



# NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

02.04.2007

**Venue: Council Offices, Ebley Mill**

**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  
 Tinake Van Ginkel, Stroud College  
 Gordon Pritchard, Nailsworth YC  
 Mike Green, Nailsworth YC

### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

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

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

### **EX-OFFICIO**

P	Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	A
Ap	Stuart Gardener, Maidenhill	A
Ap	Dan Mcintosh, Maidenhill	A
P	Elsie Kenny, Rednock	A
A	Dean Morgan, Archway	A
Ap	Georgina Greenwood, Stroud High	A
Ap	Joe Tarran, Painswick Youth Club	A
Ap	Katherine Birkin, Thomas Keble	A
Ap	Amy Jade, Minchinhampton YC	A
P	Ben Smith, Stroud College	A
P	Ruth Royall, Stroud Youth Centre	A
Ap	Ceri Wills, Rednock	A
Ap	Josephine Marshall, Stroud High	A
P	Josh Conway, Painswick Youth Club	A
Ap	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

### **CO-OPTIONS**

## OTHERS PRESENT

Cllr Miranda Clifton  
 Cllr David Wride  
 Cllr Bird  
 Ashley Nicholson, Neighbourhood Warden  
 Phil Sullivan, Head of Community Safety  
 Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC  
 Sinead Chambers, Youth Council Support Officer, SDC

## **WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Youth Cabinet Leader chaired the meeting and welcomed the members and guests to the meeting.

Apologies for absence received from Meg Brown, Erfan Fadaei, Beth Townsend, Freddie Whittaker, Tom Lydon, Emily Thomas, Rose Horton, Ashley Skuse, Erfan Fadaei, Meg Brown, Natalie Smith, and Tineke Van Ginkel.

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

## **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Constitution Review** – Following the suggestion at the previous meeting to review the Constitution, the Youth Cabinet discussed this issue briefly but agreed that more members had to be present before a conclusion was made.
- **Hate Crime** – Steve has contacted Helen Seymour too discuss the Hate Crime Group but she is currently on leave. Phil Sullivan has offered to attend the next Youth Council meeting as the Chair for the Hate Crime Action Group to talk to the Youth Council about the issues in the area and to inform them about what the Hate Crime Action Group are currently doing.
- **Clothing design update** – Funding is available for the hoodies. Steve gave a short presentation on how the hoodies could look the following was agreed - There will be the SDYC logo on the front right hand side of the chest and the SDC logo and Youth Service logo on the lower back, with the words “supported and developed by” added accordingly. “Stroud District Youth Council” will be large across the back, with the website address small underneath. The hoodies will be navy blue. Some of the members suggested having their initials on the front of the hoodies on the left hand side chest or having their cabinet details embroidered on. Steve said that this may cost a lot of money to do individual hoodies, but would enquire. Phil Sullivan suggested getting metal badges made with Cabinet details on as an extra form of ID and would be kept as a memento of being an office holder.
- **Canal Restoration Project** – Steve reported that Natalie was involved in this, as the sole youth member of the recent Citizens Jury regarding the next stage (1B) of the restoration development. Natalie wished to inform the council that the 3-day intensive period was both enjoyable and successful and would hopefully lead to great involvement by the Youth Council in the future.

## **BUDGET CONSULTATION FEEBDACK – David Wride**

David gave feedback on the work of SDYC towards the end of 2006. Consultations with local residents and businesses are held before the budget is set. A Youth Consultation is always carried out and there was a bigger response than previous years with 64 questionnaires returned from Schools or Youth Clubs, although they would like to see a couple of hundred returned. Students wanted to see more money spent on leisure facilities and transport issues as fares for students are too high. There were four options about increasing council tax and a lot of the questionnaires

that came back had been ticked 'don't know'. This needs more work around increasing knowledge on council tax. It was suggested the Youth council should be engaged at an earlier point for this year's consultation.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN PRESENTATION – Ashley Nicholson**

Ashley Nicholson gave a presentation on the role of Neighbourhood Wardens in the district. He outlined the role of the wardens detailing the difference between their role in the community and that of the police. He explained the average day for a warden, highlighting the wide variety of duties and people that they seek to engage with in any given day. It was noted that some youth councillors are accustomed to the warden's involvement through transport assistance. Ashley also mentioned that they were looking at piloting a Junior Warden project in the future.

Due to the low attendance of youth councillors, it was agreed to invite a member of the Warden team to either the next meeting or one soon after, to deliver another presentation.

### **YOUTH CABINET REPORT**

The youth cabinet have received four applications for the Youth Initiative Fund.

A student from KLB School, Wotton under Edge is undertaking a World Challenge Experience in Tanzania to carry out voluntary community / charity work and was seeking £500. Sam Strickland hopes to benefit through the personal development aspects but also wishes to help those less fortunate. It was proposed that Sam Strickland receives £250. Agreed.

A worker on behalf of Ark House, Stroud was seeking £532.98 to fund sports equipment and clothing for young people who are residents of the Bromford Housing managed project. This would be part of their independent living skills programme currently being delivered. It was proposed that this should be supported in full. Agreed.

Facts 4 Life is a project being carried out by 7 students of Rednock School, Dursley with leadership input from Dr Hugh Van Hoff based on educating younger people about health and illness. They were seeking £2060 funding to create a board game to be used in classrooms around this subject. Due to the lack of clarity on the exact subject and information leading to enough funding being already received, it was agreed to invite them to do a presentation at the next youth cabinet meeting. Agreed.

Ten Ten Trust Charity delivers activity programmes for underprivileged young people. The charity was seeking £3603 for a dance and arts programme in August aimed at encouraging youth in the creative arts, keep them focussed throughout the holiday period and develop any skills they may already have. It was proposed to invite them to the next youth cabinet meeting to give more information on the project. Agreed.

The youth cabinet will be applying for £4000 from the Youth Opportunity Fund for an extended members training programme to be created.

### **STROUD NIGHT BUS**

Alex and Emma informed the meeting that the Cam & Dursley bus service had been running for about 3 weeks. There will be a separate leaflet produced for this service.

Posters and beer mats are available. ([www.stroudnightbus.com](http://www.stroudnightbus.com)). Phil Sullivan said that it was very encouraging to see that the youth council are so involved with the night bus. Alex and Emma were thanked for their hard work on this group.

### **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

- **Live Band Gig** - The live band gig has been booked at the Subscription Rooms for 1 June. Freddie is communicating with bands regarding this event, but is yet to confirm which bands have agreed to attend.
- **DJ Performance Event** – A visit to Bar Riga has been made and the Events Group approved of the venue and was just waiting on a report from the manager on prices.

Date of the next Events meeting will be agreed via email.

### **STROUD ACCESS GROUP**

The Chair was invited as guest speaker at this groups AGM but was unable to attend at last minute, Steve deputised. The group visit businesses, organisations and public spaces to assess if their environments and facilities are suitable for people with disabilities. They are very keen to have a member of the Youth Council at their meetings. Natalie was elected to their committee.

### **BUS SERVICES - MEMBERS LOG**

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

### **INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORMS**

No comments were made on this item.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

At the last meeting it was suggested that the Youth Council members would like a members contact form to keep that contained phone numbers and email address. It was agreed that Steve would check the Data Protection policy before this was carried out.

### **NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Hate Crime
- Night Bus
- Neighbourhood Warden Presentation

**The date of the next meeting will be the 23 April 2007 at 4:30pm at Stroud Youth Centre.**