



STROUD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2002, at 4:30 pm in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud.

Present

Keith Roberts	Berkeley Vale
Callan Trump	Berkeley Vale
Marcus Angell	Marling
Dan Snell	Marling
Euan Howard	Rednock
Nico Mustafic	Rednock
Philippa Radford-Hancock	Stroud High School
Jenny Steer	Stroud High School
Shannon Peacey	Maidenhill
Lucy Churchill	Maidenhill
Hayden Fry	Maidenhill
Emily Cooper	Thomas Keble

Also Present:

Phil Sullivan	Community Safety Officer, Stroud District Council
Councillor Mrs Barbara Tait	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Stroud District Council
David Marshall	Public Relations Officer, Stroud District Council
Steve Miles	Youth and Community Service
Mike Griggs	Stroud Sea Cadets

1 Apologies

Debbie Lang	Stroud Team Leader, Youth and Community Service
Jemma Grieve	Katharine, Lady Berkeley's
Juzer Esmailji	Marling

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 11 March 2002 were accepted as a correct record.

3 **Matters Arising:**

No matters arising.

4 **Mike Griggs, Stroud Sea Cadets**

Mike Griggs gave a brief on behalf of the Stroud Sea Cadets. He explained that the main Headquarters is based in London, that Stroud is in the South West Division and that there are 9 units, Stroud is the Severn District Unit. Cadets join from the age 10 – 12 then after this the Junior Cadets take their Promise and move up to Cadets until the age of 18. They can then become Unit staff or move onto the Royal Navy. There are a number of events that are organised around the county - weekend courses, competitions, etc.

The Stroud Sea Cadets are self-sufficient where each year £45,000 is needed to run the unit, no funding is given from other resources. The project this year was for tarmac resurfaced at the Unit HQ. There is a need to make it safer, so cadets can use it for drill plus summer displays. The builder has quoted £11,000. £4,800 has been raised from the National Lottery, £1,000 from Stroud Town Council and £400 from the Langtree Trust. It is hoped that work can commence in May. Any help towards this project would be most welcome.

If any of the Youth Council would like to have a look around then opening times are Monday and Thursday evenings, a Unit brochure is available.

A series of questions from the Cabinet were put to Mike Griggs: How much was the request for, what recognition were they going to get, what do the Cadets gain from this project and what is the long term plan.

Mike Griggs confirmed that the request was for £1,000, that the benefits to the Cadets were teamwork, citizenship and references for future college/employment/navy. Publicity will be available with photographs; publicity for the Stroud Sea Cadets is always welcome, as it likes to inform as many people as possible of the achievements of the Cadets. The long-term plan is that this will benefit Cadets -hopefully for the next 20 – 25 years.

Marcus Angell proposed that the Youth Council support the Stroud Sea Cadet Unit for the sum of £1000, seconded by Callan Trump. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

RESOLVED That the Stroud Sea Cadets receive the sum of £1000.

The Chair thanked Mike Griggs for his attendance.

5 **Cabinet Meeting 21st March**

Councillor Mrs Tait asked the group for feedback on the Cabinet meeting that was held on the 21st March 2002.

The Youth Cabinet agreed that they found it useful and very interesting. They also felt part of it especially when members were able to direct questions to Cabinet.

6 Feedback from 8th April, 2002

Steve Miles gave a brief on the workshop of 8th April. The key points to come out of the workshop was a poster campaign to inform and encourage new Youth Council members and to produce a video.

A theme and working in partnership will need to be established for the new video any other ideas that members have will be welcome.

The time limit for co-ordinating ideas etc. is short therefore it was suggested that a meeting should take place within the next 2 weeks.

It was agreed to meet on Monday 29th April, in Council Chamber @ 4:30 pm

7 Youth Council Website

Dave Marshall, Public Relations Officer clarified some points that the Youth Council had raised. It was agreed that the website would be separate from the Council's website but that it should be linked into SDC website. The chair agreed to update Juzer Esmailiji.

8 Community Safety

The Community Safety Officer gave an update on Crime and Disorder. A leaflet, Community Strategy, was distributed to the members where the objectives were explained for the next 3 years. The two main aims are to reduce victims of crime and to reduce the number of young people becoming offenders.

SDC has in partnership with Tewkesbury and Forest of Dean won Beacon Status for their Crime and Disorder Strategy. Phil Sullivan explained that this was a major achievement for SDC; they were the only ones to win a bid in the South West of England. Members were thanked for their contribution, they have been a part of that success, and that's what working in partnership is about.

A second leaflet, Action against Racist Incidents in the South West, was distributed. The Community Safety Officer briefed the members on the leaflet; he explained that the leaflet was produced in partnership with Citizens Advice Bureau, South West Regional Assembly, Black South West Network and Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations (South West). If anyone is interested in attending a meeting to experience what goes on then they can contact Phil Sullivan, 01453 754280.

Some Members of the Cabinet visited the CCTV control room at Stroud Police Station. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit explaining how all but one CCTV camera is now colour and what a difference it has made to the monitoring staff, they were very impressed. Phil Sullivan explained that if any one else would like to visit please contact him on 01453 754280.

9 Youth Council 2002/03

Dave Marshall reminded the Council that new members need to be nominated and asked how the members were getting on with finding successors.

Some members explained that they were holding a group meeting at school to discuss successors.

It was clarified that 3 (or more) members can attend Youth Council but only 2 would be allowed to vote. It was agreed by members that they would bring along future successors to the next meeting in June, with the main emphasis that they would observe procedure and not participate at this stage.

10 Visit to Germany, July 2002.

Dave Marshall clarified that there was no member from Youth Council attending the visit to Germany. However there were 3 members from the Peer Education Group of which 1 member is also a Youth Council member. If there is anyone else that would like to go there is still time to book you in, contact Dave Marshall, 01453 754646.

11 A.O.B.

Steve Miles circulated a request from Minchinhampton Youth Club for funding of a photograph and art project and a 3 evening workshop for girls.

Members requested that a staff member and perhaps a club member from Minchinhampton Youth Club be invited to the next meeting to give a presentation.

Dave Marshall reminded the group that the next Youth Council meeting on 10th June is 10 days before the next SDC Cabinet meeting on 20th June. Members should therefore make every effort to attend as the Cabinet agenda will be available for discussion. Youth Cabinet members should also take up their opportunity to attend SDC Cabinet and speak on anything that concerns them. He also reminded the group that Youth Council meetings are their meetings and therefore they can set the agenda. Please inform him what you would like to discuss for the next agenda.

The District Council Election Count will be held at Stratford Park Leisure Centre on the evening of Thursday, 2nd May. If any of you are interested in taking part contact Dave Marshall 01453 754646. The count starts at approximately 9:30 pm

12 Date of next meeting/s

29th April 200 at 4:30 pm in Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

10th June, 2002 at 4:30pm in Council Chamber, Ebley Mill.

The meeting closed at 5:35 pm.