



Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2001 at 4.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud.

**MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENT :-**

Nina Costigan (Chair)	Thomas Keble
Stewart McKane (Vice Chair)	Katharine Lady Berkeley's
Dan Snell	Marling
Marcus Angell	Marling
Juzer Esmailji	Marling
Thomas Whitbread	Katharine Lady Berkeley's
Nico Mustafic	Rednock
Euan Howard	Rednock

**Also Present:-**

Cllr Mrs Barbara Tait	Deputy Leader, Stroud District Council
David Marshall	Public Relations Officer, Stroud District Council
Phil Sullivan	Community Safety Officer, Stroud District Council
Nigel Riglar	Head of Policy and Review, Stroud District Council
Lita Windland	Youth Council Assistant
Richard Pedlow	Neighbourhood Watch Association

**Apologies:-**

Katy Costigan	Thomas Keble
Fred Chance	Stroud Team Leader, Youth and Community Service

<b><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2001</u></b>	<b>Accepted as a correct record.</b>
<b><u>Matter arising from the minutes</u></b>	
Youth Initiative Fund	Lita advised that she had not convened the meeting with Andy Brooks

<p><b><u>Community Safety</u></b></p>	<p>Phil Sullivan updated members of the Youth Council on the following issues:</p> <p>The Validate Scheme had been successfully launched on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Trading Standards would shortly be visiting traders to test take-up of it.</p> <p>The Stroud CCTV bid to the Home Office had progressed to the second round. This would include 3 new cameras and £74000 of improved street lighting. The Dursley bid had not progressed to the second round.</p> <p>The “Connexions” initiative. This is a national scheme aimed at providing mentoring for young people. Fred Chance will be the local contact.</p>
<p><b><u>Best Value – Stroud District Council</u></b></p>	<p>Nigel Riglar, Head of Policy and Review at Stroud District Council, outlined the Government’s Best Value initiative. He explained that the idea is that councils should review all their services over a five year period. Public consultation is an important element of Best Value, because people should ultimately get the services they want and are willing to pay for. Therefore, the Youth Council’s views are particularly important because it represents the views of 9000 young people who have no other voice.</p> <p><b>The Youth Council agreed that it would like to consider Best Value issues as part of the main agenda. The request was that an issues paper be made available prior to the meeting.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Feedback on any Youth Cabinet Work</u></b></p>	<p>Only one Youth Cabinet member had attended the SDC Cabinet meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately, she had not been invited to sit with councillors. Cllr Mrs Tait apologised for this unintentional oversight.</p> <p>Attention was drawn to the next Cabinet meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July; agendas will be sent to all Youth Cabinet members. David Marshall would also make available a list of Cabinet/Youth Cabinet members.</p>
<p><b><u>Youth Initiative Fund applications</u></b></p>	<p>Members considered two applications which had been forwarded by Andy Brookes:</p> <p>a). One from a group of 12 18 - 21 year olds to stage a production at Horsley Village Hall. Amount requested was £275, with each member contributing £25 themselves.</p> <p><b>The Youth Council agreed to grant the £275 requested.</b></p>

	<p>b). One from Equals Youth Centre, Quedgeley, requesting £1100 for the purchase of a laser printer to help with production of a young people's newsletter in Hardwicke.</p> <p><b>Members requested more details of costs and what fundraising had been carried out locally.</b></p>
<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>	<p>Stuart McKane and Thomas Whitbread tendered their resignations as they about to leave school. Members expressed appreciation for their hard work and wished them well.</p> <p>Lita Windland also tendered her resignation as Youth Council Assistant; she will be going to university in the autumn.</p>
<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b>	<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 4.30 p.m.</b>