



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

21st February 2005

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4:35 pm – 5:45 pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Dorcas Binns, SDC	Tula Davis, SDC (part)
Councillor Miranda Clifton, SDC	Dave Marshall, SDC
Councillor Chas Fellows, SDC (part)	Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service
Councillor John Jeffreys, SDC	Matt Pearce, SDC
Councillor Liz Peters, SDC	Andy Jackson, Marling
Jane Bullows, SDC	

The Chair welcomed Dean Morgan, Archway's new representative.

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meeting held on 31st January 2005 were accepted.

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Tula Davis gave details of the Local Strategic Partnership and explained its role; this was accompanied by a hand-out. Meetings are held quarterly, with the next due on the morning of 4th March. Emma expressed interest in representing the Youth Council. It was agreed (in Frankie's absence) that the Youth Cabinet should resolve this issue at its next meeting (28th February).

PR SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Andy Jackson presented his design for the Youth Council website. Members were happy with its simple but business-like appearance, though it needs to be brighter. It was agreed to move forward with this; Alex to liaise with Gareth Llewellyn (SDC). In order to start populating the site, each Youth Councillor should submit a 100-word profile to Alex (alexfarrowmyp@yahoo.co.uk), no later than 14th March.

Dave again reminded members that photos of members could not be used without written parental consent.

YOUTH COUNCIL HEADED NOTEPAPER

The final proof was circulated and agreed; Dave to order.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Matt Pearce, SDC's new Healthy Lifestyles Development Officer, gave a presentation on his work. He is currently employed by Maidenhill School and Stroud District Council and based at Ebley Mill. The overall objective of his post is to raise awareness concerning health and physical activity, and to meet the SDC's responsibilities contained in the NHS Framework for health improvement: services for older people (60+) and services for young people (5-18yrs). This will be achieved by:

- Standardising and delivering an Exercise Referral Course (ERS)
- Offering a health promotion support service to primary and secondary schools
- Making best use of the newly developed sports facility at Maidenhill (due to be completed in December 2005)

POSTER DESIGN PROGRESS REPORT

Polly handed in KLBs design. Frankie was understood to have a design, while Nikki and Ceri were both hopeful of doing something. Katy reported that Stroud College had accepted the project then failed to deliver; Freddie reported a similar experience at Archway.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Emma: Has established links with her local parish council. Also working with her School Council to promote the Talented Performers' Scheme.

Katy: As Youth Cabinet Member for Housing, she has been involved in work on the housing part of the SDC website. The aim is to make it more 'personal'.

Tadhg: Still trying to get a voting poster produced at school.

Jenny: Nothing to report

Alex: Still involved in Youth Parliament issues; recently been on a residential in Devon. The Tsunami schools appeal had been very successful; no money yet received from Stroud High.

Polly: Handed in her poster. Has also visited the proposed venue for the Youth Council summer event; reporting to the next Youth Cabinet meeting.

Ceri: Nothing to report

Justine: After several attempts, has finally made contact with the Dursley Gazette, which has a regular young people's feature.

Nikki: Still trying to get a voting poster produced at school.

Freddie: As Youth Cabinet Member for Planning, he has been working with Barbara Tait. Recently attended the Ruscombe Valley Action Group, helping friends achieve a better environment in Stroud

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Liz Peters asked members to pass on the County Council's appreciation to schools and pupils for their help in formulating its Strategy for 14 – 19 year olds.

A discussion took place about the provision of skateboard facilities. A couple of members felt that the emphasis on this was unpopular with those young people that do not skateboard.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill, 4.30 pm on Monday, 14th March.