

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th December, 2005 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Mrs T. B. Coombs - Chairman

Councillor A. N. Skeats - Vice-Chairman

Mr. J. Wildash (*shadow Vice-Chairman - in the Chair for the duration of the meeting*)

Present: Councillors S. G. Flower and D. Morgan, Mr L. Clark, Ms S. Clark,
Mr T. Kewen, and Ms H. Snow

Also present: Mr D. Auburn (Youth Development Officer, EDDC), Mr A. Braine (Committee Officer), Ms L. Meechan (Participation Development Youth Worker, Hampshire County Council), Mr T. Oliver (Local Democracy Youth Worker, Dorset County Council) and Mr D. Stone (Committees Manager)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs N. Aitchison, Mrs S. Clark, Mr P. Cox, Councillor V. Redpath, Ms K. Skeats, Ms E. Snow and Mr S. Woodcock.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2005 were confirmed as a correct record.

DELEGATED BUSINESS

4. East Dorset Youth Council - Constitution

The Group received a PowerPoint presentation by Mr T. Oliver on issues relevant to establishing a Youth Council within the District. This was followed by a separate presentation by Ms L. Meechan on the experiences by Hampshire County Council on establishing and running a Youth Council.

On behalf of the Forum, the Chairman thanked Mr Oliver and Ms Meechan for their informative presentations and invited them to remain for the duration of the meeting.

At the request of the youth members, the adult members then left the meeting whilst the proposed constitution was discussed with the assistance and guidance of the youth officers from Dorset and Hampshire County Councils.

Upon reconvening, the Group

RESOLVED that

- (a) **an all-day planning and development session be held to discuss the formation of a Youth Council for the District and the drafting of a Constitution for the Youth Council;**
- (b) **the tentative date for the above meeting be during the half term week commencing 13th February 2006, at a youth centre and be facilitated by Mr T. Oliver and relevant Council Officers;**
- (c) **the Youth Development Officer forward a letter as soon as possible to the Youth Centres in the District asking whether they would be interested in hosting the event;**
- (d) **all middle and upper schools as well as special and private schools in the District be contacted with a view to sending representatives to attend the meeting (year 7 and upwards) and that suitable leaflets and posters be printed and distributed at the schools to publicise the event;**
- (e) **funds in the amount of £500 be identified to cover costs including the hire of a venue, refreshments, transport and publicity;**
- (f) **a report be compiled on the Youth Council and Constitution for submission to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 29th March 2006;**
- (g) **an initial planning meeting between the youth members and Mr T. Oliver be held at The Planet in Wimborne on 3rd January 2006 to discuss preparations for the February meeting.**

5. Next Meeting of the Youth Forum

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 10th January 2006, at 6.00 p.m.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman wished those present a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN