



## NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

**Date : Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

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

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

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

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

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

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

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

**\*\* = 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 Worker, Youth and Community Services  
 Emma Drage, Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services

## Minutes of the Meeting

### Welcome and Apologies

Kieran welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lily Clarke, Kirsty Driver, Lee Beldam and Adam Chandler.

### Minutes of Last Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013

Kieran went through the previous meeting minutes; they were agreed to be a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Millie.

### Matters Arising

#### **a) To note Local Youth Forum's nomination to Youth Grant Funding Panel**

Steve explained there wasn't enough members present at the last meeting who represented local youth forums. Therefore an electronic ballot was set up to receive nominations from the reps' which to whom they would like to sit on the Panel. Beth Monday had been the sole nominee and was duly elected. One place still remains unfilled.

#### **b) Elect remaining Local Youth Forum member to Youth Grant Funding Panel**

In response to the previous agenda item with a vacant place unfilled, it was agreed to wait until after the SDYC Annual General Meeting to seek further nominations.

### Correspondence

#### ***Launch of Healthwatch***

Steve explained that SDYC members have been invited to the launch of Healthwatch Gloucestershire on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Members who expressed interested in attending, as follows; Odette, Millie and Charlotte. Simon agreed to co-ordinate them attending in Steve's absence (due to annual leave). Steve suggested inviting Healthwatch to do a presentation to the youth council in the future.

#### ***Safeguarding***

The Safeguarding Team at SDC would like to discuss with members, what the process should be in relation to young people making reports or communicating about Safeguarding. The following members agreed to have a discussion with the team about Safeguarding; Odette, Emily, Millie, Libby and Charlotte. Steve would co-ordinate this in due course.

#### ***SDC's New Committee System***

Steve explained the new committee system operated by SDC, with view to exploring how SDYC could influence decision-making by the adult council. Whilst this would be discussed again, an opportunity may arise soon with regards to the Environment Committee, who are developing the new waste/recycling and street cleaning contracts.

#### ***Make Your Mark***

Steve informed members that the campaign for 'Make Your Mark' has now gone live. Esme reported that she received ballot papers with regards to different issues in her role as UKYP Gloucestershire Deputy Member. She would look to consult with SDYC members to seek opinions on what they felt was most important for the UK Youth Parliament to put on their agenda next year e.g. bullying, the environment etc.

### Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forum's – all

#### **Stroud High School**

There is a new Science teacher starting at the High School. The new term starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Thomas Keble**

Nothing to report

### **Bussage**

Nothing to report

### **Rednock**

It was reported that quite a few teachers have left during the summer break.

### **Marling**

As reported previously, the building work for new Science block has now been completed and will be ready to use when the new term begins.

### **Cam & Dursley Youth Forum**

Planning permission has been accepted for the new Youth Centre project.

### **Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)**

It was reported that a colour scheme and design has now been chosen for the kitchen at the new Youth Centre.

### **Katharine Lady Berkeley**

A memorial is being built for ex students who died, earlier this year.

### **Maidenhill**

The building works have been very successful. The sports hall has now been knocked down. Phase 2 of the building works is almost finished.

### **Archway**

The new term starts 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Members were informed that communication to school tutors who co-ordinate student councils, is currently taking place in which to remind them of the processes and responsibility to ensure students participate in electing SDYC representatives from each schools. Elections are encouraged to be run between now and beginning of October.

### **Election of 2013/14 Chairperson Designate**

Kieran explained how his term as SDYC Chair would come to an end with his pending departure to university, meaning current members had to elect a Chairperson Designate for the next couple of meetings until the AGM in November. Steve gave details on the responsibility of being Chair.

Kirsty Driver was proposed by Millie and was seconded by Charlotte. No other nominations were received; Kirsty Driver was elected as Chairperson Designate.

### **South West Summer Youth Voice Convention – Report**

Charlotte reported that she, Kirsty, Lily and Steve attended the South West Summer Youth Voice Convention in Dorset. The event began with a tour round the village of Tolpuddle where they learnt about the Dorset Martyrs. They then travelled to Dorchester, where they visited the old magistrate's courts and had a Q & A session with the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). Charlotte highlighted that they felt SDYC should invite Martin Surl, the Gloucestershire PCC to meet with SDYC to discuss the related issues of concern to young people in the Stroud district.

### **British Youth Council Annual Meeting – Report**

Millie reported that she, Kirsty and Alex attended the BYC Annual Meeting in London which featured elections to various BYC leadership positions. Their financial situation was also discussed, followed by a Q & A session on key policy matters with BYC Trustees.

The following were elected:

Chairperson: *Marc Kidson*

Vice Chair for Finance: *Kyle Thornton*

Vice Chair for Communications: *Solomon Curtis*

Debates on Policy were carried out, the following decisions were made;  
'Empowering every Annual Council Meeting to discuss policy on young people's issues' – PASSED  
'Online referendums should be here to stay' – PASSED  
'Focussed campaigning on voter registration ahead of 2015' – DEFEATED

Elections of Trustees. From a total of ten people, five were elected as follows;

*Jon Foster*

*Kanika Mayi (only female to put herself forward)*

*Kenny Imafidon*

*Dara Farrell*

*Feargal Murphy*

A consultation workshop on Environment and Ethics was also held.

Elections of Honorary Vice-Presidents concluded with a Member of Parliament from each political party voted into the respective role. However much debate was held regarding Peter Bottomley nomination as whilst he had done much for young people, he had also voted 'For' the tripling of university fees.

There was also a big debate about there not being many female nominations across the various positions. There was a suggestion that next year only females should be nominated and then the year after, only male to encourage women to put themselves forward. However, whilst this wasn't put forward as a formal proposal, it did meet with different opinions with SDYC representatives.

The one statistic that stood out was that only a 44% turnout of 18-24 year olds and a 76% turnout of 65 year olds were seen in 2010 general elections. Therefore it was suggested that BYC should be concentrating on young people's knowledge of politics – a point that made a link to the SDYC Votes at 16 Project work.

#### **Reports from SDYC Project Teams and Focus Groups:**

**a) Health Focus Group – Note meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July Postponed**

The next Health Focus Group Meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 4:30pm

**b) Votes @ 16 Project Team – Report from 15<sup>th</sup> July (Charlotte/Holly)**

Charlotte and Holly presented a draft questionnaire which will be sent out to schools, youth forums and youth groups. They asked members for any alterations that need to be made. Steve added that the questionnaire is going to be turned into an e-survey (electronic). Grammar errors were highlight and an extra question was added – amendments were made thereafter. A date for the next meeting will be made in due course.

**c) Employment & Training Focus Group (Millie)**

Millie presented the draft Work Experience questionnaire which would be transferred into an e-survey. She explained the changes to the survey from the original pilot version – these included; 'N/A' boxes and a 'thank you' message at the end. They've also drafted a cover letter to go out with the questionnaires. Members gave comment including suggestions of having the deadline written on the actual questionnaire to make people aware. Steve then asked what would happen after the results of the questionnaire have come back. Millie explained that tailored workshops would be delivered around the district on the specific issues of concern raised in the survey. **The next meeting was to be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

**d) Positive Ticket Project Team – Report from 5<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August (Alex/Lily/Jamie/Emily)**

The group explained the various changes made to the original Ticket Design. They also viewed the web design which they thought was a basic description, but agreed that it was just for informing people and that it was appropriate. They had discussed the idea of having a page on the SDYC website to raise awareness and thus giving more information. The idea of giving a letter to people who have got a ticket was also raised so they could then take it into schools. They had discussed what would happen if you get multiple tickets and people should be acknowledged and maybe be given a reward. The scheme will also be mentioned on Stroud FM.

At the second meeting, the ticket design got looked at again; it was agreed to change the colour scheme and background. The website design was looked at again and Alex is in the process of drafting a new design for that

and a poster. The schedule and launch was also discussed and a provisional date was decided on the Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October but the location is still to be confirmed. The press will then be invited to give publicity. An interview with Stroud FM will also hopefully take place. **The next meeting will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

### **Calendar Dates 2013/14 inc Project Teams & Focus Groups**

Kieran presented the calendar dates for the main meetings in 2013/14; however venues were yet to be detailed. Members agreed the dates and were asked for ideas for different venues for the meetings. Stroud Sub Rooms, Museum in the Park, Stratford Park Leisure Centre and Woodchester Mansion were suggested in addition to Fresh Ground Cafe and the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill. The venues would be sought in time for the AGM.

### **British Youth Council -Report\_(Charlotte)**

Charlotte reported that the Children's Commissioners Takeover day is back – a national event taking place in local authorities on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 which gives children and young people the chance to work together with adult decision makers and office holders.

BYC are also looking for international representatives to represent them in Europe and the Commonwealth, but only young women will be able to stand. This caused debate between the members present, however it was noted that the previously discussed matter on young women standing for elections was low and therefore this was one way of addressing the issues of inequality. To further address the aforementioned issue, work shops are being set up to encourage women to get more involved – details will be forthcoming.

### **Cotswold Canal Trust - Report from meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July & next steps**

Kieran reported that he, Alex, Lily and Steve attended a meeting with Clive Field and other members of Cotswold Canal Trust (CCT). They discussed how young people could be more involved when it comes to accessing and working on the canal. CCT also wanted to know how to connect with young people through advertising or some other way. They also discussed young people gaining membership to CCT; SDYC members thought it was better for young people to work on the canal first and consider gaining paid membership, once they have developed a connection to the project. They also found out that CCT uses social media websites and sells merchandise. They discussed CCT activity programme involving individuals and families who carry out volunteer work as a 'holiday/vacation' including sleeping on site and get paid in food and water. Steve confirmed that CCT would like to meet with SDYC again. Alex added they were also interested in opening a shop to hire equipment to people who were interested on working on the canal.

### **Youth Grant Funding Panel Dates & Training**

Kieran explained that the first round of the new youth grant funding year had closed, with a good number of applications being received. Therefore a date needs to be set for the new Panel to meet. Steve added that training needs to be completed as well and subsequently asked for Panel members to stay behind at the end of the meeting, to set a date.

### **Member's Autumn Training – Dates and Training**

Kieran explained the process of the training and residential for members. Emily requested that it wasn't held during Halloween. The beginning of October half term was suggested, but not confirmed – Steve would send out 'Expression of Interest Forms' to gauge feedback of member's availability.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Business Awards (Kieran/Kathryn)**

Kieran and Kathryn reported on the Stroud Life Business Awards which they were invited to. Highlighting that Stroud MP, Neil Carmichael had discussed with them about meeting members of the SDYC once again. They were also approached by Ian Mean from Gloucestershire Media (parent company of the Citizen and Stroud Life), asking them to consider a creating a column in the Stroud Life (on a quarterly basis), discussing youth issues and the work of SDYC. This would be considered at the next main meeting.

### **Woodchester Mansion**

An invitation had been received from Woodchester Mansion offering member's a group visit to the venue. Steve also reminded members of the standing invitation to be part of their Board of Trustees. Most people showed interest in a visit – it was agreed a date would be set.

### **Local Strategic Partnership Meeting**

The next meeting will be taking place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September with Kathryn and Kirsty attending as the SDYC representatives. Millie asked if she would need to attend but Steve confirmed, only if Kirsty can't make it.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 7:00pm at Stroud Police Station with Charlotte and Millie attending as the SDYC representatives.

### **Chair of Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board (GSCB) - meeting with Ryan Davis**

An invitation had been received from the Chair of the GSCB for Ryan to meet with them regarding his role as the Young Disabled Persons Champion for Gloucestershire. Steve agreed to facilitate this.

### **SDYC Membership Badges**

Steve mentioned the idea of having SDYC membership badges to recognise people's length of time as a member of the youth council. He explained it could be discussed more at the annual review and decided by next years youth council.

### **Kieran's Departure**

It was highlighted that whilst he would address the youth council at the Annual General Meeting through his Chairpersons Report, this would be Kieran's last SDYC meeting as a voting member and representative of Archway School and therefore as Chair. Kieran thanked the members for supporting him during his time as a SDYC member, particularly during his year as Chair.

On behalf of all past and present members, Steve thanked Kieran for his 5 years involvement in SDYC, recognising him as the longest serving member in the 13.5 years of SDYC – he wished him much success in the future.

### **Kathryn's Departure**

Steve thanked Kathryn for her time as a SDYC member and congratulated her on her achievements during her three years representing Rednock School. Having been a youth cabinet member, most recently as Leader, she had represented SDYC on the LSP for two years. She was wished much success for the future.

### **Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 (Annual Review)