



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

19.11.2007

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Rose Horton, Stroud High**	P
Natalie Smith, Archway*	P
Freddie Whittaker, Archway	P
Thomas Lydon, Marling	P
Meg Brown, Wotton YC	A
Alex Jones, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Emma Mears, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Ellie Cairns, Thomas Keble	P
Liam Baker, Thomas Keble	P
El Linsell, Stroud High	P
Matt Stump, Berkeley Vale Youth Project	P
Luke Smith, Berkeley Vale Youth Project	P
Harriet Dudbridge, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	Ap
Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Rebecca Redding, Thomas Keble	A
Cameron Patterson, Thomas Keble	P
Kieran Nurning, Archway	Ap
Beth Townsend, Archway	P
Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud High	A
Lauren Leyland, Wotton YC	A
Josh Ellwood, Wotton YC	A
Sophie Coleman, Berkeley Vale Youth Project	P
Jessica Howell, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Rebekah Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Sian Ainsworth, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	Ap
Henry Guy, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	P
Gemma Durn Stonehouse	P
Jess Trim, Stonehouse	P

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

EX-OFFICIO

Anna Pearson, Stroud College	A
Gordon Pritchard, Nailsworth YC	A
Mike Green, Nailsworth YC	A
Owen Wichard, Stroud College	A
Emily Thomas, Stroud High	A
Danielle Russell, Minchinhampton YC	A
Rhian Davies, KLB	A
James Austin, KLB	A
Erfan Fadaei, Marling	A
Amy Barker, Wotton YC	A
Tinake Van Ginkel, Stroud College	A
Ashley Skuse, Wotton YC	A

CO-OPTIONS

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Sinead Chambers, Business Support Assistant, SDC
 Phil Sullivan, Head of Community Safety, SDC
 Gemma Steger, Public Spaces Officer, SDC
 Matt Wicker, County Youth Service/Police Authority

Minutes of Youth Council meeting held on the 19 November 2007

Welcome & Apologies

The chair welcomed new members and visitors to Stroud Youth Centre. Apologies were received from Becky Batting, Alex Jones, Kieran Nurdin, Sian Ainsworth and Harriet Dudbridge, Cllr. John Jefferys.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 29 October were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Matters arising

SDC Budget Consultation Feedback – members handed in consultation questionnaires to be collated and forwarded to SDC Finance department.

Correspondence

Design logo for Activity Club for Everyone – at the meeting Steve gave the group a chance to design a logo for ACE (Activity Club for Everyone). This club provides children and young people with physical, sensory and learning difficulties opportunity to participate in a variety of mainstream and adapted sports, physical activity, and dance and to play in a safe, fun and inclusive environment. It was agreed that Youth Councillors could work by you or in teams to design a logo for this group – the closing date for entries is December 15.

Rural Youth Network consultation – Post Office Closures – members were asked if they would like to complete a questionnaire on the closures of Post Offices. It was decided that due to the limited time before the deadline this would only be able to be done on a personal basis.

Children's fund consultation – flooding in Gloucestershire – members were made aware of the consultation being done by The Children's Fund regarding the summer floods in Gloucestershire and were encouraged to consider this.

Gloucestershire 1000 millennium – plant a tree – As it is Gloucestershire's Millennium (1000 years old) the Youth Council have been asked if they would like to be involved in helping plant 1000 trees. Whilst it was considered by some as a good idea, members were asked to give feedback on the information pack which would be available at the next meeting.

Letter from Hilary Fowles – Night Bus, Cam & Dursley Link – A letter had been received from Councillor Hilary Fowles regarding the night bus service link from Cam & Dursley. SDYC were being asked to pledge their support to a letter being drafted to the County Council asking them to increase their involvement in supporting the service. Since receiving this, Cam & Dursley Youth Forum had taken up this position of support from young people and therefore it was considered that no further support was needed. However it was noted that SDYC we actively involved in the Night Bus management.

Litter Recycling Pilot Project – Presentation and workshop by Gemma Steger

Gemma from Public Spaces Department at Stroud District Council attended the meeting to discuss the litter recycling project. The youth council obtained a £20,000 grant from the LSP to place tri-bins in an area of Stroud district to encourage the recycling of litter at source. It was discussed where the youth council thought the bins should go, highlighting that the original idea was to link with a school and a community. Gemma stated that it would have to be somewhere where it was easy for Service Team to collect the litter. Youth Councillors suggested the following areas;

Supermarkets

Cainscross Road, Stroud

Near Rednock School, Dursley

Maidenhill School, Stonehouse

Marling School have expressed an interest

Thomas Keble School & Eastcombe

Bank Gardens, Stroud Town.

It was agreed that a visit to each site would be needed to explore the value of each one and feasibility. EI agreed to meet with Steve to draft a criteria check list for the visits. Dates would be arranged in due course.

Points to consider included; the type of bin, what they should look like and the inclusion of the SDYC logo.

Proud of Stroud

Steve informed the members that they had been asked to deliver a presentation for staff at Stroud District Council to 'showcase' the work that they are currently doing and to educate the staff on the youth council in itself. Members who were interested in this are Emma, Jess, Alex, EI and Nat.

Youth Cabinet Report

Freddie reported that the Youth Cabinet would like to propose a change to the end of year deadline for the Youth Initiative Fund. Currently it is 31 March, which leaves zero time to process each application from agreement by SDYC to payment being received by the applicant – this can take up to 8 weeks. It was agreed that the new end of year deadline would be 31 December, starting this year.

Stroud Night Bus Report

The Cam and Dursley route has been suspended due to a variety of issues previously reported but it was included in the latest tender invitations sent out. The results will be available on 5th December at the next SNB meeting.

Canal Restoration Project - update

Natalie and Steve went to a meeting about the outcome of the Living Landmarks grant from the Big Lottery Fund. It was report by Nat that the bid to the Big Lottery by the Cotswold Canals Project for regenerating the section known as '1b' from Stonehouse to Saul was (despite being in the last 9 of 400) unsuccessful on this occasion.

Stroud District Youth Council has become a keen supporter of this huge local project and played a key role in the bidding process and is looking to continue its partnership work.

Hear by Right update

A mapping & planning event took place on 16th November, involving up to 6 youth councillors, adult cabinet members, strategic team and senior officers from SDC. The day went well and the staff turnout and feedback was very good. Progress will be made on this in the near future.

Duke of Edinburgh - Accreditation

Steve reported that accreditation for the work carried out by Stroud District Youth Councillors was needed. He outlined a number of different types of accreditation and informed everyone that this was an important area of his work in which to make progress on. The Duke of Edinburgh Awards would feature highly as a nationally and internationally recognised award for young people.

Any Other Business

There was no further business.

Date of the next meeting

Monday 10 December 2007, Council Chamber, Ebley Mill.