



NOTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 22nd November 2004

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4:35 pm – 6:00 pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Ryan Castle, KLB	Ap	Chris Nicholls, KLB	Ap
Katy Dainton, Stroud College	P	Justine Pemberton, Rednock	P
Jenny Dando, Stroud High	P	Emma Pinchbeck*, Stroud High	P
Nikki Deeley, Maidenhill	Ap	James Radford, Maidenhill	P
Alex Farrow, Marling	P	Frankie Rushton, Stroud High	P
Grace Jackson, KLB	Ap	Oliver Timms, Marling	P
Polly Lord, KLB	P	Freddie Whittaker, Archway	P
Daniel Marshall	P	Ceri Wills, Rednock	P
Nico Mustafic**	P		

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Miranda Clifton
Mark Harsant, SDC

Dave Marshall, SDC
Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service

Councillor Dorcas Binns - apologies

The Chairman welcomed Freddie Whittaker, Archway School's representative.

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meeting held on 1st November 2004 were accepted; Emma pointed out that she had sent in her apologies.

CONSTITUTION

The new Youth Council Constitution, developed over the last 12 months, was accepted unanimously. Dave reported that some minor errors were being collected, but that these did not affect the content of the document. The meeting thanked Dave and Steve for their input.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Emma Pinchbeck was elected unopposed. At this point, Nico left the meeting, thanking everyone - especially Katy - for their support, help and hard work. He had enjoyed his time with the Youth Council immensely.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Justine Pemberton was elected unopposed.

ELECTION OF CABINET

Leader

Alex Farrow, Katy Dainton and Frankie Rushton were validly nominated; after secret ballot, Frankie was elected.

Regeneration & Tourism

Alex Farrow

Community Cohesion

Justine Pemberton

Environment, Rural Affairs and Licensing

Ollie Timms

Finance & Corporate Services

Polly Lord

Housing

James Radford and Katy Dainton were validly nominated. After a secret ballot, Katy was elected.

Planning

Freddie Whittaker

Health & Well-being

Ceri Wills

Daniel Marshall was co-opted on to the Youth Council as a voting member with responsibility for Interfaith issues.

It was suggested that a Cabinet Member for Publicity be appointed; it was agreed that instead, Polly, Alex and Justine would work on publicity.

SDC BUDGET

Dave reminded members that from Stroud District Council's point of view, this was probably the most important issue upon which the Youth Council would be consulted, since everything ultimately depended on it. He asked for the outstanding questionnaires to be returned by the end of the week.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Youth Cabinet meeting to be held on 29th November.
2. Alex asked for a regular UK Youth Parliament item to be put on future agendas; this was agreed. He confirmed that he will remain a UKYP member, as he has been appointed as Procedures Group Representative for the South West.
3. James reported that he had attended an SDC meeting looking at increasing the number of people voting at elections. Part of this would involve a questionnaire to young people, upon which the Youth Council would be consulted. It would also involve the designing of posters, in which it was hoped schools could be involved. This suggestion was supported - members to check with their art departments. More information will be available from SDC shortly.
4. The Away Weekend had been a great success. Steve will produce a full report in due course.

NEXT MEETING

To be held in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill, 4.30 pm on Monday, 13th December.