



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

Date : Monday 4th February 2013

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (*Bussage & Chalford*)
 Kit Powell (*Bussage & Chalford*)
 Kieran Chadwick (*Archway*)**
 Lily Clarke (*Archway*)
 Kathryn White (*Rednock*)
 Susannah Gooch (*Stroud High School*)
 Esme Freedman (*Stroud High School*)
 Tom Meadley (*Marling*)
 Archie Holley (*Marling*)
 Kirsty Driver (*Katharine Lady Berkeley*)*
 Emily Osborne (*Katharine Lady Berkeley*)
 Roxy Mould (*Berkeley Youth Forum*)
 Courtney Chapman (*Stonehouse Action 4 Youth*)
 Lydia Stephens (*Stonehouse Action 4 Youth*)
 Jessica Fisher (*Wotton under Edge Youth Forum*)
 Ryan Pilkington (*Wotton under Edge Youth Forum*)
 Millie (Gardiner) Jotham (*Maidenhill*)
 Charlotte Bignall (*Thomas Keble*)

EX-OFFICIO

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

DEPUTY MEMBERS

P	Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High</i>)	P
Ap	Odette Machin (<i>Stroud High</i>)	Ap
P	Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Ap	Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
P	Rhys Carter (<i>Archway</i>)	A
P	Riet Ihara (<i>Archway</i>)	A
P	George Gooch (<i>Marling</i>)	Ap
P	Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling</i>)	P

CO-OPTIONS

Gloucestershire Young Carers

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
 Cllr June Cordwell, Executive Member for Community Cohesion, Stroud District Council
 Cllr Dennis Andrewartha, Liberal Democrat Councillor for Cam West, Stroud District Council

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

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Kit Powell, Lily Clarke, Kirsty Driver, Emily Osborne, Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, Courtney Chapman, Lydia Stephens, Odette Machin and George Gooch.

Sharing of Contact Details

Kieran suggested that it would be a good if he has access to everyone's email and mobile number to make communication easier – Members were asked if they objected to this; there are no objections. Kieran will email everyone with his telephone number and all members can respond with theirs.

Minutes of Last Meeting, 17th December 2012

Kieran went through minutes of the previous meeting; they were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

a) BYC Youth Voice Award

Cllr June Cordwell, Executive Member for Community Cohesion, presented Millie Gardiner, Roxy Mould and Kate Jones with their BYC (British Youth Council) youth voice award which is an accredited award of ASDAN. To achieve the award each member needed to complete 10 hours of recorded outcomes and project work which was subsequently recorded in a log book and assessed; the award is worth 10 UCAS points.

b) SDYC Member Training: 13th to 16th February 2013 – *Confirm Programme*

Steve mentioned that replies have not been received from all members; these needed to be authorised by parents and a number of days ago. The training will take place at Cotswold Conference Centre, an adult learning centre at Farncombe near Broadway. They have hosted SDYC training previously with high praise from members. Transport is available and the training package is free. If you need any further information please get in touch with Steve.

c) Startline Young Driver Experiences Course - *update*

As previously discussed, Castle Combe Circuit offer a 'startline course' which enables students aged between 12 and 16 to experience and understand the key concepts on driving. It has received a huge response and unfortunately is fully booked for the up and coming dates, however they have agreed to do an advanced driver course on Wednesday 29th May 2013 for SDYC members; there are 12 places available. Esme, Roxy, Chelsey, Tom and Keelan expressed they would all like to be involved within the young driver experience.

d) Dates for Project Teams & Focus Groups (Enclosed/Attached) – *To note revised list*

Kieran explained that due to the bad weather a number of project team and focus group meetings have been re-arranged; all members have been sent a revised copy. More copies were available.

Correspondence

Youth Exploring Sustainability (YES) Oversight Committee

Steve has received an email from Anna Bonallack regarding the terms of reference for the YES Oversight Committee which will meet three times a year; the first meeting will take place just after the Easter Holidays. Representation on the Committee Includes: John Meadley (Transition Stroud), Pippa Stroud (Stroud District Council), Stuart Wilson (Stroud District Schools Partnership), and Rachel Close (Severn Wye Energy Agency). Following agreement at the 2012 SDYC AGM, Esme Freedman and Tom Meadley will be representing SDYC on the committee.

Subscription Rooms

Steve has arranged a meeting with Paul McLaughlin, Subscription Rooms General Manager, to discuss the possibility of making contact with young people, particularly the youth council and schools. Steve will update the members with further details, once the meeting has taken place.

Severn FM

Barry Kirby has enquired about the potential of funding for a Severn FM project to support the community radio project in Hardwicke, however aside of this, Severn FM have offered the youth council the opportunity to visit them

and take a look at how they work and what they do. It was agreed to pursue this once the current round of youth grant funding has been assessed and agreed upon.

UK Young Ambassadors - Social Inclusion

The UK Young Ambassadors are looking for young people's opinions on Social Inclusion and if they feel excluded in their communities and why they think this is. Participants can also win a £30 Amazon Voucher for taking part. The UK Young Ambassadors will discuss the results of this research with European decision makers at a European Conference in Ireland in March and will campaign to make sure young people across the UK and Europe feel more included in their communities. To voice your opinion they have an online survey at Survey Monkey; Steve will forward the link to all members ASAP.

Suited, Booted and Recruited 2013

There is an event taking place on Friday 8th February 2013 at Forest Green Rovers Football Club and they are running an event entitled, Suited, Booted and Recruited Employers' Day which is an introduction to a two week programme to get individuals as work-ready as possible and introduce them to a number of employers. It's open to any individual over the age of 16 who is not in full time education or employment. They provide training in job searching and applications, interview skills and also deliver a number of real qualifications required by employers, such as First Aid and Customer Service.

Stroud District Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

Steve has received a letter from the Stroud District LSP regarding an update on the Employment Working Sub-Group (EWG). The EWG was established last year as a 'task and finish' group to firstly better understand the local situation and recommend action to LSP members which might help support any gaps in provision of careers guidance. Over the past 6 months (since the production of the report), LSP members have monitored the action plan and, due to the considerable progress made by the group, it was decided at the December meeting to reintroduce the subject to mainstream LSP business. The LSP Chair, Carole Garfield, and Vice Chair, Les Haines would like to thank SDYC for their contribution and commitment to the EWG, particularly the efforts of Robin Ellis-Cockcroft (former SDYC Chair).

Departure of SDYC Members

Steve reported that Lydia Stephens and Kit Powell have decided to leave SDYC from immediate effect, due to other commitments in their schedules.

SDYC Health Focus Group Report – Kate

Since the last meeting in December there has been a substantial amount of work going on with the health focus group; Kate and Millie attended a Children and Young People's Partnership Stakeholder event organised by 2gether Trust (a mental health service commissioned by the NHS and Gloucestershire County Council) at Staverton during January. The service is very new and therefore the event was focused on learning about the service and what they can provide etc.

There was also a Health Focus Group on 28th January 2013 where the group met with Dilys Warren, Health & Wellbeing Partnership Officer and Jane Bullows, Sport & Development Manager at Stroud District Council. A discussion was had about the initiatives the group are supporting and how young people could become more actively involved in them. Kate then plays a home based exercise DVD produced by Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire NHS to the group which they all participate in; the DVD is aimed at older people and those less able to leave their homes – they welcome any feedback on it from young people.

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

Archway

There hasn't been a school council meeting in a while. January exams have also just finished.

Berkeley Youth Forum

Tom Ambury and Nathan Pendred have been elected as representatives to SDYC for Berkeley Youth Forum and therefore will be joining the membership in the near future. The youth club has also now opened and is being run by Young Gloucestershire.

Maidenhill

Millie wasn't present at the last School Council meeting however no other students have decided to come forward as representatives for SDYC.

Marling School

Work on the Science Block has commenced; this is ongoing. The school are also encouraging Head Boy and House Captains etc to organise more charity events and activities for students.

Rednock

Ofsted report concluded that Rednock needs improvement – all timetables will change completely across all years. There is also a teacher assistant who is helping out with Student Voice; only just starting up, will keep the group updated on progress.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)

They have received the plans back for the new youth centre; the quotes received were higher than expected and therefore the date for everything to be completed has been pushed back.

Stroud High School

School show is coming up after half term. A discussion was had recently about setting up a Student Voice and whether they can or cannot; will keep Steve updated.

Thomas Keble

A discussion was had about getting badges (School Council) so more people could recognise who they are. There are also 2 new representatives for SDYC.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

There have been a few meetings cancelled recently due to bad weather. The artwork that went missing – the majority has now been found and they are now at the youth centre in Wotton; they are in the theme of sexual health.

Youth Cabinet Report – Kathryn

Kathryn reported that the Youth Cabinet met a few weeks ago and a discussion was held around the portfolios;

Their proposal was as follows; *'That the current portfolio holder for Community Cohesion becomes the portfolio holder for Housing and Development and the then vacant youth cabinet position is open for nominations'*. This was seconded by Millie. Member's unanimously agreed.

Following this decision, Kathryn explained that the Youth Cabinet further proposed the following; *'That the portfolio for Sustainable Development is merged with the portfolio for Housing and renamed Housing and Development. This portfolio will cover any work regarding the SDC Core Strategy/Local Plan and any regeneration projects. Issues or work relating to cultural themes are to be undertaken by the portfolio for Community Cohesion'*. Members agree to the above proposal.

Election of Youth Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion

Kieran asked if there were any proposals for the Community Cohesion portfolio holder. The following member was nominated; *Esme Freedman, Stroud High School*.

Proposed by: Millie Gardiner

Seconded by: Tom Meadley

There were no further nominations. Esme Freedman was elected as the Community Cohesion Portfolio Holder.

British Youth Council Report inc. report on South West Youth Voice Convention – Kathryn

National Members Meeting (London, Saturday 2nd March)

National Member meetings are a chance for the large members to come together to explore common issues and challenges; the meeting will be an introduction and training for the year ahead.

Volunteer for a YHA Summer Camp

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain great training and experience in supporting and delivering activities to young people. It's a residential opportunity – so volunteers also get the chance to explore somewhere new on their days off. The skills and knowledge you pick up through your Summer Camp experience will boost your CV and your confidence. YHA will provide free meals, training and accommodation and give up to £110 reimbursement to cover your travel expenses. More information available at; www.yhasummercamps.org.uk

UK Youth Parliament Election

Nominations are now open for the UK Youth Parliament Election however SM notes that he has received no correspondence from Gloucestershire County Council regarding the Gloucestershire Youth Parliament Elections.

South West Youth Voice Convention

Kieran, Tom, Kirsty and Kathryn all attended the South West Youth Voice Convention in January; it focused on certain discussion topics such as gambling and addiction awareness which members found interesting. Health Watch was also another topic of discussion at the event which has recently been launched by the NHS; this can be picked up and discussed further at the Health Focus Group.

SDC Annual Youth Consultation 2012 Report: Discussion on Findings & Next Steps – All

Item 11 will be postponed until the next meeting; SM notes that he has already circulated a copy of the report to all members.

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Report (8th January 2013) - Millie

Millie recently attended a Valleys and Vale Neighbourhood Watch Association meeting on 8th January 2013; 'Youth Council Report' was an agenda item. It was noted that if Neighbourhood Watch can help the Youth Council in anyway they would be more than happy – Millie stated that once the project groups were put together she would notify the committee of any help needed.

SDC Business Breakfast Report (18th January) – Kathryn

The original date for the Business Breakfast was postponed due to bad weather to the 1st February – Kathryn and Steve attended on behalf of SDYC. They discussed concerns and issues that young people have; unemployment, apprenticeships, work experience, etc.

SDC Youth Work Strategy Update - Steve

SM will be presenting to the Council's Scrutiny Committee, unfortunately this has been postponed again until 7th March; the presentation looks closely at the Youth Work Strategy. SM has also met with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee who are keen to hear how the youth council are involved with decision making and what their thoughts are on the strategy, etc.

Any Other Business

Kieran notes that a discussion was previously had with SM about the use of Youth Council badges for each member to pin point who is part of the Youth Council whilst at School, Sixth Form, Colleges, Youth Forums, etc. Members feel like it could be a good idea in concept.

Steve reported that he had recently met with Ryan Davis a young person from Chalford who attends St Roses School in Stroud with regards to him being a Co-option member. Steve explained that Ryan has a disability and would therefore be able to bring a different perspective to youth council discussions and issues. He added that Ryan was very keen to take up the offer, initiated last year by SDYC members. Steve would communicate further to enable Ryan to attend future meetings.

Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 25th February 2013 at 4:30pm, The Door Youth Project, Stroud.