



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

14th November 2005

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4:30pm- 5:50 p.m.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Amy Jade, Minch Youth Club	P	Meg Brown, Wotton Youth Club	P
Ashley Skuse, Wotton Youth Club	P	Ben Smith, Stroud College	P
Chris Martin, Nailsworth Youth Club	P	Ruth Royall, Stroud Youth Centre	P
Dean Morgan, Archway	P	Ceri Wills, Rednock	P
Elsie Kenny, Rednock	P	Josephine Marshall	P
Erfan Fadaei, Marling	P	Josh Conway, Painswick Youth Club	P
Georgina Greenwood, Stroud High	P	Ben Challis, Marling	P
Joe Tarran, Painswick Youth Club	P	Danielle Russell, Minch Youth Club	P
Katherine Birkin, Thomas Keble	P	Amy Lang, Dursley Youth/Centre	P
Polly Lord, KLB	P	Oliver Timms, Marling	Ap
Sam Durn, Stroud College	P	Mandy Noble, Cashes Green YC	P
Sophie Warren, Rednock	P	Justine Pemberton*, Rednock	P
Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	A	Freddie Whittaker, Archway	P

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Miranda Clifton
Mark Harsant, SDC
Andy Brooks, Minch Youth Club
Kathleen Maunsell, Stroud Youth Centre

Tracy Young, Nailsworth Youth Club
Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service
Clive Hammond (Part), SDC

An icebreaker/team building session between new and old youth members took place at the start of the meeting. A food and drink buffet was available while all youth members joined in with a game of human bingo. The object of the exercise was to ask one question to each member, which was on the bingo card, if that member said yes to the question then he/she would initial the question. Examples of the questions included, do you want a career in politics and have you ever been the back end of a pantomime horse. As soon as a member got a full house (all 20 questions being initialed) BINGO was called.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steve Miles, who is a Youth Worker for Gloucestershire Youth Service welcomed new and old members to the meeting. Steve spoke briefly about his background and introduced Mark Harsant from Stroud District Council. Steve highlighted that he and Mark would be the Youth Council coordinators for the forthcoming year and the youth councillors first point of contact.

PRESENTATION ABOUT THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Polly Lord (KLB) and Ceri Wills (Rednock) gave a short PowerPoint presentation covering the following areas;

- *What we do*
- *Structural Development*
- *Issues tackled*
- *Links established*
- *Profile and events*
- *Annual training event*
- *Youth Initiative Fund*
- *Talented performers grant*
- *What makes a good youth councilor*
- *Our hopes for the future*
- *Increase representation*
- *How we operate*

All members received a copy of the presentation in their membership pack.

TRAINING EVENT UPDATE

Steve spoke about the forthcoming training event in Cirencester on 26th & 27 November. He highlighted how important it is for members to return both consent forms as soon as possible. More specific information on the training event will be made available soon.

INITIAL BUSINESS

Due to absence of Emma Pincheck (chair, for 2004/2005), Justine Pemberton (vice-chair for 2004/2005) chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councilor Elisabeth Bird
Oliver Timms, Archway

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meeting held on 18th July 2005 were accepted, but formal adoption will be made at the Annual General Meeting

CLIVE HAMMOND – BUDGET CONSULTATION FOR 2006/07

Clive Hammond provided Members with a handout/questionnaire detailing Stroud District Council's priorities for the future. He explained that the Council is currently reviewing its annual spending and is required to put a report to Cabinet before the New Year. Clive asked the Youth Council to consider whether the items listed on the handout/questionnaire were priorities to them, and, should there be any changes?

It was agreed that the Youth Council would take this handout/questionnaire away and return it in the pre-paid envelope to Judith Weaver at SDC before 28th November.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Justine highlighted this regular agenda item, explaining that it was a chance for members to give feedback on their work on a monthly basis.

POLICY PANEL 24TH NOVEMBER

Steve announced that a Policy Panel has been arranged on 24th November, 7pm at Ebley Mill. The meeting will largely discuss older people's issues but then would like to expand to young people. It was suggested that some Youth members attend this policy panel and do a presentation on the Youth Council with a view to asking Stroud District Council Councillors their views on what the Youth Council is doing and could do.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Freddie explained to the members that the Glos Rocks event at the Space in Stroud is struggling to continue. He said if the numbers don't go up this Saturday 19th it could be the last one. It starts at 7.30 with tickets at £4 each. Freddie asked all members to spread the news.

TRANSPORT

Mark explained to the members how their transport costs would be refunded.

- SDC has an account with 5 Star taxis, if you require a taxi to get to meetings this is the only company you should book through. Tel: **01453 755511**
- Regarding buses - please retain your ticket and we will reimburse you the cost of the fare at the meeting.
- If you have a car **we can** refund the petrol costs. A travelling expenses form will be handed out and the member must complete this form every time he/she uses the car for Youth Council meetings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Training Event on ***Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November.***

AGM, Council Chamber at Ebley Mill, 4.30pm on ***Monday 28th November***

EVALUATION

An evaluation form regarding how this first meeting went was distributed and members completed and returned them at the end. Steve took the forms away for them to be assessed.