



STROUD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November, 2001
at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENT :-

Hayden Fry	Maidenhill
Marcus Angell	Marling
Juzer Esmailji	Marling
Dan Snell	Marling
Nico Mustafic	Rednock
Euan Howard	Rednock
Philippa Radford-Hancock	Stroud High
Jenny Steer	Stroud High
Emily Cooper	Thomas Keble
Joseph Ireland	Thomas Keble

Also Present:-

David Marshall	Public Relations Officer, Stroud District Council
Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (Cllr)	Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Leisure, Stroud District Council
Phil Sullivan	Community Safety Officer, Stroud District Council
Barbara Tait (Cllr)	Deputy Leader, Stroud District Council
Kelly Harris	Halcrow
Carol Endacott	Stroud Pyramid

Apologies:-

Keith Roberts	Berkeley Vale
Callan Trump	Berkeley Vale
Simon Marshall	Katharine, Lady Berkeley's
Sophie Mitchell	Katharine, Lady Berkeley's
Nigel Riglar	Head of Regeneration & Culture, Stroud District Council
Debbie Lang	Stroud Acting Team Leader, Youth & Community Service

<p><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October, 2001</u></p>	<p>Accepted as a correct record. There were no matters arising.</p>
<p><u>Rural Access Study</u></p>	<p>Kelly Harris of Halcrow explained the county-wide Rural Access Study currently being undertaken. Comments by Youth Council members centred on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some school pupils charged adult fares • Buses don't turn up; no information available • No redress if service cancelled (unlike railway) • Poor driver morale • Drunken passengers • Absence of through ticketing • Lack of services for young people - eg to cinema, Cribbs Causeway • Pick-up/drop off often nowhere near destinations • Travel shop often closed; slow service • School buses too tied to catchment areas <p>Ms Harris thanked members for the range of helpful comments. David Marshall explained that a representative of Stagecoach had been invited to attend this meeting, but had declined due to organisational changes. Members requested that a representative of Stagecoach be invited to the next meeting.</p>
<p><u>Funding Request – Stroud Pyramid</u></p>	<p>Carol Endacott outlined the success of last year's project which aimed to reinforce the teaching of citizenship in primary schools. A grant of £2000 was requested; this received the unanimous support of members present.</p>
<p><u>Provision of a skateboard ramp in the Stroud area</u></p>	<p>Hayden Fry and Joe Ireland had examined the cost of facilities which they felt would be adequate - £23,000. Nigel Studdert-Kennedy said that a fenced location in Stratford Park was the favoured option. This would be a joint venture between Stroud District and Stroud Town Councils. He mentioned that this was a good example of the Youth Council's views being listened to and acted upon. The next move would be for a meeting of interested groups to help plan the facility, once money had been made available in the budget.</p>
<p><u>Twinning</u></p>	<p>David Marshall reported 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. 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 twinningers, as well as young people.</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p>	<p>Phil Sullivan mentioned that the Youth Council had previously had a representative on the Substance Action Group. It was agreed that this should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>David Marshall reminded Youth Cabinet members that the next SDC Cabinet meeting would be held on 4th December. Agendas will be sent to all Youth Cabinet members. He stressed that members must attend if possible (and preferably talk to their opposite numbers beforehand) in order to make the whole Youth Council/Cabinet a success.</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, 10th December, 2001.</p> <p>David Marshall tendered his apologies in advance.</p>

The meeting ended at 6.00 pm