



**NOTES OF A MEETING HELD
ON 5th JANUARY 2004**

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4.30PM – 5.30PM

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Louisa Holloway, Archway	A	Alex Chartier, Rednock	A
Barney Witts, Archway	A	Nico Mustafic, Rednock ***	P
Stuart Byles, Berkeley Vale	A	Jo Sealey, Rednock	P
Daniel Dietschmann, Berkeley Vale	A	Alex Hutchinson, Stroud College	A
Ryan Castle, KLB	P	Katy Dainton, Stroud High	P
Adam Didcott, KLB	P	Emma Pinchbeck, Stroud High**	A
Grace Jackson, KLB	P	Frankie Rushton, Stroud High	P
Ben Williams, KLB	A	Daniel Marshall, Thomas Keble	P
Jackie Boor, Maidenhill	P	Ben Ruggles, Thomas Keble	A
Carrie Gomersall, Maidenhill	A	Catherine Jones, ex-officio	A
Danielle Holland, Maidenhill	A		
Iman Fadaei, Marling	P		
Alex Farrow, Marling	P		
Dan Rebaty, Marling	P		

A= Apologies/Absent; P= Present

***=Chair

**=Vice-Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Gloucestershire Youth Service	Dave Marshall, Stroud District Council
Councillor Barbara Tait	Councillor Tony Shortt
Councillor Miranda Clifton	

APOLOGIES

Alex Chartier, Danielle Holland, Ben Ruggles

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 8th December 2003 were accepted as a correct record.

YOUTH CABINET MEETINGS - 15th December & 5th January

Katy reported on the two Youth Cabinet meetings that had taken place since the last full meeting. Frankie Rushton had been elected as Deputy Leader. Recommendations regarding Youth Initiative Fund grant applications would be reported under that item.

GRANTS

Two applications had been considered by the Youth Cabinet and recommendations made:

An application from Frith Youth Centre, Chalford for the purchase of musical equipment costing £952.95. Youth Cabinet recommended the full grant; RESOLVED that the sum of £952.95 be paid.

An application from Katharine, Lady Berkeley's School (KLB) for £300 towards the School Library Club. However the Youth Councillors representing KLB had no knowledge of the application. Dave Marshall will write to the applicant asking her to contact the School's Youth Councillors.

CONTACTS

Dave reminded members of the need for Youth Cabinet members to keep in contact with members of the SDC Cabinet. All members should also be working with their local town/parish councils and making themselves known within School.

LETTER FROM STAGECOACH

The local Operations Director of Stagecoach was unwilling to attend a Youth Council meeting until a list of issues and ideas had been drawn up. All Youth Council members should consult within School and their locality to list these bringing them to the next meeting.

UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Alex Farrow, the Member of the UK Youth Parliament for Stroud and the Cotswolds, explained its role. It was set up in 2000 and has 400 members - 3 from Gloucestershire, who meet fortnightly. The Parliament itself meets once a year and submits a report to the Government. Alex mentioned that his own personal interest is public transport.

TALENTED PERFORMERS' GRANTS

Jane Bullows reported that she had assessed 5 applications, two of which were from paralympians. It was agreed that Jane would discuss her recommendations with Dan Rebati, who would report to the next Youth Cabinet meeting with summaries of each application. Jane mentioned that three further applications were pending; it was agreed that Dan should report to Youth Cabinet on whether a further £1000 should be made available before the end of the financial year.

PUBLIC TOILETS

Members read the Citizen article on Stroud public toilets written by Faith Diamond, who is a pupil at Stroud High School. Dave asked all members to check in their Schools and localities for people's views on public toilets, and report back to the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

British Youth Council

Steve Miles asked Dave to get details of the British Youth Council membership from Jodie before he leaves.

School Visits

Steve proposed that he and Dave should visit all school heads before the end of the Summer Term in order to find out what prominence the Youth Council has within the School. This could also be used to make sure that elections were carried out earlier than they had been in 2003. This was agreed.

Budget Consultation

Barbara Tait thanked everyone who had completed the budget questionnaire and asked Dave to make a copy of the results available to members.

Barbara congratulated Katy on her piece in the Stroud News and Journal regarding her half term visit to Edinburgh.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 2nd February at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

The next Youth Cabinet meeting will be on Monday, 2nd February at 4 pm in the Youth Council meeting room.

The Constitution Working Party will meet on Monday, 12th January in the Youth Council meeting room.