



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

16.01.2006

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4:30pm- 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Amy Jade, Minch Youth Club	P	Meg Brown, Wotton Youth Club	P
Ashley Skuse, Wotton Youth Club	P	Ben Smith, Stroud College	P
Chris Martin, Nailsworth Youth Club	A	Ruth Royall, Stroud Youth Centre	P
Dean Morgan, Archway	A	Ceri Wills, Rednock	P
Elsie Kenny, Rednock **	P	Josephine Marshall, Stroud High	P
Erfan Fadaei, Marling	P	Josh Conway, Painswick Youth Club	P
Georgina Greenwood, Stroud High	P	Ben Challis, Marling	P
Joe Tarran, Painswick Youth Club	P	Danielle Russell, Minch Youth Club	P
Katherine Birkin, Thomas Keble	P	Amy Lang, Dursley Youth Centre	P
Polly Lord, KLB	P	Oliver Timms, Marling	P
Sam Durn, Stroud College	Ap	Mandy Noble, Cashes Green YP	A
Sophie Warren, Rednock	A	Justine Pemberton, Rednock	Ap
Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	P	Freddie Whittaker, Archway *	Ap
Ollie Payne, Nailsworth Youth Club	Ap	Max Webb, Stonehouse YC	A
Stuart Gardener, Maidenhill School	Ap	Kelly Hooper, Cashes Green YP	A
Dan Mcintosh, Maidenhill School	A		

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Dennis Andrewartha
Councillor Chas Fellows
Mark Harsant, SDC
Phil Sullivan, SDC
Jane Bullows, SDC

Councillor Elisabeth Bird
Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service
Nigel Moore, SDC
Elizabeth Macdonald, DOEA

The Chair welcomed all Youth members, District Councillors, Guests and Officers to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Stuart Gardiner, Justine Pemberton, Ollie Payne, Freddie Whittaker and Sam Durn.

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 19th December were accepted.

JANE BULLOWS – TALENTED SPORTS PERFORMER GRANT

Jane spoke to the members about the Talented Sport Performer Grant. She explained that this grant originated because there was, and still is a lack of financial backing for talented sports performers both in Stroud and nationally.

She followed this by explaining the application process from start to finish. The protocol for this was distributed. (Attached).

Jane urged all councillors to go back to their Schools/Youth Clubs and look out for future National and International sports performers. She recommended members made these individuals aware that this funding opportunity is available.

Jane also suggested that if the cabinet get any Youth Initiative application forms through which is related to sport/dance etc, e.g. funding for skateboarding, to pass them on to her. This application may come under the Talented Sports Performer Grant.

NIGEL MOORE – (NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN) DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Nigel gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. He explained that the award aims to provide for young people an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development, which is of the highest quality and the widest reach.

A video was also played showing how young people can get involved.

Nigel also spoke about the forthcoming event at Berkeley Castle in June. (Please refer to the Cabinet Report section for further details on this event).

For further information on the award: www.theaward.org

WEBSITE

Mark expressed how important it was for the group to forward their individual 100-word profile to him at the earliest convenience. mark.harsant@stroud.gov.uk.

Photos of Youth Councillors for the website will be done at the next meeting.

CABINET REPORT

Youth Initiative Fund

Four applications have been received for funding from the Youth Initiative Fund.

These are:

Adopt Sri Lanka – Alex Farrow

The application is for a grant to sponsor a youth gig at the Subscription Rooms in order to raise funds for *Adopt Sri Lanka* schools project.

Funding amount asked for: **£500**

Date of project: **18/11/05**

How many young people expect to participate or benefit: **350+**

The Cabinet and Council agreed to fund the full amount of £500.

It has been agreed that as this event has already taken place and no promotion of the Youth Council was given on the night, (due to funds not being released in time); Alex Farrow will promote the Youth Council at his next gig in March.

Glos Rocks – Rick Vick

This application is for a grant to purchase a 1200-watt Behringer bass speaker and cables.

Funding amount asked for: **£420**

Date of project: **Ongoing**

How many young people expect to participate or benefit: **400**

The Cabinet and Council agreed to fund the full amount of £420

Frith Youth Skate Club – Mr A Wilkins

This application is for a grant to further the members in their skateboarding skill, from learning new tricks to building ramps.

Funding amount asked for: **Not stated**

Date of project: **21/10/05**

How many young people expect to participate or benefit: **30+**

The Cabinet agreed that Ceri should get in contact with Mr Wilkins. It was suggested he submit another application as the current one was not fully completed.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award, funds for Berkeley Festival – Elizabeth Macdonald

This application is for a grant to help fund the Berkeley Festival – to celebrate 50 years of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Funding amount asked for: **£1500**

Date of project: **24-25/06/06**

How many young people expect to participate or benefit: **1000-5000**

The Cabinet and Council agreed to fund £1000 of the £1500 asked for but Ceri will be requesting from Elizabeth Macdonald more information on what specifically the Youth Council will be funding.

During Nigel Moore's presentation the Youth Councillors had the opportunity to ask Elizabeth Macdonald some questions regarding the event. Elizabeth suggested the money from the Youth Council go on a specific area/event such as, Bungee Jump, Bucking Bronco and Lazar shooting. She also mentioned that all Youth Councillors are welcome to come and help organise/set up the event. ***For more information on doing this and on the event itself please contact Elizabeth direct on Tel: 07879486444 or e-mail: elizabeth.macdonald@gloucestershire.gov.uk.***

It was decided that the members come back at the next meeting with thoughts on which event/area the Youth Council should fund at Berkeley Show.

Talented Sports Performer Grant

Three applications have been received for funding from the Talented Sports Performer Grant.

These are:

Tom Russell – GB Athletics (RTSM recommendation £300)

The Cabinet and Council agreed to fund the full amount of £300

Jack Smith – England Snooker (RTSM recommendation £300)

The Cabinet and Council agreed to fund the full amount of £300

Alex Felce – GB Athletics (RTSM recommendation £300)

The Cabinet and Council agreed to fund £200 and not £300 due to the issue of going over budget by £100.

Ceri suggested Alex apply for further funding next quarter.

Jane highlighted to the members that a photo shoot with all three sportsman and their cheques will take place on 27th February in the Council Chamber. This photo will go to the local press.

Ceri highlighted to the group that Georgina has been voted as Vice Cabinet Leader.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The SDYC questionnaire was circulated. A discussion followed about how it should be improved. The following suggestions were made:

- An incentive to complete and return the questionnaire, e.g. a cash prize for an individual and a further cash prize for the school who had completed the most.
- Shorten the questionnaire – less writing more 'option' questions
- Having the questionnaire available to complete on the Internet as well as hard copy. Ceri's uncle would be happy to make it available on the Internet free of charge (Via YC website possibly)

- Have a press release (photo) with the winner of the individual prize and school prize with the cheque
- 25-50 hard copies available for each member

Feedback on the progress of these points will be highlighted at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM MEMBERS

Georgina – Wrote to the Stroud News & Journal regarding a weekly column for the Youth Council. Georgina had a very positive reply and she will keep us informed of any progress.

Ceri – Had press releases in Stroud News & Journal, Citizen and Gazette.

Polly – E-mailed her Cabinet portfolio holder, Cllr David Wride. Also e-mailed the Gazette for the prospect of a column for the Youth Council.

Josephine - Helping her school create the Homework and Canteen Surveys.

Ruth – Mentioned to members that there is a Fun day at Victory Park next month. There will be stalls relating to environmental issues. Ruth asked the Youth Council if anyone would be interested in setting up a stall or volunteering to help organise the event, please contact Ebley Parish Council or Ruth for more info.

Steve shared with the group the excellent fund raising idea Joe and Josh will be carrying out on April 1st. They are bike riding to Snowdonia **and** climbing it to raise money for their Youth Club. Good luck lads.....

UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT - ELECTIONS

Cllr Elisabeth Bird spoke how important it was for Youth Members to get right behind Ben and Ceri and support them all the way. She urged all members to go back to their schools/clubs and get fellow colleagues to vote.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mark highlighted that all future correspondence will be by e-mail. Only members who have not got an e-mail address will receive paperwork through the post.

Mark suggested to members that they check their e-mail regularly so they can be kept informed of all correspondence being distributed including; Minutes of last meetings, Agendas, and Future events.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held at Stroud Youth Centre, Ryleaze Road, 4.30pm on Monday 6th February.
(Map attached)