



NOTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

28th November 2005

**Venue: Council Chamber
Stroud District Council**

Time: 4:30pm- 6:20 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	A	Ruth Royall, Stroud Youth Centre	A
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	P
Sam Durn, Stroud College	P	Mandy Noble, Cashes Green YP	P
Sophie Warren, Rednock	P	Justine Pemberton, Rednock	Ap
Tadhg Martin-Haydock, Thomas Keble	P	Freddie Whittaker, Archway *	P
Ollie Payne, Nailsworth Youth Club	Ap	Max Webb, Stonehouse YC	Ap
Chris Martin, Nailsworth Youth Club	Ap	Kelly Hooper, Cashes Green YP	Ap
Stuart Gardiner, Maidenhill School	P	Dan McIntosh, Maidenhill School	P

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Sybil Bruce
Councillor Miranda Clifton
Councillor Chas Fellows
Mark Harsant, SDC
Tina Kitchener, SDC
Steve Miles, Glos Youth Service

Councillor Elisabeth Bird
Councillor John Jeffreys
Eka Nowakowska, SDC
Phil Sullivan, SDC

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Steve Miles initially chaired the meeting until the new Chair was elected.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steve welcomed and introduced Councillors and Officers to the meeting and thanked all the Youth members for coming.

Cllr Sybil Bruce opened the meeting and welcomed all the Youth Members to Ebley Mill. Sybil spoke about the structure and make-up of the Council and shared with the group what her job entails as Chair. She wished all the Youth Councillors the best of luck for the future.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Kelly Hooper, Ollie Payne, Justine Pemberton, Chris Martin, and Max Webb.

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 18th July were formally adopted and the notes of the previous meeting held on 14th November were accepted.

TRAINING EVENT REVIEW

Steve thanked all the Youth members who attended the training weekend. A short discussion on what the members thought about it was followed by some photos of the weekend. The feedback was very positive and some issues were highlighted on how it can be improved next year. Steve mentioned that there could be more training for Youth Members in the early part of next year, however nothing has been organised as yet.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

Motion from Youth Cabinet to amend Constitution – Part 2, Section 5, Composition and Eligibility.

To add...

“The Youth Council will also comprise of 1 voting representative from each Youth Club, under the remit of Gloucestershire Youth Service in the Stroud District”.

Also...

“Each club will be invited to send 1 deputy. These individuals will only be eligible to vote in the absence of the voting representatives”.

Proposer – *Ceri Wills*

Seconder – *Polly Lord*

The motion was agreed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Elsie Kenny, Rednock School

Proposer: Ceri Wills

Seconder: Georgina Greenwood

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Freddie Whittaker, Archway School

Proposer: Ceri Wills

Secunder: Dean Morgan

ELECTION OF CABINET

Leader

Ceri Wills, Rednock School

Proposer: Polly Lord

Secunder: Freddie Whittaker

Community Cohesion

Polly Lord, KLB School

Proposer: Ceri Wills

Secunder: Stuart Gardiner

Environment, Rural Affairs & Licensing

Ben Challis, Marling School

Proposer: Ceri Wills

Secunder: Amy Lang

Finance & Corporate Services

Dan McIntosh, Maidenhill School

Proposer: Stuart Gardiner

Secunder: Ceri Wills

Health & Well-Being

Georgina Greenwood, Stroud High School

Proposer: Josephine Marshall

Secunder: Tadhg Martin-Haydock

Housing

Freddie Whittaker, Archway School

Proposer: Ceri Wills

Secunder: Dean Morgan

Planning

Mandy Noble, Cashes Green Youth Project

Proposer: Ben Smith

Secunder: Danielle Russell

Regeneration & Tourism

Dean Morgan, Archway School

Proposer: Freddie Whittaker

Seconder: Ceri Wills

Once the election process was complete Cllr Chas Fellows spoke briefly about his role. He shared with the members how he initially was not elected first time around but by hard work and dedication he has since been elected every year. He encouraged the members who did not get elected to never to give up trying and wished the whole Youth Council good luck for the future.

REPORT FROM MEMBERS

No reports were given but Steve highlighted that this was a chance for each member in future meetings to air any news/information that they have. They may have been to a meeting/seminar and want to share with the members what they had learnt or they might have an issue they want the Youth Council to look at.

TIMETABLE FOR FORTHCOMING YEAR

Steve asked the members which day of the week they would like Youth Council meetings on. After a unanimous vote, Monday will stay as the day for meetings.

UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Steve spoke for a short time about the UK Youth Parliament. He highlighted that it would be excellent for us to have a representative on this and if anyone was interested to contact him immediately.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was concern that the Council papers, which were recently sent out to Youth Members, were far too big and that they did not have time to read lengthy, complicated documents. The members thought that this was a waste of resources and would prefer a one-sheet summary of the information. There was a discussion whether they needed this information at all.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill, 4.30pm on Monday 19th December