

NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 8th DECEMBER 2003

Venue: Council Chamber Stroud District Council

Time: 4.30PM – 6PM

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Nico Mustafic, Rednock *** Alex Chartier, Rednock
Emma Pinchbeck, Stroud High
Louisa Holloway, Archway
Iman Fadaei, Marling
Alex Farrow, Marling
Daniel Marshall, Thomas Keeble
Jacqueline Boor, Maidenhill
Ryan Castle, KLB
Grace Jackson, KLB
Daniel Dietschmann, Berkeley Vale
Catherine Jones, Ex-officio
A= Apologies/Absent; P= Present
***=Chair
**=Vice-Chair

Р	Jo Sealey, Rednock	Р
Ρ	Katy Dainton, Stroud High	Р
Р	Frankie Rushton, Stroud High	Ρ
А	Barney Witts, Archway	Α
А	Dan Rebati, Marling	Ρ
Ρ	Ben Ruggles, Thomas Keeble	Ρ
Ρ	Carrie Gomersall, Maidenhill	Α
Ρ	Alex Hutchinson, Stroud College	Ρ
Ρ	Ben Williams, KLB	Ρ
Ρ	Adam Didcott, KLB	Р
Р	Stuart Byles, Berkeley Vale	Р

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Gloucestershire Youth Service Steve Shearer, Gloucestershire Youth Service Councillor Miranda Clifton

Jodie Townsend, Stroud District Council Councillor Barbara Tait

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 3^{rd} November 2003 were accepted as a correct record.

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TRAINING WEEKEND – FEEDBACK

Steve Miles thanked everyone for their efforts at the Youth Council Training Weekend, he stated that he felt the weekend was a big success and a number of key areas of work had been identified to be addressed at the training event.

Nico Mustafic thanked everyone for their efforts and put on record his thanks to the Gloucestershire Youth Service workers, Dave Marshall and Councillor Barbara Tait for co-ordinating the training event. The rest of the Youth Council echoed theses sentiments.

YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

The Youth Council thanked Jodie Townsend for his work on the Youth Council Constitution document that was discussed at the training weekend, Nico Mustafic and Katy Dainton emphasised the importance of having a Constitution. Steve Miles stated that it was important that the Youth Council worked on the Constitution throughout the coming Youth Council year.

The Youth Council agreed to continue to work on a Constitution and set up a Youth Council Constitution Working Party.

It was agreed that the Constitution Working Group would consist of: -

Katy Dainton	Alex Farrow
Grace Jackson	Ryan Castle
Frankie Rushton	Emma Pinchbeck
Adam Didcott	

POSITION OF VICE-CHAIR & LEADER

The Youth Council agreed that the positions of Vice Chair of the Youth Council and Leader of the Youth Cabinet should be split.

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Jodie Townsend invited nominations for the position of Chair of Youth Council for the 2003-04 Youth Council Year.

Emma Pinchbeck was proposed as Chair by Frankie Rushton and seconded by Dan Rebati.

Nico Mustafic was proposed as Chair by Alex Hutchinson and seconded by Katy Dainton.

Ryan Castle was proposed as Chair by Grace Jackson and seconded by Daniel Marshall.

On being put to the vote Nico Mustafic was elected as Chair of Youth Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: Nico Mustafic is elected as Chair of the Youth Council for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Jodie Townsend invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of Youth Council for the 2003-04 Youth Council Year.

Emma Pinchbeck was proposed as Vice-Chair by Frankie Rushton and seconded by Katy Dainton.

Dan Rebati was proposed as Vice-Chair by Daniel Marshall and seconded by Jacqueline Boor.

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Alex Farrow was proposed as Vice-Chair by Alex Hutchinson and seconded by Alex Chartier.

On being put to the vote Emma Pinchbeck was elected as Vice-Chair of Youth Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: Emma Pinchbeck is elected as Vice-Chair of the Youth Council for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF LEADER OF YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council agreed that for the time being they should shadow the Cabinet positions of Stroud District Council, however they agreed that there was not a need for 2 housing portfolios within the Youth Council and so they agreed to combine the positions.

Jodie Townsend invited nominations for the position of Leader of Youth Council for the 2003-04 Youth Council Year.

Katy Dainton was proposed as Leader by Frankie Rushton and seconded by Nico Mustafic.

Dan Rebati was proposed as Leader by Alex Farrow and seconded by Emma Pinchbeck.

On being put to the vote Katy Dainton was elected as Leader of the Youth Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: Katy Dainton is elected as Leader of the Youth Council for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF THE YOUTH CABINET

Nominations were taken for the Cabinet portfolio positions and where 2 or more candidates stood a vote took place. The Cabinet was confirmed as: -

PORTFOLIO

Leader of Cabinet Community Well-Being Economic Development and Regeneration Environment and Rural Affairs Finance and Corporate Services Housing Planning Katy Dainton Alex Farrow Dan Rebati Frankie Rushton Alex Chartier Dan Marshall Ryan Castle

Katy Dainton, Leader of Youth Council stated that a Deputy Leader would be decided during the first Youth Cabinet meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Steve Miles congratulated Alex Farrow for being elected as the UK Youth Parliament Representative for the Stroud District.

PARISH COUNCILS

Daniel Marshall stated the importance of Youth Councillors linking up with Parish Councils across the District, he encouraged Youth Councillors to make contact with the local Parish Councils in their area.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

A number of Youth Councillors expressed concern that they had not yet received identification card's, Jodie Townsend stated that he would discuss the matter with Dave Marshall.

YOUTH CABINET MEETING

The first Youth Cabinet meeting would be on Monday 15th December at 4.30PM in the Youth Council room.

YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP

The first Youth Council Constitution Working Group meeting would be on Tuesday 16th December at 4.30PM in the Youth Council room.

JODIE TOWNSEND

The Chairman informed the Youth Council that this was most likely Jodie Townsend's last Youth Council meeting as he was moving onto another authority. He thanked Jodie for his work with the Youth Council and stated that he personally felt that Jodie had brought the Youth Council forward a huge amount and that he was sorry to hear that he was leaving.

The Leader echoed the Chairman's comments and stated that he would be sorely missed, she wished him all the best in his new position.

The Youth Council thanked Jodie and wished him all the best for the future.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 5th January, 2004 at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill.