

Stroud MCTi Steering Group
11th February 2003
Stroud Town Council Offices

Start:17:30
Finish: 19:45

Present

Bob Eccles, Andrew Watton, Sue Creswick, Michael Withey, Graham Blackshaw, Nicholas Breakwell, Ray Hinch, Hilary Dowdswell, Shelagh Hulme, Mary Brown Vicky Hancock, Brendan Conboy, Peter Nicholas, Maureen Pritchard, Andrew Jack, Alison Ruddick, Jane Wightman, Clare Caffall, Dan Judges, Bob Taylor,

Welcome

Andrew Watton as acting chair for this meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Recap

Dan gave a brief overview of the previous meetings and also why the group was meeting and what its ultimate aim is. At this point Andrew asked the group if there were still some concerns or any feedback they wished to share:

Feedback Issues:

Parishes: when reporting back to the various committees there had been some interest from members.

Churches: were generally in support and had good links into youth but from this project there needs to be links into the canal network etc

That this initiative should enable the group to become the umbrella organisation that has the links into other initiatives and that this group co-ordinates responses

There is probably a very good opportunity to visit others and to learn and network from towns that have been or are ahead of Stroud.

There is a perception from the youth that they do not want to still be living in Stroud in 20 years time.

Commitment to process

A general discussion ensued around the issue of whether those around the table were committed to following this process through and that the organisations they represented were as committed. The group generally agreed that they are behind the initiative and committed to following this process through.

Structure

The group discussed the possible structure of the partnership and revolved around the possibility of setting up 3 distinct sub groups: a research group, a communications group and an executive/steering group.

The following members of the partnership, volunteered their time to sit on the aforementioned groups:

Executive/Steering Group: Andrew Watton, Vicky Hancock, Michael Withey, Maureen Pritchard, Sue Creswick, Shelagh Hulme, Claire Caffall and Dan Judges

Communications Group: Maureen Pritchard, Peter Nicholas, Bob Taylor

Research: Alison Ruddick, Shelagh Hulme, Hilary Dowdswell, Graham Blackshaw and Jane Wightman

Groups to meet, once Executive/Steering Group has meet to discuss each group's role and responsibilities.

Actions

Matrix of Towns to visit, circulated to attendees	GMTF
Contacts database of all attendees	GMTF
Stroud and its hinterland map to be circulated	GMTF

Next Meeting: 7th April 2003, 5.30pm at Stroud Town Council Offices.