



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

08.01.2007

Venue: Stroud District Council

Time: 4:30pm – 6:30pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Gordon Pritchard, Nailsworth YC**
 Mike Green, Nailsworth YC
 Rose Horton, Stroud High*
 Emily Thomas, Stroud High
 Danielle Russell, Minchinhampton YC
 Tiggy Elmer, Minchinhampton YC
 Rhian Davies, KLB
 James Austin, KLB
 Erfan Fadaei, Marling
 Thomas Lydon, Marling
 Meg Brown, Wotton YC
 Ashley Skuse, Wotton YC
 Alex Jones, Cam & Dursley YF
 Emma Mears, Cam & Dursley YF
 Michael-Lee Russell, Cashes Green YC
 Aisha Butler, Stroud Youth Centre
 Gemma Johnson, Stroud Youth Centre
 Freddie Whittaker, Archway
 Natalie Smith, Archway

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Kieran Nurdin, Archway
 Amy Barker, Wotton YC
 Beth Townsend, Archway

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

EX-OFFICIO

A	Sam Durn, Stroud College	A
A	Oliver Timms, Marling	A
P	Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	A
P	Stuart Gardener, Maidenhill	A
A	Dan Mcintosh, Maidenhill	A
A	Elsie Kenny, Rednock	A
P	Dean Morgan, Archway	A
A	Georgina Greenwood, Stroud High	A
P	Joe Tarran, Painswick Youth Club	A
P	Katherine Birkin, Thomas Keble	A
A	Amy Jade, Minchinhampton YC	A
A	Ben Smith, Stroud College	A
P	Ruth Royall, Stroud Youth Centre	A
P	Ceri Wills, Rednock	A
A	Josephine Marshall, Stroud High	A
A	Josh Conway, Painswick Youth Club	A
A	Ben Challis, Marling	A
P	Amy Lang, Dursley Youth Centre	A
Ap	Mandy Noble, Cashes Green YP	A
	Max Webb, Stonehouse YC	A
	Kelly Hooper, Cashes Green YP	A

CO-OPTIONS

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Cllr Miranda Clifton
 Phil Sullivan, Head of Community Safety
 Sinead Chambers, Youth Council Support Officer, SDC

WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rose (Vice Chair) welcomed the Youth Council to Stroud District Council and chaired the meeting in absence of the chair.

Apologies for absence received from Natalie Smith.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

Environment Green Paper presentation feedback report – Freddie reported that himself, Rose, Beth, Alex, Emma and Rhi met with Cllr Nigel Cooper and Nigel Riglar earlier in the day to present the youth councils feedback discuss the green paper. They were very interested in the ideas that the group had put to them and agreed to take ideas forward in the formation of the councils next stage of work – the feedback would also be sent to the green paper web site for official recording.

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Rose gave a report on the recent events meeting. The ideas that were brought to the group were as follows;

- a) To co-ordinate a Live Band night
- b) To co-ordinate a DJ Performance event.

The venues are yet to be confirmed but Sinead and Steve would organise for the group to visit the Subscription Rooms and Bar Riga, both in Stroud.

The group also discussed a Social Programme where the Youth Council would get together for training with a social element. The notes from the meeting were passed out to the group so they could have a look and pick an event that they were interested in, a discussion followed and feedback would be taken to the next Events meeting.

Cllr Clifton made members aware of the fact that tax payers may not be happy with tax money going towards the Youth Council to go shopping. It was explained that this exercise was an 'idea storm' and predominantly about the group getting together socially, not necessarily at any cost to the youth councils operational budget, but aspects like training would be.

It was also suggested that the group go out for a curry in Stroud, which was agreed by all.

Date of the next Events group meeting is Tuesday 23rd January at 4.30pm

PROMOTIONS & MARKETING REPORT

There had been no meeting of this group since the last Youth Council meeting. The next would be held on Monday 15th January at 4.30pm.

YOUTH CABINET REPORT

Rhi gave a report of the Youth Cabinet.

Shadowing - It was highlighted that all bar three Youth Cabinet members had now experienced a 'shadowing' day/half day with adult Cabinet members.

Share 2 Buy Event – There is a consultation meeting on 6 February at 7pm in the council Chamber. Invitations from Cllr John Jeffries and Ashley Skuse will be sent out shortly. The target age range is 18 – 30yrs but not exclusive.

Youth Initiative Fund – There have been four applicants.

1. **WOTFM** is a pilot radio station that is based in Wotton Under Edge; they matched all the criteria set out to receive the fund. There are 40 people involved and even more people will benefit. It will last 6 months and they are asking for 25% of the final costs, which is £350. **The amount requested was agreed.**
2. **1st Coaley Guides** asked for a maximum of £793.90 so that they can buy tents to take the guides out on camping trips. They have done other fund raising events and they have managed to raise over £1000. **The amount requested was agreed.**
3. A **DJ Project at Stroud Youth Centre** asked for £1000 to support the delivery of a DJing workshop for around 20 youths. **£750 was agreed** due to no further efforts had been made to fundraise from other sources.
4. **Ark House, Stroud** asked for £500 - £700. Ark House run accommodation for 16 – 25 year olds. The Youth Council agreed not to fund them this time as they haven't filled out the form properly and have not given a breakdown on what they would like the money for.

Letters would be sent to the above applicants outlining the Youth council's decisions.

Talented Young Sports Achiever Grants – There were two applicants.

1. Matthew Withey asked for £350 to cover the costs of getting to and from competitions and to pay for the costs of entering the competitions. High priority case.
2. Kelly Young has asked for £450 to compete in a swimming competition. She has had a liver transplant.

The Youth Council agreed to support both applicants for the amounts requested.

It was noted that the Promotions and Marketing group discussed at it's last meeting ways to get advertising on the talented young sports achievers clothing. Hoodies and t-shirts were a couple of the ideas that were put forward, although it was considered a complex issue with other sponsors providing this.

Play Work Strategy – The Youth Council has been asked to be part of a new Play Work Strategy development group for SDC.

This is being co-ordinated by Jane Bullows the Regeneration through Sports Manager, with the Youth Council invited to draft a Vision Statement and an official name for the group. Central to this group's creation is a £200,000 grant available from Play England to initiate play work projects in the district – the March deadline for this money is an unpractical date to meet so the group will aim for September.

The group has only met once (last month) and will meet again on Monday 22nd January. Tom as Youth Cabinet member for Regeneration & Tourism and Erfan agreed to be the Youth Councils reps on this group – Steve will forward information to them in due course.

STROUD NIGHT BUS STEERING GROUP

Alex and Emma went to this steering group to see what the latest news was and to give them their ideas. They informed the youth council that there still aren't enough people using the night buses. The Night Bus needs £25,000 a year to run in the Stroud area and needs a further £1500 to operate a new service to Cam and Dorsey. Alex and Emma agreed to speak to various groups in the Cam & Dursley area.

REPORT FROM MEMBERS – INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORMS

The group were sent out Information Exchange Forms in the post, these new forms are for them to take to school or their youth club and write down any issues their friends may have and bring them in to future Youth Council meetings where they can bring it up with the members.

MEMBER TRAINING

The group discussed having another training event in February/Summer time to refresh the previous training from October, it would also help those Youth Councillors who have joined since October.

EQUALITIES PANEL – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE

Representative needed for the hard to reach areas – Rhi proposed that Emily be the rep, it was seconded and passed.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 29 January 2007, Council Chamber, Ebley Mill at 4:30pm. Cabinet members please arrive at 4pm. All members please meet at main reception.