



STROUD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February, 2002 at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud.

MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENT :-

Keith Roberts	Berkeley Vale
Callan Trump	Berkeley Vale
Jemma Grieve	Katharine, Lady Berkeley's
Hayden Fry	Maidenhill
Marcus Angell	Marling
Juzer Esmailji	Marling
Dan Snell	Marling
Nico Mustafic	Rednock
Euan Howard	Rednock
Jenny Steer	Stroud High
Emily Cooper	Thomas Keble
Joseph Ireland	Thomas Keble

Also Present:-

David Marshall	Public Relations Officer, Stroud District Council
Janet Wood	Cabinet Member for Community Strategy, Stroud District Council
Phil Sullivan	Community Safety Officer, Stroud District Council
Barbara Tait (Cllr)	Deputy Leader, Stroud District Council
Debbie Lang	Stroud Team Leader, Youth & Community Service
Lyn Oakey	Youth & Community Service

Apologies:-

Sophie Mitchell	Katharine, Lady Berkeley's
Sophie Biatoli	Katharine, Lady Berkeley's
Shannon Peacey	Maidenhill
Lucy Churchill	Maidenhill
Philippa Radford-Hancock	Stroud High

<u>Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December, 2001</u>	Accepted as a correct record. There were no matters arising.
<u>New Youth Cabinet Member</u>	Following Joe's resignation from the Youth Cabinet at the last meeting, members elected Sophie Mitchell as the new Youth Cabinet member for Economic Development & Leisure.
<u>Cotswold International Film & Video Festival</u>	Juzer advised that he had had email problems, but had now been able to reply to the Festival regarding his attendance at future committee meetings.
<u>Youth Council website</u>	<p>Photos were taken of individual members and the whole Youth Council. Dave Marshall would be passing the CD to Juzer.</p> <p>Members were asked to email details of themselves to Juzer - juzer@juzer23.com</p>
<u>Cabinet meetings</u>	Barbara Tait advised that the next Cabinet meeting would be held on 21 st March (7pm) and that it was really important that Youth Council members took their opportunity to attend and speak.
<u>Community Safety</u>	<p>Phil Sullivan explained that the District's 3 year Crime and Disorder Strategy was now in the process of being rewritten.</p> <p>A member questioned the implications of marijuana becoming a Class C substance. Phil explained that it should become easier to obtain, therefore diverting people from hard drugs. However, he emphasised that it is still illegal.</p> <p>Another member questioned whether the Strategy would stand still for the 3 years. Phil explained that the action plans contained within it would change according to needs.</p>
<u>Stroud Peer Education Project</u>	<p>Members watched a short video and enjoyed a presentation by Jemma, Debbie and Lyn.</p> <p>Debbie then led a discussion about the Youth Council, how it saw itself and the way forward. Members were generally happy and felt they were doing a good job, though they felt that there was generally a lack of co-ordinated opinion gathering. They needed to be more active in their schools, through the website and in setting their own agenda.</p> <p>Debbie agreed to look at the question of an away weekend, with a session at The Wilderness being a possibility.</p> <p>Jenny reported that she had been appointed to the Shadow Board of Connexions, while Jemma reported that she had met John Denham MP at Why Vote, Why Not.</p>

<p><u>Visits to Germany</u></p>	<p>Dave Marshall mentioned again that two invitations had been received from Landkreis Göttingen, Stroud District Council's twin district in Germany:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 20 young people to stay at the Landkreis's own hostel on the Baltic coast sometime between 20th June and the end of July. The only cost to participants would be the air and/or coach fare. • A civic party of 30 to visit Göttingen between 11th and 15th July. <p>The intention was that the Baltic visit would be arranged jointly with Debbie Lang from Roxburgh House and include members of the Youth Council and the Peer Education Project. Stroud District Council had yet to decide the composition of the July group, but it would be likely to include some councillors, teachers, artists and former twinned, as well as some members of the Youth Council.</p> <p>Anyone interested in either visit was asked to contact Barbara Tait or Dave Marshall as soon as possible.</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p>	<p>Janet Wood mentioned that invitations for the first Local Service Partnership meeting would be going out soon. This new body, consisting of representatives from many different organisations, would basically plan for the future of the District. It was expected to meet around three times a year; one or two places were available for members of the Youth Council. Jenny expressed an interest in this, though further information would be sent to all members.</p> <p>Dave reported that he was still making no progress with Archway School representation. Marcus agreed to follow this up.</p>
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p>	<p>It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 4.30pm, Ebley Mill on Monday, 11th March, 2002. Draft Cabinet agendas would be available for discussion.</p>

The meeting ended at 6.00 pm