



Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 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
Hayden Fry	Maidenhill
Hayley Smith	Maidenhill
Dan Snell	Marling
Marcus Angell	Marling
Juzer Esmailji	Marling
Katy Costigan	Thomas Keble

**Also Present:-**

Cllr Bob Eccles	Chair of Stroud District Council
Cllr Mrs Barbara Tait	Deputy Leader, Stroud District Council
David Marshall	Information Officer, Stroud District Council
Fred Chance	Stroud Team Leader, Youth and Community Service

**Apologies:-**

Cllr J N Stephenson-Oliver	Leader, Stroud District Council
Lucy Dale, Lucy Churchill and Shannon Peacey	Maidenhill
Nico Mustafic, Thomas Paterson and Euan Howard	Rednock
Thomas Whitbread	Katharine Lady Berkeley's
Phil Sullivan	Community Safety Officer, Stroud District Council
Nigel Riglar	Head of Policy and Review, Stroud District Council
Lita Windland	Youth Council Assistant

<b><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2001</u></b>	<b>Accepted as a correct record.</b>
<b><u>Matter arising from the minutes</u></b>	
<u>Update on Cinema Proposal for Stroud</u>	Councillor Mrs Tait advised that at the District Council meeting on 26 April 2001, it was agreed to accept Option B

	<p>– the option which would site the cinema and other leisure facilities at the current ‘bus station site. One consideration had been the Council’s long term aim to continue to pursue the provision of a transport interchange, which would include ‘bus and rail services, based at Cheapside. It was accepted that until that was available, which was probably 2-3 years ahead, some difficulties would exist in the meantime for ‘bus users. However, it was felt that these were manageable and arrangements would be made to provide ‘bus pick-up points below the surgery at Rowcroft and some outside the ‘bus station area.</p> <p><b>The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Tait for the information.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Best Value – Stroud District Council</u></b></p>	<p>The Chair explained that Nigel Riglar, Head of Policy and Review at the Council, had sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting due to sickness.</p>
<p><b><u>Youth Initiative Fund</u></b></p>	<p>Fred Chance explained the criteria for this annual District Council Fund of £10,000, which had been managed very effectively by young people over the last 5/6 years. He explained the simple application form used and how the decisions were arrived at in allocating the Fund. He also advised that assistance could be made available to members by Andy Brooks to help initially in taking on the Fund. One application had been received, which he read.</p> <p>He added that the current group usually met monthly or as and when an application was received.</p> <p><b>The Youth Council members agreed to take on the management of the Fund from now and to ask Lita to arrange a meeting with Andy Brooks for advice and to consider the application received to date.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Informal Event for Youth Council Members</u></b></p>	<p>Fred Chance had been in touch with Hawkwood College and understood that facilities were available in July. He explained the facilities at the College and suggested that it might also be useful to involve District Council members as well.</p> <p>It was agreed that the meeting would fulfil two purposes, firstly to allow Youth Council members more time to get to know each other and, secondly, to introduce the new members who would be attending in place of those who were leaving school this year.</p> <p>The Chair reminded members that it was important to prompt their individual schools to elect new representatives. David Marshall agreed to write to Head Teachers on the subject.</p> <p><b>Members agreed that the last week in June or in July, preferably mid-week, would be suitable. If Hawkwood</b></p>

	<b>College could not be booked, Fred Chance would look for another venue.</b>
<b><u>Feedback on any Shadow Cabinet Work</u></b>	<p>There was nothing to report.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Tait felt that an informal meeting between the Cabinet members and the Youth Council Shadow Cabinet would be beneficial, before the next Cabinet meeting which was due on 19 June 2001.</p> <p><b>This was supported and Friday 25 May at 4.30 pm in the Members' Lounge at Ebley Mill was agreed.</b></p>
<b><u>'Chain Reaction' – Sunday 13 May 2001, Colwell Youth Centre, Gloucester</u></b>	<p>Fred Chance had included information on this event with the agenda papers for the meeting and explained that it was intended to bring young people together to look at how Youth Forums worked, particularly in relation to the Youth MPs.</p> <p>Any member who wanted to attend should ring him.</p>
<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>	
<u>Validate Launch</u>	David Marshall reiterated the launch date details.
<u>Elections</u>	David reminded members that the District Council could make available ballot boxes if these were required for new elections to the Youth Council. He would include a reminder in his letter to Head Teachers.
<u>E-mail</u>	<p>David reported on an e-mail received from a young person in the area who wished to know what was being done to promote facilities for youth in Stroud.</p> <p>He would respond with the information on the cinema project.</p>
<u>Youth Exchange</u>	Fred Chance confirmed that one of the organisers was arriving in mid-May to set up the exchange and that he would ensure that members received full details of Stroud's expected participation.
<u>International Youth Conference – July 2001</u>	The week's event from 13 July still had opportunities for Stroud youth to be involved. Hosts were required to accommodate students. He explained the countries involved and the itinerary for the Wilderness Centre.

<p><u>Twinning/Elections/Subscription Rooms</u></p>	<p>Councillor Bob Eccles, Chair of Stroud District Council, suggested three areas which the members might wish to pursue in order to involve themselves and encourage participation by young persons:-</p> <p>(a) A twinning exchange was taking place with Göttingen on 13 June and youth council members might like to be involved;</p> <p>(b) With the elections for the County Council and the General Election taking place on 7 June, there might be an opportunity for tickets for youth council members to attend the Count in the evening; and,</p> <p>(c) An approach might be made to the Manager of the Subscription Rooms to suggest specific events for young people.</p> <p><b>David Marshall suggested that if anyone wished to apply for tickets to the Count, to contact him.</b></p> <p><b>He added that the twinning event would include representatives from community groups who were keen to be involved in twinning and youth council members were asked to find out if their own school wished to be part of this. If so, he would be happy to take the details and try and arrange a meeting during the visit.</b></p>
<p><u>Food Standards Agency</u></p>	<p>The Chair explained that she had been approached by Robert Rees, a local chef, who was involved with the Food Standards Agency Board. The Agency was a national group set up by the Government.</p> <p>Mr Rees was keen to involve youth representatives on the Agency and had asked whether youth council members would be willing to help him set up a similar group. She was waiting for further details on what exactly was required.</p> <p><b>There was general agreement to be involved and the Chair would keep members informed of any further details.</b></p>
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p>	<p><b>Monday, 25 June at 4.30 p.m.</b></p>