



## **NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON**

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2005**

**Venue: Council Chamber  
Stroud District Council**

**Time: 4:40 pm – 5:20 pm**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

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

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Councillor Dorcas Binns  
Councillor Nigel Cooper  
Councillor John Jeffreys  
Mark Harsant, SDC

Paul Helbrow, SDC  
Dave Marshall, SDC  
Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service  
Phil Sullivan, SDC

Councillor Miranda Clifton – apology

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### **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the previous meeting, held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004, were accepted.

### **YOUTH INITIATIVE GRANTS**

Stonehouse Youth Club has applied for financial help towards the purchase of electrical equipment like TVs. After a discussion about the application and hearing that the Centre's future is uncertain, the Youth Council decided to reject the proposal but have promised to consider it after its future has been resolved.

However it was agreed by the Youth Council that Dursley Rotary Club, which is organising a young musician of the year competition covering the whole District, will receive the full £1000 requested.

A thank you letter from Wotton Youth Club was read out.

## **TALENTED PERFORMERS GRANTS**

The Council agreed that the following talented sports performers should receive grants.

Fern Barker (GB Skiing) - £300  
Ashley Barker (GB Skiing) - £300  
Iain Whitfield (England Athletics) - £300  
Iain Omnes (England Boccia) - £400

Members were asked to promote awareness of the Scheme in schools.

## **PRESS/MEDIA**

There was nothing to report at this stage but Alex highlighted that a meeting has been scheduled for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 4 pm to discuss press/media and the Youth Council website. It was noted that Alex has sent 4 items to the Stroud News & Journal recently; none have been used. Currently Alex, Polly and Justine attend the meetings; however all are welcome.

## **YOUTH "PARLIAMENT" EVENT – 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**

The event is to take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January between 2 pm and 4 pm in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill. All the main parties have been invited to send their Prospective Parliamentary Candidates. It was suggested that as many Youth Council members go to the event - Emma, Frankie, Ollie, Freddie, Ceri and Justine said that they would be likely to do so; Polly was uncertain. The Chair added that members should find out delegates from their schools and make them aware of this event.

## **YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

Alex and Katy attended a meeting with Stagecoach. Points discussed;

- Stagecoach agreed to rise the age for adult prices from 16 to 18. Passengers will need to obtain a travel card that costs under £5
- Stagecoach is against the bus/rail interchange.

### **Tsunami Appeal**

A national non-school uniform day has been arranged for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January, with the backing of the Daily Star and The Sun. Locally the event is being mentioned frequently on Severn Sound, GWR and Radio Gloucestershire. It is hoped that nationally, £5 million will be raised towards the Tsunami Appeal.

Alex reported that he has a forthcoming meeting with Cotswold District Council, which was looking to set up a new Youth Council for its area.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Anti Social Behaviour Strategy**

Phil Sullivan (Head of Community Safety) presented to the Youth Council the Anti Social Behaviour Strategy for the Stroud District. This initiative supports Stroud District Council's commitment to delivering the Community Safety strategy, which is one of the Council's key priorities in making Stroud District a better place to live, work and visit. A flow chart setting out the normal method of approach by the Council and its partners is included in the handout that was circulated at the meeting. Phil asked the Youth Council to look through the strategy and e-mail him with any comments in the next two weeks.

### **Payments to Bands**

Alex queried the whereabouts of the agreed payments of £50 to the bands who took part in the September gig. Dave replied that the money could be made available once he had a list of those to whom cheques had to be made payable.

### **Tsunami Gig**

Members were asked to support the gig at the Subscription Rooms on 29<sup>th</sup> January, in aid of the Tsunami Appeal.

### **Poster Designs**

Dave reminded members about the poster designs that would be needed to encourage young people to vote. He emphasised that the posters would be targeted at young people throughout the District, not just within individual schools. Members confirmed that designs were, or would be, in hand at the following schools: KLB, Stroud High (when time), Archway, Rednock, Marling.

## **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 4 pm, Youth Council Room - PR sub-committee meeting

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2 pm, Council Chamber - Youth "Parliament" event

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 4 pm, Youth Council Room - Youth Cabinet

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 4.30 pm, Council Chamber - Youth Council.