



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

12.03.2007

Venue: Stroud District Council

Time: 4:30pm – 6:30pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Rose Horton, Stroud High**
 Emily Thomas, Stroud High
 Danielle Russell, 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
 Freddie Whittaker, Archway
 Natalie Smith, Archway*
 Anna Pearson, Stroud College
 Tineke Van Ginkel, Stroud College
 Gordon Pritchard, Nailsworth YC
 Mike Green, Nailsworth YC

EX-OFFICIO

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

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Kieran Nurdling, Archway	A
Amy Barker, Wotton YC	A
Beth Townsend, Archway	Ap

CO-OPTIONS

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Sinead Chambers, Youth Council Support Officer, SDC

WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed the Youth Council and new member Tineke Van Ginkel to the Council Offices at Ebley Mill.

Apologies for absence received from Meg Brown, Erfan Fadaei, Cllr Libby Bird and Phil Sullivan – Head of Community Safety.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

- **Environmental/Green Bins pilot project** – LSP are to invest £25,000 to pilot the scheme and they are asking the Youth Council where they would like the bins to be placed. The group agreed that they need to be in major problem areas. Steve had spoken with Nigel Riglar and Chas Fellows regarding this issue. The idea initially came from Cam and Dursley Youth Forum. If the initiative works then it will be rolled out into other areas of the District. The money has come from the GCC second homes budget, which is extra tax that taxpayers have paid which gets put back into the district.
- **Hate Crime** – The Chair asked the group if they had any issues at their Schools/Youth Clubs/ Colleges that they wanted to discuss. At the last meeting Rhi informed the group that one of her teachers was getting abuse from students at the School. Rose said that there was a girl at her school that had been filmed whilst getting changed for PE and the girls that filmed it were threatening her by saying that they were going to post it on the internet. The group agreed that it would be a good idea to have a play/drama compiled for schools/youth clubs/colleges to try to get through information regarding hate crime. Agreed that it was the best way for youths to learn, as they are not just being fed a lot of information, which is sometimes a lot to take in, and a play would stay fresh in their mind. Bullies do not realise the effect they are having on their victims. The group were keen to invite a member of the Hate Crime Group along to one of the meetings to discuss the issue. Steve will contact them.
- **Election of Vice Chair** – Nominations were requested for the recently relinquished post of Vice Chair following last meetings re-election of a new Chair. Freddie proposed Natalie and Emily second it. Natalie Smith was elected as the new Vice Chair.

MEMBERS CLOTHING

Rhi as Youth Cabinet Leader was in the process of filling out an application form for Youth Initiative Fund to cover costs of the hoodie, although another source of money has come in from the Youth Service. The Youth council agreed to accept this offer. The hoodies will be supplied by Harlequin Designs, 40 hoodies (embroidered) = approx £800. Youth Council must remember that they have certain responsibilities and a role to play whilst wearing the hoodies and members needed to wear them with pride. It was agreed that Steve would do a presentation at the next meeting on the design options.

STROUD NIGHT BUS

Alex and Emma attend these meetings and asked the Promotions and Marketing Group if they would help them and promote the Stroud Night Bus (www.stroudnightbus.com). All agreed that taxis are too expensive for youths to use. Passes are available for 3 months and they are £30.

There will be a separate leaflet for the Cam & Dursley bus service. Posters and beer mats are available; Steve has requested more information to help Youth Councillors promote all services.

BUS SERVICES - MEMBERS LOG

Members were asked to record any issues they have with general bus services in their area. No logs were given in but members agreed that there are incidents they would like to bring up with the bus company.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

- **Live Band Gig** - The live band gig has been booked at the Subscription Rooms, Stroud for 1 June. Freddie is communicating with bands regarding the event, he is yet to confirm. It was agreed that they would pursue 3 or 4 bands to perform on the night with the preferred headlining band, Ska Daddy. Invitations would be sent to Brendan Conboy from The Door Youth Project to assist with stage management together with Danny James Youth Worker at Stroud Youth Centre for technical assistance. First band start time at 7pm followed by 45 minute acts and a 15-minute stage change period. The evening could be started with an official welcome by Rose (as Chair), followed by each band being introduced by different Youth Councillors. It was suggested we ask Danny James if he could use the Stroud Youth Centre DJ equipment for interim music and possibly Rick Vick from The Space for the potential hire of PA equipment, depending on the cost of the Subscription Rooms version.
- **DJ Performance Event** – Contact has been made with Bar Riga, the group agreed to go on Tuesday 13 March if this was possible. Steve to let the group know, if not another date would be set ASAP.
- **Curry Night** – The curry night has been rescheduled for 23 March at the same place, which is Balti Spice, Stroud. The group asked for more notice this time and were asked to **reply urgently** via email or text if they could make this date
- **Bowling** – Erfan wasn't at the meeting to update the group on progress but Steve had informed the group that if you travel into Stroud using the Stroud Night Bus you would get free entry into Bowling.
- **Festival for Bi-centenary of the abolishment of slavery** - Free event at the Marling School field. Sixth forms from Stroud High, Archway and Marling will be involved in the event. Stroud High will produce a banner for SDYC and an information booth is available for SDYC if required. Steve suggested involving the Hate Crime group and giving out advice leaflets on bullying.
- **Member Training** – This is now an issue for the Youth Cabinet.

PROMOTIONS AND MARKETING GROUP

- **Questionnaires** – Questionnaires are being edited at the moment but as soon as that has been completed they will be sent out to schools/youth clubs and colleges. The deadline for the questionnaires to come back is 31 May 2007. The cameras are to be purchased using sponsorship money that has already been obtained.
- **Website** – Members are happy to have Nick Watkins in to show them how to edit the Website. Members to look at other youth council websites to see how they look.

- **Press Releases** - Freddie agreed to do the press releases for Young Talented Sports Performer, Questionnaire, and Curry Night link to Night Bus Service. Photos would be needed for all releases. Also a press release on Beth in relation to her being the youngest ever youth councillor. All press releases to go via the SDC Marketing Department.
- **ECO Schools** – Emily reported that Stroud High is currently in the process of getting the ECO status. Steve highlighted that Chas Fellows had asked him to do some research on the same issue.
- **Stroud Fringe Festival** – The group were keen to sponsor a stage at the Fringe Festival 2007.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORMS

The group had a discussion on the forms and it was 50/50 on whether they were working or not, although it was agreed members can use it as a tool when required.

SDYC TEXTING SERVICE

Steve and Sinead are now able to send you a text from our computers. If you do get a text from them, save the number as SDYC. If you do want to text us back you will need to put SDYC then a space, and then type your message. **THIS WILL COST YOU 10p PER TEXT TO SEND.** Your message back to us will not come back as a text on our mobiles, it will come back as an email on our computers, which we will both be able to see.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that both Cllr. David Wride and the Neighbourhood Wardens would do presentations at the next meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Freddie requested that there should be a review of the constitution before the next AGM, to consider any updates particularly around the issue of attendance. Steve expressed concern over the amount of work this would involve in light of the many pieces of work currently being undertaken by the group. It was suggested the Youth Cabinet could look at this.

Steve highlighted an opportunity for a Youth councillor to join the Canal Restoration Citizens Jury, who has been formed to consider various aspects of the next stage of the restoration project. Natalie agreed to take this opportunity.

The date of the next meeting will be the 2 April 2007 at 4:30pm in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill.