



# NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

11.12.2006

**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

### **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
Ap	Stuart Gardener, Maidenhill	A
P	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
P	Amy Jade, Minchinhampton YC	A
P	Ben Smith, Stroud College	A
Ap	Ruth Royall, Stroud Youth Centre	A
P	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
	Max Webb, Stonehouse YC	A
	Kelly Hooper, Cashes Green YP	A

### **CO-OPTIONS**

## OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC  
 Cllr Miranda Clifton  
 Sinead Chambers, Youth Council Support Officer, SDC

## **WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Vice Chair welcomed the Youth Council to Stroud Youth Centre.

Apologies for absence received from, Alex Jones, Emily Thomas, Erfan Fadaei, Kieran Nurdin, Phil Sullivan, and Cllr Libby Bird.

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

## **CLOTHES SHOW AND UNICEF EVENT**

The Clothes Show trip was cancelled due to a lack interest and UNICEF cancelled their scheduled event in Bristol.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS INCLUSION UPDATE**

Meg, Emily and Ashley met up after the last Youth Council meeting with a view to linking up with special needs groups in the area. This is work in progress and will resume in the New Year.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

The events committee consists of Erfan, Kieran, Natalie, Freddie, Beth, Alex and Tom. The next meeting for the Events Committee is Thursday 4 January 2007.

## **PROMOTION & MARKETING COMMITTEE**

The promotions & marketing committee met up with Steve and Dave Marshall who is the Public Relations Officer for Stroud District Council to talk about promoting the Youth Council.

The following comments and ideas were made:

- Not enough people know about the Youth Council
- More effort with promoting needs to be made this next year
- Cabinet photo (?)
- Best promoting technique – word of mouth
- Go to schools with presentation
- Start a campaign – minimum wage/bus fares etc
- Get Alex Farrow in for a talk on previous bus fares campaign
- Raise awareness within club forums, schools and communities to encourage issues to be highlighted by Youth Councillors at meetings
- Promote the questionnaire through media
- Monthly report on SDYC in the Stroud News and Journal
- Advertise on My Space.
- Hold another training event to include new faces
- Media training
- Highlight Special needs inclusion in press releases
- YC involvement in Environment Green Paper was a good initial piece of news.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL GREEN PAPER**

The Youth Council had the opportunity to add further comments/ideas to the work already compiled for feedback. Feedback would be done either end of December or early Jan 07. Meeting to be arranged with Nigel Riglar and Cllr. Nigel Cooper- Steve

to co-ordinate. The group to carry out this feedback presentation is; Freddie, Rose, Natalie, Beth and Emma.

### **YOUTH CABINET REPORT**

Due to a poor attendance as a result of a traffic gridlock in Stroud, the above meeting was postponed until the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 07.

### **STROUD NIGHTBUS STEERING GROUP**

Alex and Emma attended the last meeting and suggested that timetables should be put onto the youth council website as well as some games to make it more fun. The nightbus is run on a limited amount of money and the contract is held with Ebley Coaches. The Nightbus Steering Group are looking to take the service to Dursley but will need more funding – suggestions are required!

It was noted that the above service should not be confused with the Village Link service.

### **REPORT FROM MEMBERS**

Steve asked the group to find out about any issues from their areas and report back to the youth council for debate at the next meeting.

### **UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

Elections are coming up for the UK Youth Parliament and the dates are 22,23 and 24 January 2007. Polling stations will be dotted around the county and one of them will be at Stroud Youth Centre. For more information please email [info@ukypglos.co.uk](mailto:info@ukypglos.co.uk) or visit [www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk).

### **ANY OTHER BUISNESS**

Co-options – It was noted there is the option of having co-options, to include youths from outside groups into the youth council.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on the 8 January at Ebley Mill, 4.30pm

