



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

29.01.2007

Venue: Council Chamber, Stroud District Council

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
 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
 Aisha Butler, Stroud Youth Centre
 Gemma Johnson, Stroud Youth Centre
 Freddie Whittaker, Archway
 Natalie Smith, Archway

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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

CO-OPTIONS

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Jane Bullows, Sports Regeneration Manager, SDC
 Cllr Miranda Clifton
 Cllr Libby Bird
 Sinead Chambers, Youth Council Admin Support, SDC

WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Due to the absence of Chair and Vice-Chair officers, Meg Brown acted as the chair and welcomed members and Councillors to the meeting.

The group also welcomed Kelly and Denise Young (her mother) to the meeting. Kelly applied for a Talented Young Sports Achievers grant to help towards the costs of entering competitions and travelling. Kelly will be competing in the World Transplant Games in Bangkok in August/September 2007. The members presented the cheque to Kelly and Mrs Young thanked everybody for the grant.

A Talented Young Sports Achiever grant was presentation to Kelly Young at the start of the meeting.

Apologies received from Rhian Davies, Emily Thomas, Rose Horton, Gordy Pritchard, and Cllr. Dennis Andrewartha.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING

Environmental Green Paper

Having given their suggestions and thoughts to Nigel Riglar and Cllr Nigel Cooper the Youth Council suggested that they give them a period of 6 months to report back. Steve to action.

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

A curry night was suggested at the meeting and the group thought that this was a good idea and the majority of the group were keen. Freddie said that he would look into having it at Balti Spice in Stroud. The suggested having it on the 23 February, which will coincide with the first night of the Cam and Dursley Night Bus Service – this date would be checked.

There will also be a Bowling night for members in March. Both events to be self funded.

A visit to the Subscription Rooms has been organised for the events group to go along on the 6 February, a visit to Bar Riga is yet to be organised. It was suggested to hold either the Live Band Night or the DJ Night on the first Friday of half term.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th Feb 2007 at Stroud Youth Centre, 4.30pm.

PROMOTIONS AND MARKETING GROUP REPORT

Tescos - The Promotions and Marketing Group decided not to pursue with plans of a protest at Tescos about 'Environmental issues' that were raised at the last meeting, as they have changed their policy and the majority of the people they employ are young.

Youngest Youth Councillor - The group discussed doing a press release on the fact that Beth Townsend is the youngest Youth Councillor as she is only 11 years old. Freddie agreed to speak to Beth and get back to the group.

Bi-monthly newsletter - Another idea from the Promotions and Marketing Groups was to produce a bi monthly newsletter informing members and colleagues what they are doing at the moment.

Questionnaire - We will also be doing another press release before the questionnaire is sent out.

Cllr Miranda Clifton suggested that we enclose some information on what the information is needed for, so the members of the public are aware what we intend to do following the process, as it is often suggested that there has been so many questionnaires out at the moment they may be getting fed up.

It was highlighted that it was a multi issue consultation and the outcomes would help shape the work of the Youth Council – at this stage it was important to keep an open mind and not have a pre-determined plan.

Website - The website needs 'funking' up and we are looking for members who would like to come in and learn how to change the website and make it more fun and aimed at the youth. It was suggested that a workshop should be run - the members that were interested are Tom, Kieran, Natalie, Beth, and Erfan.

New members - The Promotions and Marketing Group are looking for more people to join, as they are only a small group at present. Extra members to join are Natalie and Tom.

YOUTH CABINET

It was suggested that we should apply to the Youth Opportunity Fund for funding to enhance the training programme in the future. Steve agreed to meet with Rhi to discuss this before the next meeting.

PLAYWORK STRATEGY REPORT

The Youth Council through Tom and Erfan has produced a vision statement for this group. The aims are to create a play work strategy that would be the basis for a funding bid to Play England to support and create new projects dedicated to play through out the district – this is being led through sports development team and supported by others including the Youth Council. Natalie express a wish to join the group. The next meet would be in March.

STROUD NIGHT BUS STEERING GROUP REPORT

Alex and Emma have been attending the Stroud Night Bus Steering Group where they have been passing on their ideas and commenting on how they think the Night Bus could be improved. A Cam and Dursley Service is being considered following their huge amount of work and promotion.

MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The new Information Exchange Forms were being used and members were encouraged to use them as a tool to bring information to the meetings.

Tom wanted to let the group know that Marling School have an environmental forum to try to make the school greener. The teachers that are involved have got extra recycling bins for paper, as there is too much litter. It is also to raise awareness that the school are making an effort to make the school more environmentally friendly.

BUS SERVICES

Following a discussion it was agreed local Bus Services are to be looked at by the Youth Council regarding the child and adult fares. It was suggested that the group keep logs on how late the bus services in their area is and if it stops where it is supposed.

STROUD SKATEPARK QUESTIONNAIRE

A short questionnaire went out with the last minutes for the members to fill and send back. This was asked for by SDC Sports Development Team to assist with consultation on the redevelopment of Stroud Skate Park.

STROUD AND DISTRICT ACCESS GROUP

Steve went to the last meeting and the access group would like a Youth Council representative to go along to the meetings. The group's focus is based on accessibility for disabled people across the district and is keen to involve young people in their work. They would also like somebody to go along and speak at their AGM in March. Tom and Natalie expressed an interest in attending.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Steve asked the group if they would be interested in doing a charity event for Help the Aged/Age Concern. The opportunity would include mixing with young people from the MAD Youth Council in Cheltenham and would involve doing supermarket packing at the Waitrose stores in Cheltenham and Stroud. Members agreed this would be a good venture and would welcome meeting up with young people from Cheltenham. Action - Steve to make a contact with MAD Youth Council.

It was agreed to invite Cllr David Wride to the next meeting to give feedback on the budget consultation the Youth Council did a few months ago.

Youth Parliament Gloucestershire have just finished their voting process and the results should have been out by Thursday 1 February. It was suggested that the elected Members of Youth parliament for Stroud & Cotswolds should be invited to visit the next Youth Council meeting.

Members present would like the Neighbourhood Wardens to come and give a presentation to the group about their role. They would be invited to do a presentation as soon as possible.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 26 February 2007, Stroud Youth Centre at 4:30pm. Cabinet members please arrive at 4pm. Please meet at reception.