



**NOTES OF A MEETING HELD
ON 24th March 2003**

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

A= Apologies/Absent; P= Present

Nico Mustafic (Chair), Rednock	P	Marcus Angell, Marling	A
Katy Dainton (Vice Chair), Stroud High	P	Juzer Esmailji, Marling	A
Hollie Aldridge, Berkeley Vale	A	Iman Fadaei, Marling	P
Louisa Hayward, Berkeley Vale	A	Dan Snell, Marling	A
Jemma Grieve, Katharine, Lady Berkeley's	A	Catherine Jones, Stroud High	P
Sophie Mitchell, Katharine, Lady Berkely's	P	Dan Flack, Thomas Keble	A
Lisa Hogg, Maidenhill	A	Katy Costigan, Thomas Keble	P
Becci Saynor, Maidenhill	A	Euan Howard, Rednock	A
Sam Williams, Maidenhill	A	Alex Hutchinson, Stroud College	A

OTHERS PRESENT

Jodie Townsend, Democratic Services Officer	Public Relations Officer
Steve Miles, Youth Service	Kylie Gibbon, Webmaster
Jenni Gardner, Democratic Services Officer	Councillor Barbara Tait
Councillor Daniel Le Fleming	David Horne, Citizens Online

SDYC02/03.20

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2003 are accepted as a correct record.

SDYC02/03.21

TALENTED PERFORMER GRANT AID PROGRAMME

The Chairman announced that the meeting would not be sticking to the format described in the agenda, he invited Sophie Mitchell to report back to the Youth Council regarding the Talented Performer Grant Aid Programme.

Sophie Mitchell reported to the Youth Council that she had meet with Jane Bullows, the Regeneration through Sports Manager, and had discussed the possible introduction of a Talented Performer Grant Aid Programme. The programme would offer financial assistance to talented individuals in the district who were able to compete on a district, county, national or international level at their sport. The programme proposed to use £2000 from the Youth Initiative Fund.

During discussions of the proposal the following issues were raised: -

- Concern was expressed that the removal of £2000 from the Youth Initiative Fund would drastically reduced the capabilities of the fund. The Youth Initiative Fund is able to benefit a wide range and number of people whilst the Talented Performer Grant Aid Programme would be very narrow in its focus.
- Concern was expressed about how effective the Talented Performer Grant Aid Programme would be with a budget of just £2000, an example of the cost of sports equipment was given to illustrate that £2000 would not stretch very far.

SDYC02.03.22

WEBSITE UPDATE

The Chairman invited Kylie Gibbon, the Stroud District Council Webmaster to speak to the Youth Council.

Kylie Gibbon informed the Youth Council that she would be willing to help with the format, lay-out and design of the website. It was agreed that the Youth Council website should be in a different image to the Stroud District Council Website as it would be aimed at a different type of user.

ACTION: Juzer Esmailji to forward website work to date to Kylie Gibbon.

A website sub-group meeting to take place on April 7th with Kylie Gibbon.

SDYC02/03.23

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL BUDGET

Councillor Barbara Tait informed the Youth Council that as part of the budget process the Cabinet would like to know what the Youth Council feel they should be spending money on. She suggested that the Youth Council members had a look at the budget and then gave some feedback at a future meeting.

SDYC02/03.24

YOUTH FAITH FORUM

Iman Fadaei presented information on the Youth Faith Forum to the Youth Council. He explained that such a forum would allow the district to look at the cultural and religious needs of the people who live within the district.

Councillor Tait suggested that such an idea could be integrated into the Stroud Festival.

ACTION: Further research on the idea of the Youth Faith Forum to be carried out.

SDYC02/03.25

YOUTH INITIATIVE FUND APPLICATION FORM

The Youth Council agreed that in order to advance on creating a new Youth Initiative Fund application form the Youth Cabinet should meet in order to discuss the criteria and the actual form itself.

ACTION: Cabinet to meet on April 8th 2003 to discuss Youth Initiative Fund Application Form.

SDYC02/03.26

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES UNIT

Jodie Townsend, the Democratic Services Officer, reminded the Youth Council of the issues raised in the presentation by the Children and Young Peoples Unit at the previous Youth Council meeting.

A C T I O N: Democratic Services Officer to research the issues raised by the Children and Young peoples Unit and develop proposals for the Youth Council.

SDYC02/03.27

INTERNET AND TELEPHONE VOTING

David Horne from Citizens Online explained to the Youth Council the internet and telephone voting systems that would be available to use in the local elections. He explained that Stroud District Council had been selected to run the scheme as a pilot and that the hope was that such schemes would encourage more people, particularly younger people, to vote..

SDYC02/03.28

YOUTH EXCHANGE

The Chairman drew the Youth Councils attention to the copy of an e-mail received from Germany regarding a potential youth exchange.

Steve Miles explained to the Youth Council that historically the youth exchange between the youth group from Germany had been with Stonehouse Youth Club, as this was no longer occurring the German Youth group were looking for a new group to exchange with.

Members of the Youth Council felt that it would be more appropriate for a Youth Club or group to be involved in the exchange than a youth council.

A C T I O N: Public Relations Officer to reply to German Youth Group on behalf of the Youth Council.

SDYC02/03.29

YOUTH COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

The Chairman raised the issue of attendance at Youth Council meetings, he stated that he was disappointed by the attendance at Youth Council meetings during the past year and that he felt a core of members were the ones attending the meetings and carrying out the relevant business.

The possibility of having a rotation system or a deputy system was discussed. I was agreed that in future the Youth Council should enquire about why members were not attending.

Where the membership of the Youth Council should come from was raised, should it be just schools or should it also include youth groups and clubs?

It was agreed that an agenda item to discuss this should be put on the agenda for the next Youth Council meeting.

SDYC02/03.30

AWAY WEEKEND VIDEO

Steve Miles introduced the away weekend video before showing it to the youth council members.

All members of the Youth Council were in agreement that such away weekends were very beneficial and a similar event should again be organised for the coming year.