



NOTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

28.10.2009

Venue: Speech House Hotel, Forest of Dean

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Thomas Lydon, Marling**
 Rob Price, Marling
 Becky Batting, Cam & Dursley YF
 Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF
 Kit Powell, Thomas Keble
 Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble
 Isobel Holley, Stroud High
 Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud High
 Kieran Chadwick, Archway
 Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, Archway
 Ben Dewfall, Katharine Lady Berkeley
 Emma Sankey, Katharine Lady Berkeley
 Lindsey Driver, Rednock
 Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS
 Connor Walker, Stonehouse VoYS
 Isobel Tyrrell, Minchinhampton YC
 Megan Roberts, Minchinhampton YC
 (Rudi) Blue Morgan, Stroud College
 Petra Lalikova, Stroud College *
 Dave Holder, Maidenhill
 Millie Gardiner, Maidenhill

EX-OFFICIO

Jess Howell, Cam & Dursley YF
 Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's
 Frank Gillison, Vale of Berkeley
 Andrew Burbidge, Nailsworth YF

DEPUTY MEMBERS

P	Vicki Law, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Ap	Beth Jones, Cam & Dursley YF	P
P	Emma Topping, Katharine Lady Berkeley	A
Ap	Will Robson, Katharine Lady Berkeley	A
P	Archie Flexen-Cook, Thomas Keble	A
Ap	George Thomas, Thomas Keble	A
P	Cerys Bradley, Stroud High	Ap
P	El Linsell, Stroud High	Ap
P	Charlie Cox, Archway	A
Ap	Lynford Short, Archway	A
P	Amy Neason, Minchinhampton YC	Ap
P	Ashley Skerten	Ap
P	Carys Neale	Ap

CO-OPTIONS

P
Ap
A
A

**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair P = present**
A = absent Ap = apology

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Danny James, Senior Youth Worker, GCC Youth Service
 Kaz Elliott, Neighbourhood Warden, SDC
 Dan Barker, Neighbourhood Warden, SDC

Minutes of the AGM

Welcome & Apologies

The 2008/09 Chair welcomed members to the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting – 14 September 2009

The minutes from the last meeting were not available in full, so members will consider them accurate at the next meeting. However, Tom gave a report (as follows) on the key decision made at the Annual Review Event.

Following discussion with Phil Sullivan, Head of Service for Community Safety at SDC, members agreed to suspend the Youth Initiative Fund and Talented Young Sports Achievers Grant Programme in which to enable the role of Senior Hear by Right Youth Officer permanent. This re-allocation of SDC funds will mean the removal of the Youth Council's fund-granting operation, however it allows the professional youth work role, occupied by Steve Miles, to evolve on a long term basis in which to further develop the Youth Council.

It was unanimously accepted that the Youth Council would not be where it is today without the work of the professional youth worker, Steve Miles. The move to make the role a permanent one, would inevitably mean the Youth Council will develop further and increase the capacity of SDC to deliver youth participation. The long-term implications of this decision are infinite for the Youth Council as a grant giving body. This means that the last period for distributing funds from YIF/TYSA will be the period ending 31st December 2009, from which point the Youth Cabinet can focus on other matters with more attention.

Matters Arising

Following the decision to suspend the Youth Initiative Fund and Talented Young Sports Achievers Grant programme, consideration would be given as to how this would influence the structure and function of the Youth Cabinet (see notes below).

Training Event Review / Initial feedback

Initial feedback was taken from members over the past 3 days of the training event. This would be drafted into a short report and presented at a later date.

Chairperson's Report

Tom gave an overview of the last year in his role as Chair; he highlighted the departure of hard working established members making way for new faces, as an inevitable development placing the importance of training for members very high. Media coverage of the Litter Recycling Pilot Project raised the profile of member's efforts in the local community over the last two years, with seven bins now in place and being used. He encouraged ongoing work for this project and the support for Connect Dursley project to continue. The issues relating to Climate Change (CC) continued to grow with the relationship with the CC Panel influencing a project entitled Power Down – a potentially key project for the year ahead. Whilst looking ahead to the tenth anniversary year of SDYC (09/10), Tom acknowledged that Homelessness remains an issue, which through an emerging relationship with Shelter, can be given more focus following member's efforts of the last year. He hopes that a celebratory event marking ten years of SDYC will be a fitting tribute to a year full of hard work by everyone.

Structure and Function of Youth Cabinet

A brief overview of the current structure and function of the Youth Cabinet was given by Steve. A new approach was discussed and it was agreed that the SDYC Youth Cabinet would feature a reduction in Portfolio's from 8 to 7 and combine a new focus, based on the need to give specific leadership of issue based projects, with an increased active involvement in decision-making within Stroud District Council and other organisations. The Youth Cabinet would also be responsible for the Constitutional Review.

Election of Officers

Steve highlighted that the term of office was for a 12 month period and that members wishing to stand would need to give consideration to this.

Election of Chair...

Steve chaired this part of the process.

Tom was proposed by Rosie and seconded by Lindsey – as there were no further nominations
Tom Lydon was elected as Chair

Election of Vice Chair...

Tom returned to the Chair for the rest of the meeting

Ben was proposed by Kieran and seconded by Becky. Ben declined to stand for this position.

Petra was proposed by Becky and seconded by Millie – there were no further nominations
Petra Lalikova was elected as Vice Chair

Election of Youth Cabinet

In light of the previously noted decision to reduce the number of Portfolio's and to re-focus the work of the Youth Cabinet, the following elections took place;

Leader

Rosie was proposed by Kieran and seconded by Kit – there were no further nominations.
Rosie Dickinson was elected as Youth Cabinet Leader

Finance

Emma was proposed by Lindsey and seconded by Ben - there were no further nominations
Emma Sankey was elected as portfolio holder for Finance

Planning

Ben was proposed by Kit and seconded by Millie - there were no further nominations
Ben Dewfall was elected as portfolio holder for Planning

Housing

Lindsey was proposed by Ben and seconded by Rosie - there were no further nominations
Lindsey Driver was elected as portfolio holder for Housing

Regeneration

Kieran was proposed by Kit and seconded by Rosie

Becky was proposed by Lindsey and seconded by Millie

Following a balloted vote, Kieran Chadwick was elected as portfolio holder for Regeneration

Environment

Izzy was proposed by Kit and seconded by Lindsey - there were no further nominations
Izzy Holley was elected as portfolio holder for Environment

Community Cohesion

Kit was proposed by Rosie and seconded by Millie – there were no further nominations
Kit Powell was elected as portfolio holder for Community Cohesion

It was noted that the position of Deputy Leader will be elected at the next Youth Cabinet Meeting.

Key issues/projects for 2009/2010

Environment based projects – Power Down, Litter Recycling Pilot, cardboard & plastic recycling for Schools

Constitution Review – following an internal audit by SDC (08/09) and various organisational developments

SDYC 10th Anniversary – celebration of the youth council's work and impact in the last decade, including an opportunity to raise the general profile

Homelessness - Work with Shelter and other organisations linked with youth housing

Support for Stroud Fringe Festival – to consider support for this year

Connect Dursley – development of a new Youth Centre in May Lane, Dursley

Website Development – following the discussion with SDC ICT Service, the chance to look at the future of web services for SDYC and youth participation in general

Closure of Vale of Berkeley College – a recent issue that has been brought to SDYC attention

SDYC Calendar Dates

It was agreed to cancel the scheduled meeting on Monday 2 November 2009.

Any Other Business

There was no further business.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 23 November 2009 in Council Chamber, Ebley Mill at 4.30pm.