



## NOTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

**Date : Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

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

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Holly Abbott ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	P
Odette Machin ( <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 &amp; Dursley Youth Forum</i> )	P
Lorena Davis ( <i>Cam &amp; Dursley Youth Forum</i> )	Ap
Tom Ambury ( <i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i> )	P
Indi Higgins ( <i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i> )	Ap
Keelan Spence ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	A
Lucy Curtis ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	A
Megan Spill ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i> )	P

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

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

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

**\*\* = 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 Worker, Youth and Community Services  
 Cllr June Cordwell, Stroud District Council  
 Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council

## **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the new members of the Youth Council, Cllr June Cordwell and Cllr Miranda Clifton. Apologies were received from Kate Jones, Susannah Gooch, Jai Aldridge, Lorena Davis, Chelsey Peck and Indi Higgins.

The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves and state who they represent.

## **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Kirsty went through the minutes of the previous meeting; they were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by: Emily Osborne; Seconded by: Millie Jotham

## **Matters Arising**

### **a) Any Other Business – Business Awards**

It was reported at the last meeting that a couple of members of the Youth Council had been approached by Ian Mean from Gloucestershire Media (parent company of the Citizen and Stroud Life), asking them to consider creating a column in the Stroud Life (on a quarterly basis), discussing youth issues and the work of SDYC. Kirsty asked who would be interested in helping with this.

Lily, Charlotte, Millie and Sahaya all showed their interest.

Steve suggested meeting up and talking through it in detail and maybe talking to Gloucestershire Media to get more of an idea of what is wanted.

### **b) Meeting with SDC Safeguarding Team – date to be agreed**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November was suggested and agreed by Odette, Emily, Millie, Libby and Charlotte. Steve would check if this date suited the relevant SDC officers.

## **SDC Corporate Annual Youth Consultation Event – member's feedback (all)**

Overall the feedback was very positive with members saying the event was useful, interesting and at times fun. The layout was better than the previous year. The members liked how the adults listened to all the member's views and ideas. Steve explained an evaluation was completed and generally, the feedback has been very positive and if anybody had anything more to say, get in contact with him. A report would be compiled in due course.

## **Members Autumn Training Event – future plan**

Steve explained the intention to hold a series of one day events before Christmas. It was proposed that the last weekend in November and the first two weekends in December could be used for this training. Information would be sent out about these dates, once venues had been sought and members were asked to reply promptly.

It was asked if the training would be all day as some people have mock exams that week. Steve replied it wouldn't be the whole day and for example 10am-4pm.

## **Correspondence**

### ***GP Training***

SDYC has been asked to do a short presentation at a GP Training Event on 20<sup>th</sup> November (2pm-4.30pm) at the Cotswold Care Hospice. Kirsty had already agreed, but one or two more people could go along with her. Millie expressed interest in attending.

### ***BYC (British Youth Council)***

A free training workshop is available called **Challenge 39%** focusing on women in democracy. It is running in conjunction with Parliament Week. Members seemed interested in attending. Further information [www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)

### ***Family Information Service/Early Help Offer***

SDYC has been asked to comment on the 'Early Help Offer' directory pages and content. Steve asked who would be interested in looking at this and giving feedback; Georgina, Libby, Lee, Kirsty, Sahaya, Jamie, Millie and Toni expressed interest in being part of it. A date was set for 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### ***Domestic Violence Awareness Week***

Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Service and the Police have highlighted they would be willing to give a presentation to SDYC about domestic abuse - an awareness week begins on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Inviting them to the next SDYC

meeting on that date would be an opportunity for the members to learn more about domestic abuse/violence and the effects it can have.

### ***Sexual Health Road show***

This is being delivered by Prospects (contracted service provider for the County Council). It's running throughout the first week in December in the Stroud district.

2<sup>nd</sup> December – Stratford Park

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Maidenhill School

4<sup>th</sup> December – Bussage Park

5<sup>th</sup> December – Dursley Recreational Ground

6<sup>th</sup> December – Victory Park

### ***Test Purchase Operation***

An opportunity has arisen to work with the Police regarding the test purchase of alcohol, in local off licenses on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This is for 14-16 year olds. A host of members were interested in taking part of this and would be contacted individually.

### ***Ambitions Event***

This is taking place 6<sup>th</sup> November at Stratford Park Leisure Centre 4.30pm-8pm. It's a careers event with difference; 50 different companies and universities which gives an opportunity for people to speak to employees. There is also a jobs workshop with motivational speaker Des McCabe from 2pm-5pm.

### **Chairpersons Report for 2012/13 Year – Kieran Chadwick, Chairperson for 2012/13**

Whilst not being present, Kieran gave his Chair report for 2012/13 via a phone link up. The main points of the report included a re-cap of the year's events including members training and the development of local youth forums and centres. He highlighted the success of the young driver experience at Castle Combed Circuit. He also spoke about the major project of creating new local youth forums across the district whilst further developing the existing ones. The report also included the relationships between SDYC and other important organisations like the Cotswold Canal Trust. He rounded his report off by thanking everybody for their support and wished everyone the best of luck with their future adventures.

Steve shared statistics with regards to a new system which has been used this last year. It involves tracking the volunteer hours of the SDYC membership and the work as district youth councillors:

**Total volunteer hours for the year as a whole membership: 1720 hours (103174 minutes)**

**Total volunteer hours for the top 3 members:**

**Kirsty Driver – 146 hours**

**Millie Jotham – 129 hours**

**Kieran Chadwick – 112 hours**

**Total number of hours across all members: 51 hours**

**Total number of members at year end: 30**

**Total number of meetings, activities and events in the last year: 75**

**Average Participation across all members: 72.6%**

### **Election of Chairperson**

The following member was pre-nominated:

*Kirsty Driver, member for Katharine Lady Berkeley School.*

Proposed by: *Emily Osborne*

Seconded by: *Lily Clarke*

Emily gave her reasons as to why she was proposing Kirsty to be elected as Chairperson. Lily gave her reasons as to why she seconded this proposal.

Kirsty Driver was elected as Chairperson for 2013/14.

### **Election of Vice Chairperson**

The following member was pre-nominated:

*Alex Lin-Vines, member for Thomas Keble School*

Proposed by: *Lily Clarke*

Seconded by: *Charlotte Bignell*

Lily gave reasons as to why she was proposing Alex to be elected as Vice Chairperson. Charlotte gave her reasons as to why she seconded this proposal.

Alex Lin-Vines was elected as Vice Chairperson.

### **Election of Youth Cabinet**

#### **Nomination for Leader Portfolio:**

The following member was pre-nominated:

*Millie Jotham, member for Stonehouse Action 4 Youth*

Proposed by: *Emily Osborne*

Seconded by: *Archie Holley*

Emily gave her reasons as to why she was proposing Millie to be elected as the Leader Portfolio. Archie gave his reasons as to why he seconded this proposal.

Millie Jotham was elected as the Leader of the Youth Cabinet.

#### **Nomination for Housing and Development Portfolio:**

No nominations were received for the Housing Portfolio. This was deferred to the next SDYC meeting.

#### **Nomination for Health & Wellbeing Portfolio:**

The following member was pre-nominated:

*Lily Clarke, member for Archway School*

Proposed by: *Alex Lin-Vines*

Seconded by: *Emily Osborne*

Alex gave his reasons as to why he was proposing Lily to be elected as the Youth Cabinet member for the Health & Wellbeing Portfolio. Emily gave her reasons as to why she seconded this proposal.

Lily Clarke was elected as the holder of the Health & Wellbeing Portfolio.

#### **Nomination for Environmental Portfolio:**

The following member was nominated:

*Archie Holley, member for Marling School*

Proposed by: *George Gooch*

Seconded by: *Holly Abbott*

George gave his reasons as to why he was proposing Archie to be elected as Youth Cabinet member for the Environmental Portfolio. Holly gave her reasons as to why she seconded the proposal.

The following member was nominated:

*Sahaya James, member for Stroud College*

Proposed by: *Emily Osborne*

Seconded by: *Beth Monday*

Emily gave her reasons as to why she was proposing Sahaya to be elected as the Youth Cabinet member for the Environmental Portfolio. Beth gave her reasons as to why she seconded the proposal.

In a balloted vote, Archie Holley was elected as the holder of the Environment Portfolio.

**Nomination for Community Cohesion Portfolio:**

The following member was pre-nominated:

*Charlotte Bignell, member for Thomas Keble School*

Proposed by: *Alex Lin-Vines*

Seconded by: *Emily Osborne*

Alex gave his reasons as to why he was proposing Charlotte to be elected as the Youth Cabinet member for the Community Cohesion Portfolio. Emily gave her reasons as to why she seconded the proposal.

Charlotte Bignall was elected as the holder of the Community Cohesion Portfolio.

**Nomination for Employment & Training Portfolio:**

The following member was nominated:

*Emily Osborne, member for Katharine Lady Berkeley*

Proposed by: *Millie Jotham*

Seconded by: *Lily Clarke*

Millie gave her reasons as to why she was proposing Emily to be elected as the Youth Cabinet member for the Employment & Training Portfolio. Lily gave her reasons as to why she seconded the proposal.

Emily Osborne was elected as the holder of the Employment and Training Portfolio.

It was noted that the position of the Deputy Leader will be elected at the next youth cabinet meeting from within the Youth Cabinet.

Steve thanked everybody for their efforts for the nominations. He also said well done to everyone who had been nominated or elected.

**Election of Co-options**

Up to 5 nominations can be taken now or at any time during the year for co-options; these can be individuals outside of the school/college/youth forum electorate who have a special skill or knowledge in a specific area that SDYC feel would be a positive benefit to membership.

The following member was nominated:

*Ryan Davis, member of St Roses School*

Proposed by: *Charlotte Bignell*

Seconded by: *Alex Lin-Vines*

Charlotte gave her reasons as to why she was proposing Ryan to be elected as a co-option. Alex gave his reasons as to why he seconded the proposal.

As Ryan wasn't present at today's meeting, he will be contacted to see if he accepts the nomination.

Millie suggested getting in contact with Younger Carer's again and seek an individual that may want to take on the role. All members agreed.

## **Ex-Officio members for 2013/14**

The Ex-Officio members for 2013/14 were noted as; Kieran Chadwick, Kathryn White, Ryan Pilkington, Jess Fisher and Roxy Mould.

## **Key Issues/projects for 2013/14**

- Employment & Training Focus Group – Work Experience Project.
  - Pilot Survey – District Survey 2013/14.
- BYC Representation – Reports @SDYC (Lily Clarke and Charlotte Bignell are the representatives).
  - Attendance at Conventions & ACM event 2013. Steve noted those roles get elected in June/July each year.
- Relationship with the Police (early stages) – Create group.
- Votes @ 16 – E-survey draft agreed.
- Positive Ticket Scheme – Project Team created, website & launch of Project (involves work with Police)
  - Launch on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- Road Safety (Potential Involvement with Drive IQ Scheme & Young Drivers Course).
- Health Focus Group – Mental Health Services for young people.
  - Healthwatch Involvement.

## **Involvement with & representation on other organisations for 2013/14**

Begin relationship with Cotswold Canal Trust as Advisors.

CYP Mental Health Service – invite to present at SDYC meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch involvement – attended some meetings and asked reps opinions.

Involvement with planning of Pride in Your Neighbourhood Events.

## **Nomination of Project Team & Focus Group members for 2013/14**

### ***Health Focus Group***

Lily Clarke, Alex Lin-Vines, Beth Monday, Libby Powell, Jamie Arthur, Millie Jotham, Georgina Burt, Antonia McNee, Megan Spill, Kirsty Driver, Sahaya James, Kyle Roberts, Charlotte Bignell.

### ***Employment and Training Focus Group***

Emily Osborne, Lily Clarke, Kirsty Driver, Megan Spill, Jamie Arthur, Lee Beldam, Tom Ambury, Sahaya James, Millie Jotham.

### ***Votes at 16 Project Team***

Millie Jotham, Kirsty Driver, Sahaya James, Lily Clarke, Archie Holley, Jamie Arthur, George Gooch, Holly Abbott, Charlotte Bignell, Kyle Roberts.

### ***Youth Grant Funding Panel- previously nominated in June 2013***

Kirsty Driver, Holly Abbott, Charlotte Bignell, Archie Holley, Lily Clarke.

## **Calendar Dates for 2013/14**

All members had received the calendar dates for the 2013/14. It will be on the Youth Council website.

Millie asked if it would be possible to arrange a cabinet meeting fairly soon. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November was agreed.

## **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013, Fresh Ground Cafe, Cainscross.