



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

31st January 2005

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4:35 pm – 5:45 pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Katy Dainton, Stroud College	P	Justine Pemberton*, Rednock	Ap
Jenny Dando, Stroud High	P	Emma Pinchbeck**, Stroud High	P
Nikki Deeley, Maidenhill	P	James Radford, Maidenhill	P
Alex Farrow, Marling	P	Frankie Rushton, Stroud High	P
Polly Lord, KLB	P	Oliver Timms, Marling	P
Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	P	Freddie Whittaker, Archway	P
Chris Nicholls, KLB	P	Ceri Wills, Rednock	P

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, SDC	Dave Marshall, SDC
Councillor Miranda Clifton, SDC	Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service
Mark Harsant, SDC	
Paul Helbrow, SDC	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Dorcas Binns, SDC Ap

The Chair welcomed Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble's new representative.

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meeting held on 10th January 2005 were accepted.

YOUTH CABINET REPORT

Frankie reported on the meetings held on 24th and 31st January. A decision had been made to hold a barn dance; hopefully at Cattle Country in the summer. There will be an allocation of 40 tickets per school with an age range of 11 – 18 year olds. The charity supported will be Winston's Wish. Further information on this social event will be available after the next Youth Cabinet meeting, where issues such as transport to and from the event will be made clearer.

PR SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The possibility of a new Youth Council website was discussed. Issues raised:

- ❑ Appearance
- ❑ Colours/Style
- ❑ Cost
- ❑ Forum – yes/no
- ❑ How is it going to be moderated
- ❑ Content

Alex will ask a web designer to produce a design template at a cost of £120 fee. It will then be handed over to Gareth Llewellyn, Web Developer at SDC, who will implement it. Dave Marshall highlighted how important it was for the Youth Council members to write content, for example promoting the Youth Initiative Scheme. The Youth Council has to be prepared to put in a great deal of input into the new website for it to be a success. Dave also reminded members that photos of members could not be used without written parental consent.

GLOS YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

At the request of Dorcas Binns, Dave and Steve reported on the Glos Young Person of the Year Scheme and that Alex and Katy had been nominated. The deadline for further nominations had now passed.

BUDGET CONSULTATION FOLLOW UP

This was also to have been raised by Dorcas, who was concerned that the budget consultation had raised a suggestion that “councillors’ perks” should be cut. James said it almost certainly came from Maidenhill, but he could not be certain who had written it or why.

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE

A new LSP youth council representative is needed in time for its next meeting on 4th March. Katy Dainton will be stepping down as the representative from the past year. It was decided that Petula Davis, Policy Officer at SDC should be invited give a short talk on what the LSP is and what they do at the next meeting. This will give a clearer understanding to any prospective Youth Councillor wanting to join it.

POSTER DESIGN PROGRESS REPORT

Very little progress has been made on the posters. Dave Marshall again stressed how important this project is and highlighted that the deadline is half term. It is paramount that progress is made in developing these posters. Failing to do so could cause loss of faith in the Youth Council.

YOUNG VOTERS’ SURVEY RESULTS

The young voters’ questionnaire results were circulated. Members scrutinised and discussed the most interesting outcomes of the survey.

YOUTH COUNCIL LETTERHEADS

A Youth Council letterhead sample was passed around the table so members could make suggestions for improvement. The following two amendments were highlighted.

- Message at the bottom of the letterhead should be bigger
- The contact phone number should be made smaller

Other than these two changes, members were very happy with the letterheads.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT

On Wednesday 2nd February Alex Farrow will be standing down as Youth MP for Stroud & Cotswolds. Alex circulated a report on what they have achieved for you over the past year. Issues such as Cheaper fares for more on Stagecoach Buses and the Tsunami Appeal are just a couple of campaigns and issues Alex included in the report.

Alex will be introducing the new Youth MP for Stroud & Cotswolds in the coming weeks. Alex also reported that the new UK Youth Parliament website will be launched on 2nd February. The address is www.ukyp.glos.co.uk

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Frankie is going to Brighton to speak at the Association of Electoral Administrators' Seminar.

Alex urged all members to make a plea to their schools to forward all non-school uniform day money raised for the Tsunami appeal to him. At present the figure stands at £90,000 but thousands more are expected.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill, 4.30 pm on Monday, 21st February.