



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

26.02.2007

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

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
 Anna Pearson

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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

** = 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
A	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
Ap	Joe Tarran, Painswick Youth Club	A
P	Katherine Birkin, Thomas Keble	A
Ap	Amy Jade, Minchinhampton YC	A
Ap	Ben Smith, Stroud College	A
Ap	Ruth Royall, Stroud Youth Centre	A
Ap	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
P	Mandy Noble, Cashes Green YP	A
P	Max Webb, Stonehouse YC	A
	Kelly Hooper, Cashes Green YP	A

CO-OPTIONS

OTHERS PRESENT

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 to Stroud District Council.

Apologies for absence received from Meg Brown, Ashley Skuse, Emma Mears, Alex Jones, Erfan Fadaei, Kieran Nurdin and Phil Sullivan – Head of Community Safety SDC.

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

MINUTES ARISING

Stroud Access Group - Tom and Natalie have agreed to attend the meetings of this group. Rose has accepted the invitation to attend the groups AGM as guest speaker. The group is predominantly adults and they would like a youth perspective on issues related to accessibility across the district for the disabled.

Stroud Skate Park – Some members returned questionnaires about Stroud Skate Park, Steve would pass these on to the SDC Sports Development Team.

Share 2 Buy – The joint event with SDC Housing Service and SDYC was considered a success. It was co-chaired by Ashley Skuse (Youth Cabinet member for Housing), also in attendance were Alex, Emma, Freddie and Rhi who welcomed guests to the event and gave thanks at the end. The event was aimed at 18 – 30 year olds who were looking at getting onto the property ladder but finding it hard due to the high mortgage rates. It is a concept where a group of people can club together to share the mortgage. It has been used in other areas and has been found to be very successful. The District Council itself are very keen to keep the Youth Council involved, further developments will be shared following the attendance of Steve at a yet to be arranged meeting with interested parties from the business sector.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIR

Gordon has spoken to Steve and expressed his wish to step down as Chair as he is unable to commit himself at this time. Rose has been Acting Chair whilst Gordon has not been attending the meetings. The members present accepted his verbal resignation.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR / VICE CHAIR

Freddie proposed that Rose be the chair in light of her efforts as acting chair for the vast majority of the year so far, this was seconded by Tom. It was decided that the election of vice chair would be left for the next meeting due to lower numbers than usual.

STROUD NIGHT BUS STEERING GROUP

Unfortunately no members were able to attend the meeting so there wasn't a report available on the Night Bus.

YOUTH CABINET REPORT

The group are currently applying for money from the Youth Opportunity Fund to support an extended training programme and to fund Youth Councillors clothing (hoodies).

EVENTS GROUP

Live Band Gig - The Events Group have recently visited the Subscription Rooms in Stroud to take a look at the venue for which they are hoping to hold the Live Band Gig. Hire costs would be £843 Inc a £500 returnable damage deposit. Performing Rights Society costs would be £52 (based on 300 tickets being sold @ £5 each). 120 tickets would have to sell to break even, selling tickets at £5 in advance and £6.50 on the door. The Sub Rooms had 3 dates to offer the group and members voted on each date and Friday 1 June being agreed. Freddie is looking at bands to play at the gig and was hoping that the popular local band called Ska Daddy could be the headliners. The group agreed it should be a non-alcoholic event and that it would be finished by midnight to save costs.

Curry Night - Freddie has looked into holding the curry night at the King Balti, Stroud on Friday 2 March 2007. Having originally considered the Balti Spice, it was decided that the King Balti would be better because:

- No alcohol (unless you bring your own)
- Cheaper prices
- Cater for larger parties
- Option to book whole restaurant

A vote was made and 4 people were interested in attending the curry night, although a response from those not in attendance was needed – Steve would contact everyone with view to making a decision ASAP, if few could attend then it was agreed that the event would be postponed for a few weeks.

Action – Steve to contact all members to see if they were interested in coming.

DJ performance – Steve is still to organise a visit for members of the Events Committee to attend and have a look at the venue, but has been on annual leave recently.

Bowling Event – Erfan was looking to this event and was unfortunately not in attendance and unavailable to give the group an update.

PROMOTIONS & MARKETING GROUP

Freddie informed the group that he was drafting a few press releases. The next meeting would be on Monday 5th March at 4.30pm in Youth Cabinet Room, Ebley Mill.

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Rose outlined some items of interest and relevance to young people from the recent LSP meeting. Included in this was that Stroud District Council are willing to pilot the combination waste bins that were suggested by the Youth Council in the Environmental Green Paper. There is to be a new structure and format to the LSP, and a young peoples sub group will be created.

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Green Flag Status – The LSP would like to encourage schools in the district to acquire the Green Flag status. Tom made a link to the Eco-schools concept – further research will be done.

BUS SERVICES - MEMBERS LOG

It was suggested at the last meeting that it would be a good idea if members could note down any issues they have with the bus services in their area. A brief discussion was had around this issue. The idea would be to create a log of as many malfunctions and problems as possible with view to talking the companies with the findings.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORMS

No forms were handed in for discussion although there was excellent debate among the group on the following issue.

Rhi informed the group about an issue in her area with youths being anti social towards teachers from their school. One teacher went out for the night for her birthday and came home to find that her windows had been smashed. Steve suggested members could make enquires in their schools and communities with view to bringing to the attention of the Hate Crime Action Group as they would be interested in what racial issues are happening in schools etc.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Steve informed the members that the Youth Opportunity Fund Panel for the district were looking to recruit 2 young people to sit on the panel. The general task would be to work with other panel members to assess and allocate funds to applicants. Natalie and Rhi agreed to take these roles, although Rhi would be happy if someone else who wasn't in attendance wanted to do it.

Steve reported that both the Neighbourhood Wardens and Cllr. David Wride agreed to do presentations about their work and give feedback on the SDC Budget Consultation respectively on Monday 2nd April 2007.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no addition items for the next agenda other than the issues above and usual items.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be the Monday 12 March 2007 at 4:30pm at Ebley Mill.