



## NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

28.01.2008

**Venue:** Stroud Youth Centre

### YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

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

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

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

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

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

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

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

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC  
 Sinead Chambers, Business Support Assistant, SDC  
 Danny James, Youth Worker, Stroud Youth Centre

## Youth Council Minutes – Monday 7 January 2008

### Welcome & Apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting in particular new members from Voice of Young Stonehouse (Stonehouse Youth Forum); apologies were received from Harriet Dudbridge, Becky Batting and Kieron Nurdning, Rebecca Redding, Freddie Whittaker, Cllr. John Jeffreys and Phil Sullivan.

### Matters arising

**Members training update** – Steve asked the group if they would be interested in having another residential on the half term break. It would be over two days and would be targeted at new members and those unable to attend the previous residential in October. Steve explained that it was important that everyone received initial training, but added that a team building type training event would be planned for in March / April for members. Feedback was generally positive for these events, however some asked for more details before committing themselves at this stage.

**An Inconvenient Truth showing – feedback** – Members thought that the film by Al Gore was shockingly unbelievable, but also scary as it showed what could happen to the planet in 50 years. They all agreed that it made them think about how the environment is affected by the things that we do.

**Litter Recycling Pilot Project – Proposals from the project team** – Sites have been visited by the members involved and the criteria has been checked for each site. The proposed sites were –

- Cainscross Road, opposite Homebase
- Lodgemore Lane (off Cainscross Road)
- Bank Gardens, Stroud
- Footpath at top of Gannicox Road (off Cainscross Road)

The group agreed that the bins would need to be clearly labelled so that contamination of products would not occur. They thought that if they did not get the right bins then members of the public would not use them. They also thought that they should do a campaign and advertise them in the media and put the SDYC logo on all the bins. The litter recycling project will be on the next agenda; in the meantime the project team will meet again to plan further progress.

### Stroud Night Bus Report

Alex, El and Nat went to Stroud on Friday night for a press photo call for the new Night Bus service. Photos were taken of them boarding the new night bus; it will be published in the Stroud News and Journal. On Saturday morning another publicity event was held outside the in Stroud town centre. They were positioned with the night bus itself with members giving out leaflets, balloons and timetables. We can also report that the night bus was full on that Saturday evening. Steve thanked everybody who was involved and highlighted that despite some negative response from certain taxi drivers; members did an excellent job in promoting the Night bus and Stroud District Youth Council.

### Youth Cabinet Report

**Joint Meeting SDC Cabinet/Executive Board** - The Youth Council Cabinet members met with the SDC Cabinet members to talk about what each other were doing and primarily to seek how

they could work closer together. The members reported that they were really friendly and spoke clearly giving them advice. Members suggested that the SDYC Cabinet members do the ECDL course as it would be useful to them when they leave school. It is also used anywhere in Europe. The group were keen to do this.

**Youth Opportunity Fund** - The Youth Cabinet applied for some funding for SDYC information boards to be put into every school, college and youth club – the key purpose of this was to raise the profile of SDYC and the work of local members, it would also act as a focal point in each establishment and a communication tool for all young people. They asked for £2,500 and received £2,000 from Youth Opportunity Fund panel. The school council at Thomas Keble have already expressed their interest in having a board.

**Shadowing and SDC Head of Service Meetings** – Members have the opportunity to shadow their SDC cabinet member to see what they do. Heads of Services within SDC have expressed their interest in having meetings with members – this would be encouraged and facilitated by Steve in due course.

### **Updates from all Schools and local youth forums**

*Cam & Dursley Youth Forum* – Had a meeting to discuss where the new youth club will go. Also a football match has been arranged between Cam & Dursley Youth Forum and Dursley Police.

*Katharine Lady Berkeley* – Hilary and Harriett have decided to go to the school council meetings that each year has to inform them of SDYC. They will also put an article in their school newsletter.

*Thomas Keble* – Would like the school to do more recycling. Boxes were put out for students to put their plastic bottles in but they just use them for general rubbish.

*Stonehouse Youth Forum (VOYS)* – Cleaned out the Youth Centre and the area around it and got the Neighbourhood Wardens to help them do it.

*Stroud High School* – Downfield are having issues with a designated smoking area. Teachers have told them to smoke in a certain place but residents of the area aren't happy with it but teachers aren't giving them any other place to go. Steve informed Rose that he has passed this onto Phil Sullivan to seek advice.

### **Any other business**

Natalie informed the group that she will be stepping down from Vice Chair to concentrate on other things. The election of vice chair will be on the next agenda. Steve expressed his thanks to Natalie for all her hard work and input into SDYC.

Steve asked members to note the following:

- Shelter Homelessness Peer Education project will be attending the next meeting on the 25 February.
- Text Service - Steve and Sinead are able to send you a text from their computers. If you do get a text from us, save the number as 'SDYC'. If you do want to text us back you will need to put 'SDYC' then leave a SPACE and then type your message. **THIS WILL COST YOU 10p PER TEXT.** Your message back to us will not come back as a text on our mobiles; it will come back as an email on our computers which we will both be able to see.
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership & the Community Safety Service at Stroud District Council have asked if members could fill out a form on perceptions of crime. They will be sent out in due course to member's addresses.

- German youth exchange – Some information has been received by Steve from contact in Germany regarding a possible youth exchange. More information will be available at the next meeting.

**Date of the next meeting – Monday 25 February 2008**