



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 3rd February 2014

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Bussage & Chalford Youth Forum</i>)	A
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Tom Meadley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	A
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Kirsty Driver (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>) **	P
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Millie Jotham (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)*	P
Beth Monday (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Jai Aldridge (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Sahaya James (<i>Stroud College</i>)	Ap
Ben Maudsley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P
Mollie Fellows (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P
James Lauchlan (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lorena Davis (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
Indi Higgins (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Lucy Curtis (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
Megan Spill (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Joss Beeley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Keller Philpot (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap

EX-OFFICIO

Kieran Chadwick	A
Kathryn White	A
Ryan Pilkington	A
Jess Fisher	A
Roxy Mould	A

CO-OPTIONS

Ryan Davis (<i>St Roses School</i>)	A
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**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair P = present A = absent Ap = apology given**

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
 Jess Jenkins, Youth Support Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Joanne Jordan, Strategic Head (Customer Services), Stroud District Council
 Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council
 Cllr June Cordwell, Stroud District Council
 Barbara Piranty, Chief Executive, Healthwatch Gloucestershire

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Cllr Miranda Clifton, Cllr June Cordwell and Joanne Jordan - each member introduced themselves and stated which school, college or local youth forum they represented. The following members gave their apologies; Lily Clarke, Esme Freedman, Emily Osborne, Toni McNee, Beth Monday, Jai Aldridge, Sahaya James, Lorena Davis, Lucy Curtis, Megan Spill, Joss Beeley and Keller Philpot.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

They were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting; Proposed by: Mollie Fellows, Seconded by: Charlotte Bignall.

Matters Arising

a) UK Ambassadors – Update on Workshop/Online Consultation (*Simon*)

Steve reported on behalf of Simon who was out of the room. He explained UK Ambassadors gave another chance to host a workshop in Stroud in relation to their National Report. Unfortunately, a date was unable to be agreed. However, there is a chance to complete the consultation online - details are included in a link which will be sending out to members.

b) Election of Youth Cabinet Member for Local Democracy (*All*)

There was a nomination for: *Ben Maudsley, Wotton-under-Edge Youth Forum*

Proposed by: *Georgina Burt*; Seconded by: *Mollie Fellows*

As there were no further nominations, Ben Maudsley was elected Youth Cabinet Member for Local Democracy.

c) Members Winter Training & Activity Programme – Review & Update (*Steve*)

• Introductory Training: 26th January & 8th February.

The first introductory training event had been held at Hawkwood College, all went well. The next one will be taking place on 8th February. Members attending; Mollie Fellows, George Gooch, Esme Freedman, Susannah Gooch, Jamie Arthur, Kyle Roberts, Keller Philpot, Tom Ambury, James Lauchlan, Sam Barnes, Joss Beeley, Lucy Curtis, Ben Maudsley, Kirsty Driver, Georgina Burt, Lee Beldam and Millie Jotham. Steve reminded members there were three places left.

• Skillzone Visits: 4th February & 11th March

The first was being held on 4th February. Members attending; Elizabeth Powell, Alex Lin-Vines, Jamie Arthur, Ben Maudsley, Holly Abbott, James Lauchlan, Lee Beldam, Chelsey Peck, Millie Jotham, Sam Barnes, Tom Ambury and Mollie Fellows. There are still a couple of places available on this date. 11th March – A good number of places were still available for this date.

• Young Drivers Experience: 18th February

Steve reminded members there are still places available. The experience held at Castle Combe included; a four hour course which involves driving a car around the track plus various manovers and learning about driving safety and car maintenance. It was noted that this was being supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner and SDC Community Safety.

d) Positive Ticket Scheme 3 Month Review Meeting – Arrange Project Team Meeting (*All*)

Steve asked if the project team could meet in the break to arrange and confirm a date for the Positive Ticket Scheme 3 Month Review Meeting.

Healthwatch Gloucestershire – Barbara Piranty, Chief Executive

Barbara thanked everybody for inviting her and acknowledged the number of members present. She explained the role of Healthwatch Gloucestershire and what is being done by the organisation. Leaflets and comment cards were given to the members to ask for their opinions about health. She asked for young people's opinions on health services within the area. She also highlighted a lot of things to look at on the website. The presentation included the role of Healthwatch, gathering views, what happens to those views, signposting/advice and advocacy. It was agreed that further interaction between SDYC and Healthwatch, would be undertaken through the Health Focus

Group.

Correspondence

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

Steve explained that the conclusion from the recent PCC budget consultation is that there appears to be an overwhelming support for a slight increase in council tax to pay for more specialists policing in Gloucestershire – the majority saying they would be prepared to help finance the fight against cyber crime in particular.

Lecture from Katie Piper

Dean Close School in Cheltenham will be hosting a lecture from Katie Piper on Thursday 27th February at 4pm. Katie Piper is a former model turned TV presenter and founder of the Katie Piper Foundation, a charity helping those afflicted by severe burns and scars. Her own modeling and media career was cut short when a former boyfriend and another man threw acid in her face. The lecture is aimed specifically at teenagers, showing them that despite terrible experiences/difficulties in life, you can overcome them. The lecture is completely free and transport can be arranged and paid for by the school. More information will be sent out to members to see if they will be interested in attending the lecture - a lot of members showed interest in attending.

Megan Spill & Beth Monday

Steve explained Megan Spill from KLB is standing down from SDYC due to a lot of other commitments. Beth Monday from Cam & Dursley Youth Forum is also standing down from her role as well, due to other commitments.

Waldorf College

Steve explained a full-time; two year study programme for 16 to 19 year olds is being advertised by Waldorf College which offers an inspiring alternative curriculum in Integrated Vocational Studies. If anybody is interested please visit www.waldorfcollege.org.uk or email info@waldorfcollege.org.uk. Jess added she would put a link on Facebook.

Your Green Future

Your Green Future will be running a 'Your Business Future' event on 4th February from 5:30-7pm in Stroud. It is an interactive event which explores the opportunities of a low carbon and resilient future. Those interested in attending should contact Steve urgently.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Berkeley Vale Youth Forum

Jane Bullows, SDC Health & Sports Development Manager visited to talk to them about the Skate Park and what they should do before any money is received – this was well received and group were looking to make further progress.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum

It was reported that there has been progress in the development of the new youth centre in Dursley and there is plans for an assembly at Rednock School regarding self harm.

Maidenhill

A meeting of the student council has been scheduled for two weeks time.

Marling

It was reported that the school are getting a member of staff to act as a liaison with regards to representation to SDYC. Surveys have been distributed to pupils. A new bridge has been opened over the railway enabling access to be improved to the school. The Head of Sixth Form is leaving. The Pink Escape is taking place which raises money for charity. The idea is to get as far away from Stroud in 36 hours to raise money for Breast Cancer Care.

Stroud High School

The new School Council has now begun, but seems to be operating un-democratic. A teacher who is involved in the school council is thinking of doing re-elections. Steve asked for the right contact details for Stroud High School. The school was visited by a van which goes around Gloucestershire serving street food - more information can be found by web searching 'Little Green Wiggly Machine'. It also serves homeless people and people in need. Millie Jotham highlighted that it is a charity that has been set up to offer food for people that can't afford to feed themselves.

They are currently working on a project where they are asking 100 different businesses for £250 which will help fund 12,500 meals. Millie suggested getting in contact with them as it helps young people and see what SDYC can do to help.

Thomas Keble

There hasn't been a meeting since the last SDYC meeting.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

Millie reported that the forum did a bag pack in the Co-op Store on the 18th January to raise money for the new youth centre, there was over £100 raised. Surveys have been going out to young people to ask what local things there are to do for young people in Stonehouse. There is a competition running regarding naming the new youth centre and the winner will be announced on the opening of the building which will take place on the 3rd May. This will be alongside the opening of the Skate Park. They are also looking at getting some celebrity involvement in the opening. The two favorites are Rupert Grint or Lily Allen. Millie did a speech for the Rotary Club on behalf of Stonehouse Action 4 Youth which was a huge success and they ended up donating them a 'dart board' as well as previously donating funds for the new youth centre.

Katharine Lady Berkeley

The 'Seagull campaign' has been a success which helps avoid the presence of seagulls eating any food. There were also discussions about holding an assembly to explain what SDYC does and focus on issues they are working on.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

The Youth Forum received a visit from Katie Elliot who works for mindshots.org.

Plans are being made for another 'coffee morning' and a curry night with discussions being held on how to get businesses involved in the latter. Work on the future skate park is also progressing well.

Chalford Cubed

Advertising is a main issue for the next three or four months to make people more aware of the Youth Forum. Surveys have been distributed with the help of Neighbourhood Warden, Dominic Everiss. There is also an issue with lighting around the skate park and getting to the Youth Centre. To follow this up, a letter will be sent to the Parish Council. Issues regarding litter and setting fire to it, especially in the summer months have been noted. To solve this short term, there is a litter picking event on 16th February – longer term they are looked to gain more funding to put more bins around the area. Dominic Everiss is hopefully going to run an event with help from others on ASB and alcohol and drugs. Chalford Cubed are going to be involved in this.

British Youth Council – Report (Charlotte/Lily)

Positive Stories - The Positive Stories from Decembers are now available to look at online.

European Youth Event - The European Youth event is for young people aged between 18-25 years old and who are part of a BYC membership organisation. It is available for up to 5000 young Europeans to come and participate in the European Youth Event (EYE). It will take place at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France 9-11th May 2014. It will offer political debates and workshops, role play games, a youth village and a festival organised by the European Youth Forum, a concert and a street festival.

Student Voice National Executive - Is an organization run by young people with the aim to represent all secondary school students in England. They are looking for a group of between 15-20 secondary school students from England that would help run Student Voice.

Once chosen to be on the National Executive, you will be assigned to a portfolio of our choice which means you are able to focus on what you are most interested in.

Funding of up to £2000 available for young people across the county - Starbucks Youth Action funding is available for young people to deliver a project making a positive difference to people in their community. Young People aged between 16 and 24 can apply for the funding.

BYC Members - Charlotte also reported BYC members can also take part in a series of workshops to learn more about democracy youth participation event.

Holocaust Commission - The Prime Minister has launched this which will work to ensure Britain has a permanent memorial to the Holocaust and educational resources for future generations. A public call for evidence runs until 30th May.

Youth Cabinet Report – Meeting on 20th January (Millie)

The election of the deputy leader was held with the two nominations received; Archie Holley and Lily Clarke. Following a ballot, Archie Holley was elected as Deputy Leader. It was noted that the portfolio for Local Democracy had seemingly a lack of candidates for the role. The members also looked at the importance and significance to young people's voice being heard and having an impact on the district; it is being designated the lead role for the Votes at 16 Project Team. There was a discussion on the work of the Health Focus Group and the issues of mental health. The Employment and Training Focus Group were continuing their work on the Work Experience Project but it had been noted communication with schools was proving to be quite difficult. Members discussed future plans for the youth cabinet and highlighted that changes to the way it operates was needed – it was noted that the name 'youth cabinet' was possibly misleading, given that SDYC have operated a committee system for a number of years and not what's referred to as a cabinet system. Further work on this will take place in due course.

SDYC Employment & Training Focus Group Report – Meeting on 20th January (Millie)

There are now over 300 replies from the survey. The different results were looked at. This will then be analyzed, presented and fed back what was found from the surveys. The results will be presented to the Local Strategic Partnership.

SDYC Health Focus Group Report – Meeting on 28th January (Libby/Georgina)

Jane Bullows Sport & Health Development Manager for SDC attended the meeting and spoke to the group about different Health Walks. There is a lack of volunteers in Berkeley so if anybody is interested, please let Jane know. Jane also mentioned the SDC Health & Wellbeing plan for 2013-17 that is linked to a Fit for the Future plan and asked if the members would like a visit from the Somatic Movement Group - they encourage fluid, freestyle movement/dance to music for mental health and fitness. Jane also mentioned the University of Gloucestershire is having a Stop the Heartbreak event which includes a free cardiac screening. She asked if SDYC would like to have a stall or be part of it.

Caroline Smith also attended the meeting from Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG). She showed the group a short film on the GCCG website - a second film about a teenager with an eating disorder/mental health issues will be available soon. The questionnaire on their website and booklets which contain surveys, have been distributed to GP's, libraries and community centers.

Hannah Gorf, Health and Wellbeing Officer for SDC also attended the meeting and explained the need for medical services to address the issue of the transfer of care when young people reach the age of 18. She has also been doing work with 2gether on self harm and asked the group to come up with a definition for Stroud District to use. She also suggested producing a leaflet that detailed things for young people in the district/county. She asked the members to give her any information or feedback about any services they use.

Simon confirmed that Hannah had taken the definition of self harm to the Council and it had been agreed.

SDYC Votes at 16 Project Team – to note meeting postponed to 5th February (Simon)

Steve reminded the members to communicate with himself or Simon about whether or not they can make the meeting.

SDYC Members Spring Residential Event – Confirm Dates: 7th to 9th March

Steve confirmed the dates of the Members Spring Residential Event which will be held on the 7th – 9th March. There will be a £5 refundable booking fee.

South West Youth Voice Convention on 18th February – Confirms attendee's

The Chair confirmed there are four places available for this Convention and it is on the same date as the Young Driver's Experience. Millie and Archie expressed interest.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 24th February 2014 at Fresh Ground Café, 4:30pm.