

**EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**EAST DORSET YOUTH FORUM**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd February, 2005 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor A. N. Skeats - Vice-Chairman (in the Chair)

Present: Councillors S. G. Flower and D. Morgan, Mrs N. Aitchison (Chairman, Youth TAG), Mr. G. Munson, Ms. B. Ratcliffe, Mr V. Redpath (Verwood Town Council), Ms L. Simmons, Ms. K Skeats, Ms. E. Snow, Ms. H. Snow, Mr S. Stevens, Mr S. Woodcock (Community Development Manager) and Ms L. Ellis (Committee Officer).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs T. B. Coombs (Chairman), Mr N. Coombs, Mr. V Morley (Youth Leader), Mrs. C Murray (Senior Area Youth Leader), Ms. L. Sandford, Ms. L. Shearing and Mrs. M. Shearing (Youth Worker).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January, 2005 were confirmed.

4. Youth Music Festival Funding Update

An oral report was submitted by the Community Development Manager updating the Youth Forum on the Youth Music Festival.

It was reported that the District Council was prepared to underwrite the Youth Music Festival, up to £5,000 but external funding would be preferable. In the event of external funding not being available then the festival would still go ahead, funded by the District Council.

A meeting was in the process of being arranged between the Landowner of the proposed festival site and other interested parties such as Licensing, Environmental Health, Police, Town Council, etc. The young members of the Youth Forum requested that adults only attend that meeting, whilst an alternative meeting for them be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at 6.00pm. At that meeting it was requested, by the young members of the Forum, that the only adults in attendance would be the Community Development Manager and Youth Development Officer. Items to be discussed would include publicity for the festival, design of posters and band arrangements.

It was also requested that, in addition to those in attendance at this meeting, those young people included in the Youth Forum database be contacted to attend this meeting, as this would reflect a cross representation of ages and tastes.

The Youth Forum requested that Verwood Town Council be notified, in writing, of the proposed Youth Music Festival.

**AGREED that:-**

- (a) a meeting be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at 6.00pm for young people only, to organise the Youth Music Festival;**
- (b) all those young people on the Youth Forum database be invited to attend the above meeting; and**
- (c) Verwood Town Council be notified in writing of the proposed Youth Music Festival.**

5. Young Persons Website

An oral report was submitted by the Community Development Manager updating the Youth Forum on the Young Persons Website.

Mock pages of the website were circulated to the Forum and feedback was on the style of the pages was requested.

The Youth Forum was very pleased with the 'torn page and graffiti' style of pages and looked forward to receiving further progress reports on the development of the web pages.

6. Any Other Business

In the absence of Councillor Mrs T. B. Coombs, (Chairman of the East Dorset Youth Forum) Councillor A. Skeats (Vice Chairman) and G. Munson (Shadow Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.

Mrs N. Aitchison (Chairman of the Youth TAG) was welcomed by the Vice and Shadow-Vice Chairman to the meeting of the East Dorset Youth Forum.

The Youth Forum requested that at the next meeting of the Forum feedback be given on the appointed representatives on the Verwood Kabin project.

**AGREED that feedback be given at the next meeting of the Youth Forum on the representative of the Verwood Kabin project, who would be invited to sit on the East Dorset Youth Forum.**

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Youth Forum would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2005, at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN