

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

EAST DORSET YOUTH FORUM

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st January, 2003 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

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

Present: Councillors J. P. Holland and G. P. Humphrey, Mr. J Bell , Ms M. Boughton, Ms. H. Gibson, Councillor D. Lock (Ferndown Town Council), Mr V. Morley (Youth Leader), Mr G. Munson, Mrs. C. Murray (Senior Area Youth Leader), Councillor V. Redpath (Verwood and Three Legged Cross Town Council), Ms M. Shearing (Youth Leader) and Mr R. Watts.

Also in Attendance:- Mr N. Farmer (Head of Leisure And Tourism), Mr S. Duckett (Head of Environmental Services and Community Strategy) and Ms L. Ellis (Committee Officer).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J. Houldey (Youth Council Co-ordinator) and Mr J. Fortescue (Leisure Development Officer).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October, 2002 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. Ferndown Youth Council

Councillor D. Lock introduced himself and provided an overview to the East Dorset Youth Forum of how the Ferndown Youth Forum had evolved, along with its aims.

The Ferndown Youth Forum was set up towards the end of 2002 and it was envisaged that meetings would be held every two months. Young Members of the Forum had expressed the need for facilities to be provided for them at Tricketts Cross.

Recently, the issue of transport and young people had been discussed, whilst future items for discussion would include the Ferndown Community Centre and its use by young people.

Councillor D. Lock hoped that the Ferndown Youth Forum would enable representatives from the whole community to work together to provide a focus for young people in Ferndown.

5. Update on Youth Forum Meeting held on 29th October, 2002

The Head of Leisure and Tourism provided the Forum with an update on the issues which had been raised at the Forum meeting on the 29th October 2002.

- BMX facilities for West Moors, Three Legged Cross and Verwood
- A play company is currently looking at revised plans and costs for facilities in those area.
- Looking at ways of drawing down funds
- Young people in three legged cross has recently raised over £200 by holding a fund raising event. £2000 had been pledged by the Town Council towards facilities for BMX and skateboarding in the area.
- Urban Vibe would be held at Ferndown this half term. And it is hoped that all skateboarding issues will soon be resolved at Ferndown
- Heatherlands Youth Club is now running on a Friday night, discussions are also taking place for Friday night Disco's at other venues in the District.
- Ambassadors taking longer to establish that it was originally envisaged
- A billboard has been created for young people to write there ideas for what they need, feed back from them will go to the District Council
- Graduate will be working out of Verwoof Youth Centre for 1 year

6. Community Strategy

The Head of Environmental Services and Community Strategy

- Lack of affordable transport
- Lack of appropriate social/recreational facilities (young peoples space)
- Relationships
- Cost of living
- Employment prospects
- Lack of accommodation for young people
- Right of young people to be heard

To discuss topics which affect young people in East Dorset and need to

be included in the Community Strategy.

The meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN