



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

Date : Monday 1st July 2013

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Bussage & Chalford</i>)	P	
Kieran Chadwick (<i>Archway</i>)**	P	A
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway</i>)	P	P
Kathryn White (<i>Rednock</i>)	Ap	P
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap	A
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap	A
Tom Meadley (<i>Marling</i>)	Ap	P
Archie Holley (<i>Marling</i>)	P	P
Kirsty Driver (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)*	P	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	Ap	P
Roxy Mould (<i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap	P
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap	
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P	
Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P	
Jessica Fisher (<i>Wotton under Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A	
Ryan Pilkington (<i>Wotton under Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A	
Millie (Gardiner) Jotham (<i>Maidenhill</i>)	Ap	
Alicia Langton-Balchin (<i>Maidenhill</i>)	Ap	
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P	
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P	
Beth Monday (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap	
Ruth Allen (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap	

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High</i>)	P
Odette Machin (<i>Stroud High</i>)	A
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Riet Ihara (<i>Archway</i>)	A
Rhys Carter (<i>Archway</i>)	A
George Gooch (<i>Marling</i>)	P
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling</i>)	P
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Adam Chandler (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Reuben Speller Trawlers (<i>Archway</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

Ellen Wightman	A	
Shannon Eden	A	A
Annie Pickering	A	P
Luka Chadwick	A	
Chloe Boulton	A	
Laura Byng	A	
Sally Holditch	A	
Max Freedman	A	
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft	A	

CO-OPTIONS

Gloucestershire Young Carers	A
Ryan Davis, St Roses School / Bussage	P

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

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council

Simon Gillings, Youth and Community Services

Caroline Smith, Gloucestershire NHS CCG

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

Kieran welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Simon Gillings from Youth and Community Services and Caroline Smith from NHS Gloucestershire. Apologies were received from Kathryn White, Susannah Gooch, Esme Freedman, Tom Meadley, Emily Osborne, Roxy Mould, Tom Ambury, Millie Jotham, Alicia Langton-Balchin, Beth Monday and Ruth Allen.

Rueben Speller Trawlers was also given a special welcome; he has joined SDYC as a representative from Archway School.

Minutes of Last Meeting, 20th May 2013

Kieran went through the previous meeting minutes; an item of inaccuracy was noted and changed. Kate would also like to note that she did not show interest in being a member of the youth grant funding panel as stated in the minutes; this will be amended. All other minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

a) **Young Drivers Experience Course, 29th May – Review Update (Steve)**

At the previous meeting there was a lengthy discussion about the young drivers experience course that a number of members attended – the opinions were varied with members conveying negative and positive experiences. Steve noted that the information provided through the discussion will be fed back through to Startline who is the organisation which ran these events.

b) **Pride in Your Neighbourhood Events – Update on potential information from SDYC & Local Youth Forums (Steve)**

There are 4 PiYN events scheduled to take place in the year 2013, these are as followed;

- Thursday 4th July 2013 (3pm – 6pm) – Mason Road Playing Field, Top of Town
- Thursday 18th July 2013 (3pm – 6pm) – Lawnside, Nailsworth
- Thursday 8th August 2013 (2pm – 5pm) – Park Estate, Stonehouse
- Thursday 22nd August 2013 (2pm – 5pm) – Lower Kingshill, Dursley

The youth cabinet had previously discussed the PiYN events which will be reported back to the group later in the meeting, although it was also spoken about at the previous full council meeting – it was decided to invite the local youth forum for each event as it was felt there need was greater to attend these events. As the first event is this week, it was agreed that it was too late to organise any involvement.

Members interested in attending any of the events should contact Steve or the Community Safety Office.

c) **Tackling Financial Exclusion Event, 28th June – Report (Kieran)**

On Friday 28th June, Kieran and Esme attended the Tackling Financial Exclusion event at Ebley Mill Offices; the event was based around a strategy SDC have put together to tackle the issue of financial exclusion. They were interested in people's opinions and thoughts on the ideas they have around the strategy.

Kieran added that unfortunately it was difficult to understand/follow at certain times due to the abbreviations used and the organisations who attended which were unfamiliar to them.

d) **Positive Ticket Scheme – feedback from PC Rebecca King (Kieran/Kirsty)**

At the previous meeting PC Rebecca King and NHW Andy Murray attended to explain to SDYC about the new positive ticket scheme that is being set up across the district – they were keen to receive feedback from members to see if any improvements needed making etc. PC Rebecca King has since emailed Steve which was read out to the meeting; '*Thank you for our time on Monday and that of the Youth Council, I can only say that I was very impressed by the council members and the opportunity you have provided them. The suggestions they gave me were relevant and objective and below are the report I sent to the crime and disorder partnership, I hope I reflected the council's views adequately. I wonder if the council would be open*

to helping me launch the scheme?’

The report was read out and would be filed accordingly for future reference.

It was noted that members were happy to do a follow up session in relation to further involvement with this scheme, particularly around publicity and marketing.

Ryan Davis would like to add that after going through the previous minutes of meeting he also believes the positive ticket scheme is a very good idea and is glad that SDYC are supporting this initiative.

Correspondence

GL11 Community Project, Cam

The GL11 Community Project in Cam is holding an open event on 22nd July 2013 at their premises from 11am to 2pm. The event involves family activities, nail art, cupcake decorating as well as having an opportunity to look around the newly finished building – they have an IT suite, various training/meeting rooms along with kitchen/dining facilities. For further information please contact 01453 548530 or email them at office@gl11.org.uk.

YES! Young Community Reporters Workshops

An email from the YES! Project is asking everyone to let their eco-councils, debating societies, fair-trade campaigners and other motivated group know about the YES! Youth Community Reporter workshops. They are occurring on 29th June (Investigation and Reporting on real world issues) and 13th July (Reporting and Campaigning for environmental and social justice). To request a place (must be between the age of 13 and 17) please email chris@cscic.org or telephone 01453 883248. Kate, Lee, Alex, Archie and Kirsty all show interest in attending the workshop on 13th July; SM to circulate further details.

Fixers

Fixers are a youth organisation which empowers young people through supporting them to create their own projects. Jodie, a regional young people's coordinator for the West of England has emailed SM as she is looking for groups who would like to create their own projects.

They work with young adults aged 16 – 25 to create projects which take on any issue that matters to them – they can help them find a creative way to do something about it and make a positive change within the community and world around them. They have a creative team which specialises in all things media so the young people have the chance to create powerful resources such as music videos, books, flyers, posters, workshops for schools, theatre pieces, short films or adverts. These resources are used to further the project's aims and are often used by various organisations as an educational resource. Please visit [www.fixer.org.uk](http://www fixer org uk) for further details.

Updates from Schools, College and Local Youth Forum's - all

Archway

A governor attended the last school council meeting to discuss their role and what they do around the school which was very informative. They also held a non-school uniform day where they raised over £700.

Bussage and Chalford

Kate has recently been speaking with Simon Gillings and they are hoping to set up a meeting about starting up a youth forum in the area in the near future. Will keep group updated.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

They met with the Police and discussed carrying out some work around speeding and speed cameras. Also hoping to meet on 8th July to discuss the interior of the youth club.

Katherine Lady Berkeley

Nothing to report.

Marling School

The Chemistry block has finished ahead of schedule and under budget. Nothing else to report.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)

They have held 2 fundraising events for the new youth centre; bag packing at the co-operative where they raised £240 and had a cake stall at the park in Stonehouse where they raised approx. £212.

Thomas Keble

There was a meeting last week; Key Stage 3 students will receive 2 full days of training off-timetable around the school council and how it works – Honda will be carrying out this training for them. SM notes that he is intrigued to find out how the training went and what they did in the training once it has been completed. There is a discussion around the budget they have been allocated and how they plan to spend the money; top priority is most likely to be a flat screen notice board that students, parents, teachers, visitors, etc can see when they visit the school with all the latest news and information displayed.

Stroud High School

Sports day is scheduled for tomorrow. Year 10's experienced the A-Level taster day last Wednesday along with other schools in the locality – it was highly praised.

NHS Consultation: Outcome of Consultation Report – Caroline Smith, Head of Community Involvement, NHS Glos

Kieran introduced Caroline Smith to the meeting who was re-visiting to explain the outcomes of the consultation report and what changes will be implemented. Caroline thanked all those members who sent in feedback for the consultation and SDYC have been mentioned in the report for their consultation. The ideas given around going out to schools and local youth groups to involve them has been picked up by the Clinical Commissioning Group, Gloucestershire (this is a new GP lead organisation that started up as of April 2013); they are keen to involve young people more as they move forward.

There were 3 main proposals (it was noted that these services will not affect Stroud Hospital at this current moment);

1. Proposal 1: Emergency and urgent medical care (Their priority is to ensure that the sickest patients are seen by very skilled specialist staff when they need to be. To do this, we need to ensure that that specialist staffs are available to respond to patients and the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.)
2. Proposal 2: Selected Medical Specialities (these proposals relate to gastroenterology, haematology, cardiology and respiratory medicine. Currently, both inpatient and outpatient services for these medical specialities are provided at both Cheltenham General Hospital and Gloucestershire Royal Hospital – the doctors and nurses providing these services have identified opportunities to improve quality of care by bringing together the specialist staff skills currently split across sites.)
3. Proposal 3: Paediatric Day Cases (The proposal is that all elective/non-urgent paediatric day case surgery and medical investigations are based in a purpose designed paediatric day unit on the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital site.)

The proposal around moving emergency cases to Gloucester generated the most feedback as a number of Cheltenham residents were not happy with this and felt the services were being taken away from the town. The proposal is still going ahead although they would like to reiterate that although the serious cases would be transferred to Gloucester Royal Hospital the A&E department at Cheltenham will still remain open for minor cases; people who refer themselves or those who have been sent by their doctor. The Commissioning Group have realised that these changes will need communicating to the public and therefore documents and publications will be launched in the near future to inform people of the changes to their health care.

The vast majority of people who responded agreed with the changes to specialist medical specialities; they understood why the change was required and supported the changes. Only 12% of people did not agree with either proposal 2 or 3 all together. Caroline notes that she, along with her colleagues, spoke to a numerous amount of people regarding the consultation however was disappointed with the number of responses they received in total.

There will be ongoing reviews around the proposals once they have been implemented to ensure they are working

as well as expected and if any further improvements need to be made. Caroline answers a number of questions from SDYC members; there is only 9 miles between the two hospitals and therefore the maximum time difference for anyone across the county would be an extra 14 minutes. Roxy asks if those residents who responded to the consultation were all of a certain age etc – Caroline notes that they come from all age ranges and there was a good variety of people although young people were of the lowest amount (1% was under 18s and 5% was from 18 – 25s). The largest response from people lived in Cheltenham (36%) – Stroud provided 9% of the total response.

SDYC Youth Cabinet – Report from meeting on 11th & 25th June – (Kate)

a) General Report

11th June 2013 – Following agreement by members at the SDYC meeting on 10th June, the Youth Cabinet were required to design a process to enable the 2013-14 youth grant funding panel to be created fairly and subsequently function effectively. A discussion took place and they noted that there could have been a possible misunderstanding among those nominated at the previous meeting as to the purpose of the panel and the level of commitment it requires. It was decided that the 2012-13 panel should meet very soon to complete their final review as well as training needs to be organised for the new panel. Due to the lengthy discussion and the completion of their proposal for creating the Youth Grant Funding Panel (item 7b) all other items were to be discussed at the next meeting.

25th June 2013 – Members discussed road safety/drive for life; they agreed to invite Gloucestershire Road Safety Manager, Gary Handley to the next youth cabinet meeting to discuss the details of potentially co-hosting a Drive for Life event in Stroud. It was also noted that the SDYC Employment and Training Focus Group would be looking into hosting a workshop event around the theme of ‘social exclusion and unemployment for young people’.

Kate highlighted at the meeting that she has read the report from the NHS Consultation outcomes and was pleased to see input from SDYC members. It was also noted that SDYC still had not featured in the British Youth Council bi-monthly publication and Kathryn agreed to pursue this.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd July 2013 at Ebley Mill, 4:00pm.

b) Youth Grant Panel Membership & Nomination Process – *see proposal on supporting document*

Kieran explained that the County Council sub-commission £50,000 to SDC who then work with SDYC to operate a grant funding programme; the money is divided up into Youth Development Grant Funding and Youth Activity Grant Funding. In the previous financial year there were 3 rounds for the activity funding and 2 rounds for the development. The activity funding is for one-off events whereas the development funding is for developing organisations; all organisations that are awarded with grant funding provide services for young people within the Stroud District.

The Youth Grant Funding Panel are the ones who assess the application forms and make the final decision as to the amount, if any, of money that is awarded to each organisation who applies. If a member of the Youth Grant Funding Panel has any affiliation with an organisation that has applied then unfortunately you cannot be part of the decision making process. Kieran and Kirsty would like to reiterate to anyone considering being a member of the youth grant panel that it is a huge time commitment; on the third round of applications in the previous financial year it took 6 hours to assess the applications.

Kate explains to the group about the new proposal for the youth grant funding panel (an insert is circulated to the group). The following is a proposal as to how the Panel should be created;

Proposed by: Kate Jones, Youth Cabinet member for Health & Wellbeing
Seconded by: Kirsty Driver, SDYC vice Chair

Previously agreed responsibilities of SDYC

- To operate a grant funding programme as defined in the criteria as agreed with SDC
- To ensure the panel membership reflects; accountability, transparency, the social and cultural diversity of the SDYC membership.

The Youth Cabinet also recommend that ‘continuity’ should be added to ensure knowledge and experience from previously trained members is not lost.

Composition of Panel Membership

- 2 x members nominated from and by, the previous year’s panel.
- 2 x members from; Chair, Vice Chair, Leader or Deputy Leader from the current year.
- 2 x members who represent a school or college on SDYC as determined through an ‘electoral group’ process.
- 2 x members who represent a local youth forum on SDYC as determined through an ‘electoral group’ process.

Nomination Process via Electoral Groups

- Each school and college representative (voting and deputy) will form an ‘electoral group’.
- Each local youth forum representative (voting and deputy) will form an ‘electoral group’.
- Only one nominee per respective school, college or local youth forum can be made in each electoral group.
- Both voting members and deputy members would be eligible to vote in their respective electoral group.
- Nominations would be open to voting members and deputy members in each electoral group.
- Each electoral group nominee will require a proposer and seconded.
- A balloted election will take place in each electoral group with the two nominees’ with highest total number of votes being elected as the respective members of the youth grant funding panel.

There were a number of questions regarding the proposal; Steve, Kieran, Kirsty and Kathryn reiterated the reasons for the proposal and why they have been proposed by the youth cabinet. For example, due to the responsibility that comes with a £50,000 sub-commissioned funding allocation there will be 2 members from the previous years panel automatically elected due to their experience.

All voting members (or deputy members that are present and their voting member is not) and co-options that are present at the meeting take a vote for and against the proposal; there are 13 votes for the proposal and 1 vote against the proposal.

The majority of members agree to the above proposal. The nomination process will take place at the next SDYC meeting.

SDYC Youth Grant Funding – Review for 2012/13 & Launch of 2013/14 programme – (Kieran)

Kieran explained that recently the current Youth Grant Funding panel reviewed what they had done in the past year (2012 – 13). They noticed throughout the process that certain aspects of the criteria and guidance notes didn’t match up to the application form itself and therefore a number of changes have been made to this. The applications forms have also had to be hand-written which has proved difficult for a number of organisations as well as the funding panel as certain hand writing can be difficult to read/understand; this has been resolved via SDC’s IT Department who have created the application forms so they can be either typed or hand-written. The panel have also removed some questions that they didn’t feel was relevant to the application.

The deadline for the first round of applications for this current year is 31st July 2013 and therefore the panel will meet in August to start reviewing the applications.

British Youth Council Report – (Kirsty)

Kirsty gave the latest BYC report; there is a segment around how NHS England have been consulting with young people about helping shape the future of the emergency care. Network Rail has launched livewire which is a national campaign around raising awareness to young people about the electricity and staying safe around railways.

The girl guiding community are raising awareness of their latest campaign around the ‘Page 3 Campaign’; they hope to get the message across that it objectifies woman.

SDYC Employment and Training Focus Group – Report from meeting on 18th June (Emily/Charlotte)

An initial meeting took place on 18th June where Millie, Kirsty, Charlotte, Emily, Steve and Simon were all in attendance. There were a number of discussions during the meeting which began with SM explaining the background of the creation of this focus group and the past work that has been carried out with the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) by previous SDYC members.

They spoke about the recent consultation that was carried out within the SDYC membership primarily led by Millie who presented the results at the recent LSP meeting. The LSP interest and support was high and there was a number of suggestion from the partnership; link up and create relationship with SDC work experience students and apprentices’, access extra support from SDC and talk to businesses to get their views, in which to compare and contrast the feedback.

At the next meeting it was decided to focus on the e-survey and interactive workshop as hopefully a pilot workshop will be planned and delivered during the months of July or August. The focus group have set February 2014 as a deadline for this project.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th July at 4:30pm.

Cotswold Canal Trust – note meeting on 16th July 2013 (Kieran & Esme)

To note the meeting with the Cotswold Canal Trust is scheduled for 16th July 2013.

SDYC Votes at 16 Project Team & Health Focus Group – set date of next meetings

The Votes @ 16 project team will meet on Monday 15th July at 4:00pm – Steve will circulate a reminder.

The Health Focus Group will meet on Wednesday 10th July at 4:00pm – Steve will circulate a reminder.

Any Other Business

No other business to report.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 22nd July 2013, Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross at 4:30pm