



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

02.06.2008

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Rose Horton, Stroud High**
 Natalie Smith, Archway
 Freddie Whittaker, Archway
 Thomas Lydon, Marling*
 Rob Price, Marling
 Meg Brown, Wotton YC
 Alex Jones, Cam & Dursley YF
 Emma Mears, Cam & Dursley YF
 Ellie Cairns, Thomas Keble
 Liam Baker, Thomas Keble
 El Linsell, Stroud High
 Matt Stump, Berkeley Vale Youth Project
 Luke Smith, Berkeley Vale Youth Project
 Harriet Dudbridge, Katharine Lady Berkeley's
 Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's
 Toby Gardener, Stonehouse Youth Forum
 Matt Hellier, Stonehouse Youth Forum

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Rebecca Redding, Thomas Keble
 Cameron Patterson, Thomas Keble
 Kieran Nurning, Archway
 Beth Townsend, Archway
 Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud High
 Sophie Coleman, Berkeley Vale Youth Project
 Jessica Howell, Cam & Dursley YF
 Rebekah Batting, Cam & Dursley YF
 Sian Ainsworth, Katharine Lady Berkeley's
 Henry Guy, Katharine Lady Berkeley's

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

EX-OFFICIO

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| Ap | Anna Pearson, Stroud College | A |
| Ap | Gordon Pritchard, Nailsworth YC | A |
| P | Mike Green, Nailsworth YC | A |
| P | Owen Wichard, Stroud College | A |
| Ap | Emily Thomas, Stroud High | A |
| A | Danielle Russell, Minchinhampton YC | A |
| Ap | Rhian Davies, KLB | A |
| Ap | James Austin, KLB | A |
| P | Erfan Fadaei, Marling | A |
| P | Amy Barker, Wotton YC | A |
| Ap | Tinake Van Ginkel, Stroud College | A |
| Ap | Ashley Skuse, Wotton YC | A |

CO-OPTIONS

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Sinead Chambers, Business Support Assistant, SDC

Youth Council Minutes

Welcome & Apologies for absence

The vice chair welcomed members to Stroud Youth Centre. Apologies were received from Rose Horton, Henry Guy, Sian Ainsworth, Harriett Dudbridge, Luke Smith, Sophie Coleman, El Linsell, Matt Stump, Beth Townsend, Emma Mears, Alex Jones, Natalie Smith and Rob Price, Cllr. John Jeffreys, Cllr Linda Townley, Phil Sullivan.

Matters arising

a) *Free Running – Media Interest*

Following the discussion at the last meeting, the issue of Free Running had coincidentally been featured in the national magazine Children and Young People Now. Members discussed what they wanted to happen – they suggested a meeting with Cllr Phillip Booth (who had recently brought this issue to the attention of various SDC Officers) but also felt it was important that they communicated with local free runners. Steve agreed to explore the feasibility of this meetings taking place.

b) *Watersplash 2008*

The County Watersplash event is taking place on Sunday 15 June. Steve needed confirmation of names of the people who expressed an interest in taking part. Jess, Liam, Rosie, Becky, Rob and El said that they were interested.

c) *SDC Play Strategy – feedback from last meeting*

Whilst members are still happy to be consulted in 6-8 months time regarding this matter, they highlighted that they could in real practice only represent young people between 11 and 12 years old due to the make up of SDYC in comparison with the target age range of the strategy. Steve would forward this response to the strategy lead officer.

Correspondence

a) *Climate Change Panel Event – 25 June*

Rosie, Hilary and Cameron are interested in being on this panel. More information would be forward to them when it becomes available.

b) *Resignation of Chair and Deputy Leader/Youth Cabinet member Community Cohesion*

Rose and Emma have resigned from their respective roles – Steve will be meeting with them individually in due course. The positions of Chair and Youth Cabinet member will be elected at the next meeting.

c) *SDC Consultation with schools – Stroud Sustainable Community Strategy Event, 23 June*

Members felt that details forwarded to them on the event (being run by SDC on behalf of the Local Strategic Partnership) particularly at this late stage, were not sufficiently aimed at actively involving young people - some felt it was a tokenistic gesture to target schools and not any other organisation. Members strongly felt that SDYC should have been involved in the design of this event and therefore would not have recommended that it be held at this time of year due to exams, study and those leaving school. However it was agreed that SDYC members should attend in which to highlight the issues and get more young people involved as well. Tom and Freddie agreed to highlight these issues at the next LSP meeting.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Stroud High School – Rosie – The Head at Stroud High School is looking at changing the school uniform.

Thomas Keble School – Liam – The schools forthcoming student council meeting would be attended by Steve, however Liam also reported that the presentation made to SDC Cabinet by the SDYC Youth Cabinet regarding 11a May Lane, (as a potential site for the new Dursley Youth Centre) was hugely successful with agreement reached by the SDC Cabinet to dedicate this site for such development. Liam added that the huge amount of work carried out by Cam & Dursley Youth Forum and SDYC had been declared as an excellent example of the youth participation, from initial stages of the issue through to the final decision.

Katherine Lady Berkeleys – Hilary – Sixth Form just had to choose a colour carpet for the 6th form room.

Youth Cabinet Report

Ark House have sent a letter thanking the youth council for letting them keep the Youth Initiative Fund money that was granted to them to improve the healthy living of their clients. Some members were keen to visit Ark House in which to gain a better understanding of what they do. They were keen to do this at the end of June start of July. Tom, Jess, Rosie, Ellie, Hilary and Liam were interested in this.

Election of Officers – 23 June

The bi-election process in light of recent resignations and departures was discussed – members agreed that the election of the respective officer positions should take place at the next SDYC meeting on 23 June.

Stroud Night Bus Report

In Alex and Emma's absence, Jess reported that the Stroud Night Bus service would come to an end after much hard work to keep it in operation beyond the end of June. This decision was recently taken by the Night Bus Steering Group following the growing operational costs, lack of funding and very low user numbers on certain routes. The steering group felt that everything possible had been done during the past months to support this service and that it could no longer run at a huge loss and expect to be underwritten by Stroud District Council. Everyone attached to this venture had been thanked including the valuable input of members from SDYC.

Jess added that there was a possibility that a night bus service from the Cam & Dursley area to Stroud one night a week, could be revived through local support. SDC indicated that they would give support to this if required.

Stroud Fringe Festival – Update

Freddie thanked SDYC on behalf of the Fringe Festival committee for the Youth Initiative grant funding to support this event.

Litter Recycling Project

Tom reminded members that the Litter Recycling Pilot Project team would need to meet again soon following the completion of the graphic design for the bins. He added that further work on the litter recycling campaign needed to be done. El had indicated that she would continue to lead on this project following the completion of exams towards the end of this month.

Any Other Business

Promotional Roller Screens - Steve showed members the new SDYC Roller Screen's that have been purchased to promote the youth council at events and given impact to presentations and demonstrations etc.

Primary School Forum – Rosie confirmed that she would be attending the forthcoming forum for primary schools at Ebley Mill and would support Steve in facilitating a workshop based on the theme of 'Recycling and Energy Saving'.

Date of the next meeting – Monday 23 June 2008, Council Chamber, Ebley Mill.