



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

01.06.2009

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Thomas Lydon, Marling**	Ap
Rob Price, Marling	P
Alex Jones, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Jess Howell, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Liam Baker, Thomas Keble	A
Cameron Patterson, Thomas Keble	A
El Linsell, Stroud High	P
Rosie Dickinson, Stroud High	P
Jack Young, Archway	A
Fran Ballinger, Archway	A
Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	P
Lindsey Driver, Vale of Berkeley	Ap
Frank Gillison, Vale of Berkeley	Ap
Andrew Burbidge, Nailsworth YF	P
Connor Walker, Stonehouse VoYS	A
Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS	P
Megan Roberts, Minchinhampton YC	A
Amy Neason, Minchinhampton YC	A
Ashley Skerton, Stroud College*	Ap
Rudi Blue Morgan, Stroud College	A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Rebekah Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Joe Clift, Vale of Berkeley	A
Chantelle Martin, Vale of Berkeley	A
Harry Bush, Marling	A
Harry Shankar, Marling	A
Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble	P
Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	Ap
Cerys Bradley, Stroud High	P
Isobel Holley, Stroud High	P
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
Kurtis Herbert, Archway	A
Isobel Tyrrell, Minchinhampton YC	A
Jodie Nixon, Minchinhampton YC	A
Joanna Bullingham, Stonehouse VoYS	A
David Reynolds, Stroud College	A

EX-OFFICIO

Rose Horton, Stroud High	A
Freddie Whittaker, Archway	P
Luke Smith, Berkeley	A
Matt Stump, Berkeley	A
Natalie Smith, Archway	A
Emma Mears, Cam & Dursley YF	A
Eleanor Cairns, Thomas Keble	A
Harriet Dudbridge, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	A

CO-OPTIONS

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer (SDC)
Cllr. Joe Forbes, Cabinet member for Community Services (SDC)

Welcome & Apologies

In the absence of the Chair, Vice and Youth Cabinet Leader Jess Howell (Deputy Youth Cabinet Leader) chaired the meeting and welcomed members to Stroud Youth Centre, in particular Cllr. Joe Forbes.

Apologies were received from Tom, Lydon, Ashley Skerten, Kamila Gebicka, Lindsey Driver, Frank Gillison, Kit Powell, and Cllr. Karon Cross.

Minutes of the last meeting – 11 May 2009

Due to the minutes of the last meeting not being sent out in advance with the agenda, members were given time to read and check these before agreeing them as correct.

Matters Arising

- a) *Mailing of Agenda & Minutes* – following the discussions at the previous meeting regarding the mailing out of agenda and minutes as well as emailing, members agreed that the initial trial for this meeting had been ok and would continue to be operated in this way.
- b) *J13 Club 13-17; update on recent meeting* – Steve reported that he had met with the owners/management of Junction 13 and had conveyed the initial comments from members. He added that further meetings would take place in 3 – 4 weeks time to explore this idea and would involve other organisations/agencies linked to service provision for young people in the district. The following members agreed to be part of this work; El Linsell, Alex Buckley, Rob Price.
- c) *Work Ready Work Force Project* – Initial feedback from Tom & Ashley was positive. Members agreed that further discussion at the next meeting (with Tom & Ashley present) was needed before pursuing involvement in this project. The offer from the project group to visit and present the plan to members would be considered thereafter.
- d) *Future Management of Leisure Centre Services in the district* – Cllr Joe Forbes highlighted the previous meetings comments on the management of these services and asked for further input from members, adding that young people's opinions were vital in the drafting of the new contracts. Through further discussion, members expressed an interest in meeting the potential Management Companies involving a formal consultation process. Other suggestions included an initial questionnaire through the SDYC membership base followed up by face to face consultation and a one day workshop event. Input from members would need to take place between now and October 2009.

Correspondence

Community Plans in Stroud District – An opportunity for SDYC to become involved with the community planning processes in the district had arisen with two forthcoming events being offered. A Training session entitled 'Working Together' on 19 June and a Parish Community Plan Forum event being held on Tuesday 7 July at 2.30pm - More details would become available in due course, but it was highlighted that Forum would be suitable for local youth forums to become involved as it focused on local issues – it was highlighted that the event on 7th would be run as a market style approach. Steve would be attending the Training session on 19th and members nominated Frank Gillison and Rosie Dickinson to attend the Forum event on 7th in their capacity Youth Cabinet roles.

Youth Opportunity Fund Celebration Event – In light of SDYC being a beneficiary of this fund in the past year, an invitation to an event on Thursday 9 July at Grosvenor House Youth Centre in Cheltenham had been received. This informal event starting at 7.15pm would enable SDYC to

demonstrate how the funding has been used and what benefits it has given. Annie Pickering, Kieran Chadwick, Rosie Dickinson, Izzy Holley and El Linsell agreed to attend.

Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Stroud College -

Thomas Keble School – Alex B reported that school sports day would take place in 2 weeks. Due to the continued absence of Liam Baker, concern was expressed over his involvement – Alex reported that Liam had told him that he ‘had quit’ and would not be returning. Steve agreed to contact Mrs Pat Edwards at TK to seek confirmation of this.

Stroud High School – Rosie highlighted that as Chair of her School Council she was looking to encourage greater attendance. The launch of their Green Day would be announced soon, whereby monitoring of the various systems in school would be targeted.

Voice of Young Stonehouse – Annie reported that VOYS would be carrying out some consultation soon, more details would follow. They had painted a bus stop in the town opposite Wycliffe College with view to adding a Mural in the near future. Annie was congratulated on recently receiving the local Young Person of the Year Award from Stonehouse Town Council.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum – Jess reported that the recent World Jungle event in Cabot Circus Bristol was featured on ITV regional news. Work with the Connect Dursley project continues.

KLB – Hilary reported that their was the on going issues of concern and apathy to student participation. She suggested that if a continued negative response was experienced in September, then she would be happy to return to KLB as a former student to help raise awareness and seek to instigate more effort from the school as a whole. She returns on 5 September from an overseas trip.

Marling School – Rob reported that the extension to the Downfield Sixth Forum block was still ongoing but did not know when it would be finished. Concern had been expressed over the Water Fountain feature following the lack of consultation with students regarding its existence and purpose. The work on Green Travel month activities also continues as a high priority.

Nailsworth Youth Forum – Andrew reported that the Forum would be working with the former Boys Club building Management group to assist with consultation on the future plans for this venue. Support from SDYC was offered and would be looked at in due course.

Archway School – Kieran reported that Archway was looking to take part in Green Travel month (June) by enforcing teachers to park further away and/or walk to school. Steve asked Kieran to find out when the next school council would be, to enable him to support and attend the meetings.

Wotton Youth Forum – Steve reported that plans were underway to create a local youth forum for Wotton under Edge with an initial interactive workshop style event entitled ‘Make Yourself Heard’ being held on 17 June. Alex J, Hilary and Jess expressed an interest in helping out with this event.

Stroud Fringe Festival

Freddie Whittaker was introduced and welcomed back to SDYC meetings as a current ex-officio member and in his other role as a member of the Fringe Festival Committee. In his role as the Festivals Young People Involvement Co-ordinator he highlighted that the committee wished to hold a Youth Stage probably in the Cornhill area and wanted to know if any members wished to join him in assisting with this work. Freddie explained that unlike previous years and due to the huge reduction in funding, this year most of the programme will be inside licensed premises and would not be accessible to those under 18yrs. El, Annie, Kieran, Rob and Cerys, expressed an interest in being part of this work.

Litter Recycling Project

EI reported that the project plans were now back on course and following a meeting with SDC Public Space Officers it had been agreed to launch the project on Monday 22 June as part of Recycle Now Week. The bins would be installed the previous week. A press release would be sent out and a photo call would take place at Stratford Park on Wednesday 22nd. The involvement of the County Council had been promised as this could be part of a wider publicity project. Members had expressed a desire to have the SDC Public Space Officers (Gemma Steger and Michael Kelly) involved in this, as they had support the project team through out. Steve highlighted a few problems with the logo's and livery on the bins and Broxap's service, but confirmed this would be rectified ASAP. T-shirts would be provided.

Power-Down Project

Steve confirmed that Pete Wiggins, GCC Environmental Services officer would be attending either the next SDYC meeting or on 13 July.

Changing Gear Initiative/Trip switch

Rob reported that he had not been engaged with this of late, due to exams and study leave but stated that Tom was taking the lead in this and would hope an update could be given at the next meeting.

Youth Cabinet Report

Jess reported that the Youth Cabinet had considered the request to be representatives on the Youth Opportunity Fund Panel for Stroud district: Rosie, Frank and Lindsey were nominated for this as they had previously received specialised training from Youth Bank UK. A review of the SDYC Constitution had been considered and will be undertaken over a period of 3 or 4 days.

SDYC 10th Anniversary

A refresh of the suggestions made at the last meeting were had. Progress would be made ASAP.

Any Other Business

Annie enquired about the Talented Young Sports Achievers Grant Programme and asked what the process was and how it worked. The Youth Initiative Fund was also promoted.

Cerys asked about the Gloucestershire Award Plus and how she should complete the process – this was explained.

Steve reported on a visit to Breckland District in Norfolk with Jess and two others from the Stroud Rural Peer Education Project, to attend a Youth Engagement Event centred on the creation of a youth council for their rural district. Jess added that whilst young people were not involved with the presentational side of the day all that much, huge capital investment had been evident from the adult council with £18,000 being budgeted per year for 5 years for operational purposes – the cost of professional youth work staffing was additional to this. Steve highlighted that he would be looking into further aspects of the days programme and would report back in due course.

The SDYC 2008 Annual Review was presented and members were encouraged to take one to save postage. These would be circulated in due course to all membership groups.

There was no further business.

The next meeting is on Monday 22 June 2009 in Stroud Youth Centre at 4.30pm