



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

07.01.2008

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
 Gemma Durn, VOYS, Stonehouse
 Jess Trim, VOYS, Stonehouse

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Rebecca Redding, Thomas Keble
 Cameron Patterson, Thomas Keble
 Kieran Nurdning, 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
 Connor Walker, VOYS, Stonehouse

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

EX-OFFICIO

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

CO-OPTIONS

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC

Youth Council Minutes – Monday 7 Jan 2008

Welcome & Apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. John Jefferys and Hilary Fowles, Kieran Nurdling.

Minutes of last meeting – 10 December 2007

The Chair highlighted that an amendment to the minutes posted to members was needed, due to omitting unintentionally from the Youth Cabinet report regarding the verbal resignation of Luke Smith as Youth Cabinet member for Finance. The election for this vacancy was added to the revised agenda as an item under matters arising.

Matters arising

To receive Activity Club for Everyone (ACE) logo designs – Ellie, Beth & Rosie. Members presented a design in draft format to the meeting, highlighting that an electronic version could be made available. Steve explained that it was hoped that SDYC could provide a number of designs to enable this ACE to judge them and choose their preferred model.

Litter Recycling Pilot Project – update

Steve updated members on the recent progress with this project. Dates of when site visits could be undertaken had been circulated to project team members and it was hoped to draft a schedule in due course. It was highlighted that due to the urgency to progress this project, outcomes and recommendation would be presented at the next SDYC meeting on 28th January 2008.

Shelter Peer Education programme – presentation/workshop update

Confirmation had been received as to when this group would visit SDYC to present a workshop. However, as Monday 18 February was in school half term holiday it was agreed the meeting should be altered to Monday 25 February. Steve will contact Shelter to re-arrange this for the 25th.

Election of Youth Cabinet member for Finance

Following only one formal nomination for this position, Harriet Dudbridge was elected as the new Youth Cabinet member for Finance.

Stroud Night Bus Report

Emma reported that recent local press had focussed on the Cam & Dursley link that was not part of the service route re-launched before Christmas. She and Alex were interviewed by the Gazette newspaper as Cam & Dursley Youth Forum members. It was highlighted that any sections of the media wishing to speak to District Youth Councillors should be directed through SDC Publicity & Marketing department.

Emma added that the new service was being run by Stagecoach at a far higher cost than the previous service. Alex highlighted that it was important that District Youth Councillors focussed on the routes that were in operation and give support towards increasing passenger numbers.

Youth Cabinet Report

Freddie reported that only one Youth Initiative Fund application had been received in addition to two Talented Young Sports Achievers Grant applications. The Youth Cabinet proposed that support in full should be given to the following;

Nailsworth Youth Forum, £200 for a team building event for the creation of a local youth forum.
Thomas Curr (England Athletics) aged 15, £300 for support with equipment, accommodation, travelling, training and competition fees that total £2000.

Ed Wormsley (Great Britain Athletics) aged 18, £300 for support with equipment, travel, accommodation, training and competition fees that usually totals over £1000 a year.

The Youth Council agreed to this proposal.

It was also reported that due to the low number of applications that followed the decision in December, an under spend in the SDYC grant budget has occurred. Steve added that approximately £4000 is left and will not be able to be carried over in the next financial year in April. This matter was discussed, and then agreement was made to ask SDC Finance department if the surplus could be transferred to the SDYC operations budget. Steve would action this and report to Youth Cabinet in due course.

Members were reminded that the Youth Cabinet would be holding a 'first ever' joint meeting with the SDC Cabinet/Executive Board on Monday 14 January 2008. The above funding issue will be discussed after this meeting.

Hear by Right - update

Steve briefly explained that further work would begin on this in due course with progress on the Mapping & Planning Event outcomes and the formulation of an adoption proposal to SDC Cabinet.

'An Inconvenient Truth' showing – 21 January 2008 at 4pm, Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

This would be going ahead as planned; members were encouraged to attend as it was an extra showing for them primarily.

Future training for members

Steve explained that he was intending to run a training event in February for those members who had joined since October last year. Such an event would be followed closely by a team event for all Youth Councillors in March. More details would follow at the next meeting.

Accreditation – Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Act by Right, Gloucestershire Awards Plus

Steve highlighted that accreditation of members work was of great importance and that he would be offering the completion of the Glos. Award Plus and D of E award as an on going process. Arrangements would be made individually to begin this soon.

Rose & Natalie expressed disappointment that the Act by Right training they began in the spring last year had still not been completed, due to continued cancellations of the course. They asked if they could complete it locally using their work with SDYC. Steve agreed to enquire about this as soon as possible.

Update on creation of Local Youth Forums – Stonehouse, Nailsworth, Stroud town

Steve gave an overview of the work being done to create and develop local youth forums in the named areas and communities.

An update came from Cam & Dursley Youth forum including the work on finding a new site for the Youth Centre. Berkeley Youth project forum members highlighted that they had not met recently but would be doing so soon.

Any other business

Debbie Miles, Stroud Area Team Leader for the Youth Service briefly presented information on the Youth Opportunity Fund stating that there was funds still available. The District YOF Panel would be meeting on 21 January to consider final applications for this financial year.

Due to the deadline being before the next SDYC meeting it was agreed that the Youth Cabinet would be given the responsibility and authorisation to draft a proposal and apply for funding for either members training, new equipment i.e. information boards or an extended activity programme.

Date of the next meeting – Monday 28 January 2008