



STROUD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd December 2002, at 4:30 pm in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud.

MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENT:

Hollie Aldridge	Berkeley Vale
Jemma Grieve Sophie Mitchell	Katharine, Lady Berkeley's Katharine, Lady Berkeley's
Lisa Hogg	Maidenhill
Marcus Angell Juzer Esmailji Iman Fadaci Dan Snell	Marling Marling Marling Marling
Euan Howard Nico Mustafic	Rednock Rednock
Katy Dainton Catherine Jones	Stroud High Stroud High
Dan Flack	Thomas Keble

Also Present:

Cllr Barbara Tait	Cabinet Member, Stroud District Council
Cllr Miranda Clifton	Stroud District Council
Cllr Mattie Ross	Stroud District Council
Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	Cabinet Member, Stroud District Council (part)
David Marshall	Public Relations Officer, Stroud District Council
Phil Sullivan	Community Safety Officer, Stroud District Council
Paul Helbrow	Community Safety Office, Stroud District Council
Steve Miles	Youth and Community Service
Debbie Lang	Youth and Community Service

1 Apologies:

Louisa Hayward	Berkeley Vale
Becci Saynor	Maidenhill
Sam Williams	Maidenhill
Katy Costigan	Thomas Keble

2 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2002 were accepted as a correct record.

3 Feedback from Away Weekend:

The weekend at Center Parcs had been very successful. Work had concentrated on the following areas:-

- Team building
- Roles and responsibilities
- What the Youth Council is about - how it works, how it benefits the community
- Equal opportunities
- Funding

4. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Cabinet:

The following were proposed and seconded to be Chair of the Youth Council:

Katy Costigan and Nico Mustafic.

After a secret ballot, Nico Mustafic was elected as Chair.

The following were proposed and seconded to be Vice Chair of the Youth Council:

Katy Dainton and Juzer Esmailji.

After a secret ballot, Katy Dainton was elected as Vice Chair.

The following were appointed to the Youth Cabinet:

Community Strategy:	Jemma Grieve
Culture, Redevelopment and Regeneration:	Juzer Esmailji (with Sophie Mitchell)
Environment:	Catherine Jones
Housing:	<i>Vacant</i>
Planning:	Dan Flack
Resources:	Lisa Hogg
Rural Affairs:	Hollie Aldridge

5 Youth Council website:

Juzer presented his work on a Youth Council website. Members agreed that they would hold an extra meeting at **4:30pm on Monday, 9th December** in order to progress this project (*Note - this will take place in the Committee Room - just beyond the Council Chamber. A PC will be available.*)

6 Funding Requests:

Two funding requests from Minchinhampton Youth Club were presented by Debbie Lang:-

a). £400 was requested for materials and an artist's time to enable members to paint a mural in the disco room. This was agreed.

b). £400 was requested to fund a promotional video making the case for a skate park at the Youth Club. Members invited a member of the Club to a future meeting in order to explain the request in more detail.

7 Wotton under Edge Cinema:

Sophie updated members on Wotton cinema. A group, mainly of parents, had been set up to refurbish the building, which would probably have uses other than as a cinema. The downside of this was that it may well be difficult to buy in blockbuster films. At present, there was nothing the Youth Council could do, especially in the light of the large sums of money being sought. Dave Marshall pointed out that support from the Youth Council could be very important in future, and that there was no reason why a small grant could not be given, particularly as a gesture of support.

Nigel Studdert-Kennedy mentioned that an application had been made to Stroud District Council for a large Rural Project Grant, but that it did not fall within the criteria of "Rural". Sophie undertook to keep the Youth Council informed.

8 Young People's Themed Grants:

Dave Marshall circulated a draft copy of Stroud District Council's proposed grants for Young People's Projects in 2003/4. It was emphasised that the list was confidential and for members' eyes only. He explained that every year, the Council gives grants on a particular theme - eg the elderly, disabled, young people etc. Anyone with any question or comment was asked to email or contact Dave as soon as possible (david.marshall@stroud.gov.uk).

9 Connexions:

Lisa reported that Connexions were interested in the Youth Council and would like to attend a meeting. It was agreed that they could be invited to attend either the 16th December meeting, or 6th January.

There was also a meeting at Connexions on 9th December (10.30am - 2.00pm), which several members were interested in attending.

10 Any other business:

Dave advised members that the Conservative Group had agreed to hand over their meeting room for use by the Youth Council. Stroud District Council would also supply access cards so that Youth Councillors could meet in the room at any time. A PC (and hopefully a laptop) would also be provided.

10 Dates of next meetings:

Monday, 9th December 2002 at 4:30pm in the Committee Room, Ebley Mill. (informal meeting to work on the website).

Monday, 16th December, 2002 at 4:30pm in the Members' Lounge, Ebley Mill (beyond the Council Chamber, next to the Committee Room).

Monday, 6th January, 2003 in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill.

The meeting closed at 6:30pm.