youth Community in order to find out what areas they should be addressing. It was agreed that this is a

subject which could be discussed at the training event, as well as the methods to be used in order to gain this information.

### **TRAINING EVENT**

Steve provided a background to the training sessions for the benefit of the new Members present.

It is hoped that this year's event will be held at Center Parcs in Longleat, however, Centre Parcs have not yet responded.

It was agreed that as long as Steve had all Members' email addresses, he would continue to provide information about the training event as soon as it was available.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Following Phil Park's request at a previous Youth Council meeting, Community Safety has been added to the agenda as a standing item. There were no items to discuss this week, however, it is anticipated that there will be items for discussion at the next meeting.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Dave Marshall asked the Council if they were happy with the food provided for their meetings as this is paid for out of the Youth Council's operational budget. It was decided that it is necessary for food to be made available as Members are arriving at meetings straight after school, it was considered easier to have more finger foods.

The issue of low attendance was discussed. It had been noted that attendance at meetings has recently been low, and the idea of signing a declaration of office was suggested as a way to improve attendance. Steve highlighted this as being an issue which will be raised at the training event. It was also noted that there is still no representation at the Youth Council from Archway school.

Katy Dainton asked that the Youth Council look into the Local Strategic Partnership paperwork, in order to discuss items affecting young people. It was agreed that a small group to include new Members, be formed in order to look through some of the documentation already received. The deadline for this is the end of October.

Sunday 31 October is National Youth Group Week. The South area are organising an art show case at Dean Close School. The theme for the event is 'Best of Health' and all are welcome

A representative of Stagecoach and Derek Lucas are to be invited to a Youth Council meeting after the training event has taken place. This is following discussions at previous meetings. In order to ensure a representative is able to attend from Stagecoach, Dave Marshall suggested that a list of the Youth Council meetings is sent to them and they can provide us with a date they are able to make.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11 October 2004, 4.30pm in the Restaurant**