



## NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

18<sup>th</sup> July 2005

**Venue: Council Chamber  
Stroud District Council**

**Time: 4:45pm- 5.30 p.m.**

### YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Katy Dainton, Stroud College	Ap	Justine Pemberton*, Rednock	Ap
Jenny Dando, Stroud High	Ap	Emma Pinchbeck**, Stroud High	P
Nikki Deeley, Maidenhill	A	James Radford, Maidenhill	A
Alex Farrow, Marling	Ap	Frankie Rushton, Stroud High	P
Polly Lord, KLB	P	Oliver Timms, Marling	P
Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	Ap	Freddie Whittaker, Archway	Ap
Dean Morgan, Archway	A	Ceri Wills, Rednock	Ap
Chris Nicholls, KLB	A	Josephine Marshall	P

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

### OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Dorcas Binns  
Mark Harsant, SDC  
John Henry, Gloucestershire Constabulary

Councillor John Jeffreys (part)  
Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service

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### NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June were accepted.

#### JOHN HENRY

Chief Superintendent John Henry is the Divisional Commander in charge of policing in the Cotswolds and Stroud area.

John recently attended an LSP meeting and from that it became clear to him that there was gaps in what the police think they deliver and what they actually deliver.

John suggested that to highlight what some of these gaps are a stronger link between the Youth Council and the Police should be in position.

John asked the members how the Police could work/engage with the Youth Council. It was suggested that Stroud Youth Council engineer a youth forum with the Police on a regular basis to share views/ideas, address any misconceptions they might have about the Police, how could the Police change there delivery, how the Police

could improve and ultimately help/assist strengthen and maintain the performance the Police deliver to the community.

On 15<sup>th</sup> September the Police are introducing Safer Community Teams. These are local identified officers who will deal with all community needs. Examples of what these new teams will be doing are, Street meetings with the community, whether it be on a street corner or in a park to discuss issues or problems within community, and also regular meetings with the Police, Youth Council members and members of that community to chat about the needs of residents. Meetings could be held at the local school or even a youth club.

John will keep in touch and more specific information about what role the Youth Council will play will be made clear after Democracy Week.

### **TALENTED YOUTH PERFORMERS' GRANTS**

The applications were agreed. However it was suggested that the ages of each performer be clearly highlighted on each application.

### **YOUTH INITIATIVE FUND GRANTS**

Redknock School asked for £1000 for there achievement files – Rejected

Neil Roberts from Downfield school asked for £500 to start up a band magazine. It would be for the whole of the Stroud area and include items such as new start up bands and gig dates. Members suggested Neil should provide a draft plan and suggested he do a presentation with the view to give him the full amount.

### **CABINET MEETING REPORT**

On behalf of the Youth Council Polly thanked Emma and Frankie for all there dedicated hard work and wished them well for the future.

Steve reminded the members that a meeting is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm at Ebley Mill. Head teachers from the local schools are invited and this would include a presentation form the Youth Council. Steve suggested 3-4 members prepare and carry out the presentation.

It was provisionally agreed that Emma, Polly, Alex and Justine carry out the presentation. The initial meeting for preparation and establishing a framework will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm

Steve and the Stroud area youth team visited the Funky Dragon youth parliament in Swansea. Steve said he was very impressed with what they are doing and suggested Stroud Youth Council link up with the Funky Dragon for regular youth forums.