

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

EAST DORSET YOUTH FORUM

Minute of the meeting held on 4th July, 2000 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

East Dorset District Council: Cllrs: S. G. Flower
J. P. Holland
Mrs. S. E. Laird

East Dorset Youth Council: Lisa Brabon
Becky Simmons
Sophie Anderson

Apologies for absence were received from G. P. Humphrey.

Also in attendance East Dorset Youth Council Coordinators J. Houldey, Mrs C. Murray and E King, Committee Administrator.

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor S. G. Flower be elected Chairman of the Forum for the 2000/2001 Municipal Year.

2. Election of Vice – Chairman

RESOLVED that Mrs. S. E. Laird be elected Vice – Chairman of the Forum for the 2000/2001 Municipal Year.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G. P. Humphrey.

4. Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

5. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April, 2000 were confirmed as a correct record.

6. Matters Arising

It was noted that the Chairman of the Youth Forum had raised the concerns of the Youth Council regarding concessionary fares for young people at the General Purposes meeting on 10th April, 2000. However it was noted that he was not able to raise enough support to extend the concessionary fare scheme to include school children.

7. Reports of the Youth Council Representatives

(a) Residential Progress

It was reported that the residential weekend would now focus on County wide issues. Councilors would still be invited to attend on the final day for an open forum and invitations would be sent out in due course.

(b) Verwood Community Centre

The Forum discussed Verwood Community Centre and whether a drop-in center was likely to be provided within the scheme. The Forum was informed that Dorset County Council had been consulted about the issue, but that due to financial constraints there were currently no plans for a drop-in center to be provided alongside Verwood Community Centre. The Forum was advised that the construction of Sturminster Marshall shelter was underway and that it would be completed at a relatively small cost.

8. Development of the Youth Council

The Forum was advised of the future development plans for the Youth Council. It was envisaged that representatives of the each individual youth club would be nominated to attend the Youth Council, with representatives from the Youth Council being nominated to attend Youth Forum meetings. A closer relationship with the Upper School Councils would also need to be established to encourage greater participation by young people in the running of the Youth Council. It was noted that School Councils appeared to be more effective when time was set apart within the curriculum to facilitate their activities.

9. Any Other Business

AGREED that the next meeting of the Youth Forum be held on Tuesday 24th October, 2000 at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 6.25 p.m.