



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

23.04.2007

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

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
 Amy Barker, Wotton YC
 Beth Townsend, Archway

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

EX-OFFICIO

P	Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	A
P	Stuart Gardener, Maidenhill	A
A	Dan Mcintosh, Maidenhill	A
P	Elsie Kenny, Rednock	A
A	Dean Morgan, Archway	A
Ap	Georgina Greenwood, Stroud High	A
P	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
P	Ceri Wills, Rednock	A
P	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
 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

The Vice Chair welcomed the Youth Council and all guests to Stroud Youth Centre (The Chair would be arriving later).

Apologies for absence received from Meg Brown, Erfan Fadaei, Ashley Skuse, Tineke Van Ginkel.

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

MATTERS ARISING

- **Constitution Review** - Freddie suggested updating the constitution in October at the AGM. He asked if anybody wanted to go through it with him to suggest any changes, Alex, Tom, Natalie, Emma and Anna all agreed to help.
- **Clothing design update** – Steve had a meeting with Harlequin Designs to discuss the designs. He was hoping that they would have a copy to show the members but unfortunately this will not be ready until Wednesday. The hoodies were approximately £27 per hoodies including all embroidery.

YOUTH CABINET REPORT.

The Youth Cabinet had met earlier in the day to receive presentations from the following Youth Initiative Fund applicants. They were as follows.

Ten Ten Dance Charity – The Ten Ten Trust Charity proposes to deliver 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. The members were impressed with the presentation and project proposals, in particular the level of inclusion for a wide range young people in positive activities. It was proposed to support this project with £1063. Agreed.

Facts For Life – 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. The members thought the costs were very high but noted the costs breakdown were only guesstimates. They agreed the concept was good but needed greater definition on the projects future plans and level of impact as well as cost. It was proposed not to support this project on this occasion. Agreed.

Stroud Night Bus also made an application, but it was received after the deadline. Members proposed that this could only be considered after the next period and exceptions could not be made. Agreed.

The above was approved in addition to decisions agreed at the last meeting.

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 the event,

the bands that have been chosen to pursue are Mafiosi, Bottle Bag, Cuckoo Row and the Bitchpups. The events group decided to use the Sub Rooms PA system, as it will only cost £160 and it is very good. Ska Daddy won't be in the line up as they are charging up to £700 and the Events Group were trying to get bands to play for free. The band Alex was hoping to get to play, are unavailable. Freddie sent out an email asking for members to give feedback on the bands choices given and had sent links to listen to them on Myspace. There wasn't a good response!

The promotion of the event – Natalie is looking into the design of posters that will be used to advertise the event. Ticket will be sold from the Box Office at the Subscription Rooms. Members also asked Steve if he could look into paying over the Internet through the Youth Council website by using Paypal. Steve did look into this but the IT department said that it wasn't possible but could download a form off the Internet, fill it in and send to the Sub Rooms or us. Alex will speak to Danny about DJing at the event and Brendan from The Door to do the stage management as they both have had experience. The group are also looking into having wristbands for people that will be allowed backstage as they are trying to keep numbers down to keep the area free.

- **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 – We are still waiting for a reply from Nick!
- **Curry Night** - Natalie was looking into holding the curry night at different venue, Passage to India in Nailsworth. The manager was supposed to phone back but didn't. Phil Sullivan suggested going to the Balti House in Nailsworth as it is cheaper and in his opinion is a very nice venue.

PROMOTIONS AND MARKETING

There hasn't been a meeting since the last full youth council.

WEBSITE – BEBO/MYSPACE

It was suggested that members have a workshop on how they could be editing the website and making it a bit more funky and up-to-date. Members would also like to have a Bebo or Myspace page so they can communicate with each other in a more up-to-date way. It was decided that they have the workshop session at the end of June. Steve would arrange with IT department.

ENVIRONMENTAL PILOT PROJECT

Whilst a decision was being expected from the LSP for the combi-waste bins, it was suggested members now had to think about where they could put the bins to make them more practical to the community – an area needed to be chosen to pilot this project in during the next month or so.

STROUD NIGHT BUS

Alex and Emma attend these meetings and they informed the group that the Cam & Dursley service had been running for about 3 weeks. There will be a separate leaflet for this journey. Posters and beer mats are available for all other services. (www.stroudnightbus.com). The steering group would like to have a letter of support from the Youth Council. It had been discovered that the bus driver was not sticking

to the route and taxi drivers were complaining about this as it meant the bus service was essentially then working as a taxi service.

NEWSLETTER

Natalie and Rose had agreed that they would like to produce a newsletter together to send out to all members and Schools/Youth Clubs/Colleges informing people of what the Youth Council are up to and what they are planning.

HATE CRIME PRESENTATION – PHIL SULLIVAN

As Chair of the Hate Crime Action Group, Phil Sullivan addressed the Youth Council on the issue of Hate Crime.

There are different kinds of Hate Crime. There is the County Hate Crime and Incident Group of which Phil is the Chair and there are the Hate Crime and Incident groups for Forest of Dean and Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury and Stroud and Cotswolds. Prejudices against groups of people e.g. disabled, gays, lesbians and transgender all need protection from inappropriate behaviour. Bogus Callers are people that call on vulnerable people and telling them that they need work done on their house and that they will do it for them straight away, swindling money out of people for work that isn't needed. One of the members asked what was actively being done about Hate Crime. PS said that people were being arrested and prosecuted.

It was hoped that the youth council would now be more informed about Hate Crime and could look at ways of promoting the reporting of such incidents across the county.

JOINT PROJECT – MAD YOUTH COUNCIL

At the previous meeting it was discussed that MAD Youth Council were interested in doing a joint project with Stroud District Youth Council. They were talking about packing customers bags at Waitrose in aid of raising funds for Help the Aged/Age Concern charity. The members were keen to do this. Steve to action.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business

NEXT AGENDA

No additional items were requested for the next agenda, although it had been previously agreed that Neighbourhood Wardens would be invited back again due to such a low attendance last month.

A request from some members was made to reduce the length of the agenda and therefore the duration of the meetings. It was agreed the Chair and Vice Chair would look into this, but commented that it was a reflection of the amount of work the Youth Council had developed this year.

The date of the next meeting will be the 14 May 2007 at 4:30pm in BB1, Ebley Mill.