

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th October, 2005 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Mrs T. B. Coombs - Chairman  
Councillor A. N. Skeats - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors S. G. Flower and D. Morgan, Mrs N. Aitchison, Mr. L. Clark, Ms S. Clark, Mrs S. Clark (Corfe Mullen Youth Centre), Mr. V. Morley, Councillor V. Redpath (Verwood Town Council), Ms. H. Snow, Mr S. Stevens and Mr. J. Wildash.

Also Present: Councillor Mrs M.F. Godfrey, Mr S. Woodcock (Community Development Manager), Ms T. Cooper (Arts Development Officer) and Mr D. Stone (Committee Manager)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr N. Coombs, Mr. G. Munson, Ms J. Murray, Mrs. M. Shearing and Ms. K. Skeats

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

3. Minutes

Members noted that the Bournemouth School for Girls, had not yet received their copy of the letter which had been sent out to the schools advising on issues relevant to Local Democracy Week and requested that the Community Development Manager follow up on this as had been agreed at the last meeting.

The Forum gave consideration to the Minutes of the last meeting, and, at the request of the Chairman, the decision under Minute 4(b) (page 2) was amended to read as follows:-

*'the Youth Conference, organised by the Youth and Community Services Section of the Dorset County Council in association with the Youth Development Officer, be promoted as the East Dorset Youth Forum contribution to Local Democracy Week 2005.'*

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September, 2005 were thereafter confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the above amendment.

Referring to the proposed 'wash up' meeting following the Music Festival (mentioned under Minute 5), Members expressed concern that the meeting had been postponed on several occasions and still did not appear to have taken place.

In this regard, Members learned that a debriefing would be held at the current meeting to gather and record feedback from the Festival which would assist in facilitating preparations for future events. The points raised during this session are recorded under Item 4 of these Minutes.

4. Soundburst 05 Youth Music Festival

Detailed consideration was given to areas of success and improvement, these are set out as follows:-

**Feedback from Youth Forum regarding 2005 Youth Music Festival**

**What was good about last year's Festival**

- Fairly good value for money
- Good quality youth bands
- Liked Beatbox
- Liked graffiti

**What was not so good about the Festival**

- Leaflets – Branding of Youth Forum was not evident
- Signage to the Festival was bad and misleading
- No maps or directions
- Didn't like the Soundblast title as it came from the landowner's team - Youth Forum had no choice
- Worried about funfair – not good quality
- First Aid and Health and safety signage not very evident
- Queues to funfair a problem – H & S issue needs managing
- Accounts
- Location would have been better more central to East Dorset
- Bus transport bad
- Lack of information re: refreshments for Youth Forum
- Too much adult control
- Youth Forum wanted to be part of the sound checks and be allowed early entrance

**Suggestions to improve next year's Festival**

- More multicultural bands
- Off the mainstream track
- Like to display graffiti afterwards – more of it and bigger
- Competition for poster design
- Better funfair
- Family prices
- Not so many free entrances to bands, families etc
- Watershed idea good
- Account reporting
- VIP tickets for YF
- Henna Tattoos
- More central site and larger site
- Layout design of site i.e. seating, refreshments to be thought through
- Food vouchers given to band members to ensure no wastage of food
- Recognition of Youth Forum via T-Shirts/Bands

- Better communication
- Youth Forum to go through test programming earlier
- Clear cut roles for Youth Forum

The meeting then discussed the management of future events with particular reference to greater involvement in the preparations by youth members on the Forum.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- (a) the date of the next Music Festival be the same as for the current year, i.e. 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005;**
- (b) an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Forum dealing with discussion on the name to be given to the next Music Festival; and**
- (c) preparations for the next Music Festival be controlled and directed by the youth members with guidance and advice coming from the adult members of the Forum and relevant internal and external expertise.**

Members were furnished with a tabled copy of the accounts for the Festival (copy circulated with these Minutes) and it was

**RESOLVED that the schedule of accounts for the Music Festival be broken down by the Community Development Manager to show specific items of expenditure and thereafter referred to the next meeting of the Forum for consideration.**

5. East Dorset Youth Forum - Being Run by Young People

*At this point, and for the remainder of the meeting, the Chair was occupied by the shadow Vice-Chairman of the Forum, Mr J. Wildash.*

**RESOLVED that**

- (a) enquiries be made with regard to establishing a Youth Council to replace the current Forum, this to coincide with the start of the new municipal year in May 2006; and**
- (b) the Forum receive information at its next meeting on the establishment of a Youth Council.**

6. East Dorset Youth Forum Website

The Forum expressed dissatisfaction at the slow progress in establishing the above Website and were advised that this had been hampered by difficulties in processing the project through the ICT Service. However, on being advised by the Community Development Manager that the visuals for the Website had been prepared, it was

**RESOLVED, that**

- (a) the Community Development Manager submit the visuals for the Youth Forum Website to the next meeting for consideration; and**
- (b) he endeavour to fast track the establishment of the Website and submit a report on progress with regard to the design of the Youth Forum Logo to the next meeting of the Forum.**

7. Next Meeting of the Youth Forum

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 15th November 2005, at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN