



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

14th March 2005

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4:40 pm – 5:30 pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Katy Dainton, Stroud College	Ap	Justine Pemberton*, Rednock	P
Jenny Dando, Stroud High	A	Emma Pinchbeck**, Stroud High	P
Nikki Deeley, Maidenhill	A	James Radford, Maidenhill	A
Alex Farrow, Marling	P	Frankie Rushton, Stroud High	P
Polly Lord, KLB	P	Oliver Timms, Marling	P
Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	A	Freddie Whittaker, Archway	Ap
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
Councillor John Fowles, SDC
Councillor Sue Fellows, SDC
Councillor John Jeffreys, SDC (part)

Dave Marshall, SDC
Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service
Mark Harsant, SDC

The Chair welcomed all councilors present.

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meeting held on 21st February 2005 were accepted.

YOUTH CABINET REPORT (Might have this bit wrong about Brighton)

Frankie shared with the members her experience of the recent event she attended in Brighton. She also gave a quick update on the forthcoming Barn Dance event at Cattle Country in the summer. Additional information on the event;

- Hopeful of getting 400 people attending
- Looking to get a DJ
- Settled with the idea of having Winston's Wish as the charity

PR SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Alex highlighted that the new website is coming along but it needs more autobiographies from members A.S.A.P.

Members who **have** submitted an autobiography are; Polly, Ceri, Justine, Tadhg and Katy.

Emma attended a meeting with Skip Walker about the weekly column in the Dursley Gazette.

Issues raised from the meeting are;

- This is a big commitment for whoever accepts
- The column should not just be about the Youth Council meetings, it has to be about other "current youth issues"
- Need at least 4 writers
- Initially the column would be a quarter page (300-400 words) thereafter the column size could increase to half a page (400-600 words)
- The draft must be in on Monday mornings
- The first column must be submitted Monday 21st March

After a brief discussion the 4 volunteers who will be writing the column are;

Emma	Week 1	21 st March
Polly	Week 2	28 th March
Ceri	Week 3	4 th April
Justine	Week 4	11 th April

Emma will inform Skip Walker of the names and also organise a date for mug shots to take place.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Emma: Went to LSP meeting on 4th March. Emma wanted to get feedback from the members on the Validate UK cards and the Late Night Bus Service so she could report back at the next LSP meeting on 10th June.

Members knew very little about both initiatives but were very interested in learning more.

Dorcas highlighted that the Validate UK cards may not be in the legal policy therefore should not be used as proof of age. Further research must be done before these cards are issued.

Members suggested that advertising was the key reason why the Late Night Bus Service was not a success.

Ideas on where to advertise;

- Posters in and outside pubs
- Posters in and outside clubs
- Posters in schools/6th forms
- Posters on buses
- Fliers – maybe young people should design these?

Emma also reported that the LSP have £77,000 to spend in the area. Some of this money may be used to fund youth initiatives in the district. The Chair suggested that members think of ideas on what to spend the money on and report back at the next meeting.

Justine: Made secretary ??????????????????????

Frankie: Brighton??????????????

Alex: Been in contact with Stagecoach again????????????????????????????????

Polly: Made head pre-fect????????????????????

Dean: Nothing report

Oliver: Nothing to report

Ceri: ??????????????????

Steve Miles mentioned that he would like to have a get together for half a day to reflect and discuss issues from the training weakened that took place in November.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT UPDATE ???

Alex reported that the new Youth MP's have been elected.
Emily Widdell???????????????????? - Deerpark
Hayley Bilendeth???????????????????? - Kingshill
Both live in the Cotswolds.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Dorcas Binns shared with members that an Open Day is to be held on Saturday 16th July at Stratford Park between 12 and 5. Activities such as Swimming, Basketball and Table Tennis are all free of charge. Dorcas asked the Youth Council to try and get in contact with young local bands so they could play throughout the day on the bandstand. If any member knows any bands that are interested please let Dorcas know by e-mail.

Dorcas also offered the members a chance to shadow their Councillor Portfolio Member for a day, maybe in the Easter Holidays. This will give the opportunity for you to go to meetings, talk to officers, walk around the building and see what's what and ultimately see what a day in the life of a councillor really feels like.

Furthermore Dorcas would like to know at the next meeting where the youth council have done their consultation for the £25,000 skate scheme. Dorcas was interested to know why the two consultations differed so much.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill, 4.30 pm on Monday 11th April.

Agenda items

- John Henry – Chief Superintendent – Cotswolds and Stroud Division, Gloucestershire Constabulary.
- Cllr Dorcas Binns – A talk on the decision-making process in the Council
- Young Person of the Year awards – Half hour before or after meeting.
- Possibly the web-designer to do short presentation