

**EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**EAST DORSET YOUTH FORUM**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January, 2002 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor S. G. Flower - Chairman  
Councillor Mrs S. E. Laird - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors J. P. Holland and G. P. Humphrey, Mr J. Houldey (East Dorset Youth Council Co-ordinator), Mr J. Bell, Miss H. Gibson, Mr M. Lawson, Mr J. Salmon, Miss S. Yonwin and Mrs. C. Murray (Senior Area Youth Leader)

Also in Attendance Mrs M. Perry (Community Safety Officer) and Mr D. Stone (Senior Committee Officer)

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received on this occasion.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December, 2001 were confirmed as a correct record.

**DELEGATED BUSINESS**

4. Verwood Police Partnership Trust

The Forum received an update on the activities of the Verwood Partnership and were advised that a key funding scheme and panel had recently been established to provide access to funds by individuals and organisations interested in providing development opportunities for young people in the area. Funds were sourced from the local Verwood community and from other funding partners – a contribution of £1,000 had so far been received from the local community. Details of the Key Fund and application process were tabled at the meeting, a copy of which appears as Appendix '1' in the Minute book.

The Youth representatives then raised the possibility of a Drop In Centre in Verwood and discussion took place on a suitable location for this facility. The Community Safety Officer was requested to ascertain whether a suitable building was available close to the Town Hall, this being viewed by the Forum as central to the area.

5. Community Safety

The Forum received a verbal report from the Community Safety Officer on the activities undertaken in the District which included a number of initiatives involving young people and the forging of partnerships with various local communities and organisations in the District.

The Forum was advised of the proposal to designate the centre of Wimborne as an alcohol free zone which prohibited drinking in public in this area of the town. Discussion then took place on various policing issues as well as possible remedial action concerning the toilets in Cook Row where a number of undesirable activities had taken place.

The Community Safety Officer advised that, at a meeting held to discuss the problems in the area around the Planet and the Cook Row toilets, it had been suggested that the toilets be closed on a Friday night. The view of the Forum members was that this would disperse the problems but not prevent them and that they therefore did not support this proposal.

Further initiatives to alleviate the problems included the use of mobile CCTV and improved lighting along Church Street.

6. Any Other Business

No further items were raised.

The meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN