



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

Date : Monday 8th April 2013

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

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

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High</i>)	P
Odette Machin (<i>Stroud High</i>)	Ap
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Riet Ihara (<i>Archway</i>)	A
Rhys Carter (<i>Archway</i>)	A
George Gooch (<i>Marling</i>)	P
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling</i>)	Ap
Nathan Pendred (<i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Adam Chandler (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A

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

CO-OPTIONS

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

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

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
 Joanne Jordan, Strategic Head of Community and Customer Services, Stroud District Council
 Caroline Smith and Miles Wagstaff, NHS Gloucestershire/ Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
 Emma Wojcik, Support for Ryan Davis
 Lindsey Driver, Former SDYC Member

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Caroline Smith and Miles Wagstaff from NHS Gloucestershire/ Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group; Joanne Jordan the Strategic Head of Community and Customer Services for Stroud District Council; Lindsey Driver, a former SDYC Member and Youth Cabinet Leader and new members from Cam and Dursley Youth Forum.

Apologies were received from Kate Jones, Susannah Gooch, Tom Meadley, Roxy Mould, Tom Ambury, Keelan Spence, Ryan Pilkington, Jamie Arthur and Odette Machin.

Minutes of Last Meeting, 18th March 2013

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

Matters Arising

a) Gloucestershire Constabulary (Millie)

It has been agreed that Insp. Andy Poole could attend a full council meeting in the near future although dates and times have yet to be finalised. Millie is waiting on a reply email – she will inform Steve once a reply has been received.

b) Cotswold Canal Trust (Esme, Tom and Susannah)

It was noted that the meeting with the Cotswold Canal Trust is scheduled to take place tomorrow (Tuesday 9th April) at 4:30pm at their Headquarters in Bowbridge. Esme, Tom and Susannah will report back at the next meeting.

NHS Gloucestershire – Maintaining High Quality, Specialist Services (Caroline Smith)

Caroline Smith and Miles Wagstaff from NHS Gloucestershire / Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group were welcomed to the meeting and gave a presentation about services change proposals within Gloucestershire for the NHS (it was noted that these services will not effect Stroud Hospital at this current moment).

The NHS in Gloucestershire is working together to develop innovative plans which will help to address the challenges facing the NHS locally. They are committed to providing as many services as possible as close as possible to the patient's home. However, where very specialist care is needed in the larger hospitals i.e. Gloucester and Cheltenham, they'll continue to look at how best to organise services to maintain quality. Feedback from local people in 2012 on the Health and Social Care Community's five year Strategy for Care: 'You Health, Your Care' showed a high level of support for their vision for services in the future.

These included:

- Supporting people in their community – further development of joined up (integrated) community teams to support people in their own homes, including GPs, as well as social care, nursing and physiotherapy.
- Development of a 'co-ordinator' role to support people with long term conditions and ensure they receive the advice, support and services they need.

There are a number of benefits to this kind of change including:

- Bringing certain specialist staff together and reducing the risk to patients by having robust medical cover at all times
- Speeding up assessment for patients and decision making about their treatment and onward hospital care
- Improving the links between related services to improve the patient experience and make services more joined up
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- Improving the patient environment and developing services and facilities that are better suited to the needs

of the patient

- Clinicians seeing enough patients to maintain their skills. The more frequently a doctor performs a particular treatment or procedure the better the outcome for the patient.
- Ensuring consistency of care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Proposals for Change:

Proposal 1: Emergency and urgent medical care (*Their priority is to ensure that the sickest patients are seen by very skilled specialist staff when they need to be. To do this, we need to ensure that that specialist staffs are available to respond to patients and the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*)

Proposal 2: Selected Medical Specialities (*these proposals relate to gastroenterology, hepatology, cardiology and respiratory medicine. Currently, both inpatient and outpatient services for these medical specialities are provided at both Cheltenham General Hospital and Gloucestershire Royal Hospital – the doctors and nurses providing these services have identified opportunities to improve quality of care by bringing together the specialist staff skills currently split across sites.*)

Proposal 3: Paediatric Day Cases (*The proposal is that all elective/non-urgent paediatric day case surgery and medical investigations are based in a purpose designed paediatric day unit on the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital site.*)

Leaflets were circulated for members to take away as their own copy.

Caroline and Miles highlighted that consultation must be carried out on the above proposals; there is a questionnaire in the leaflets with both closed and open questions, for people of all ages to reply too. All feedback must be received by 3rd May 2013 (it is a freepost address). You can also provide feedback on-line at www.nhsglos.nhs.uk.

Following a series of questions from members, it was agreed that Caroline would attend the next SDYC Health Focus Group meeting on Monday (15th April) to talk about the services in more depth. All further queries or questions about the proposals after the meeting should be passed them on to members of the Health Focus Group.

Correspondence

World Jungle

World Jungle have a new environmental programme of workshops and walks which kicks off with an Introduction to Permaculture on Saturday 27th April from 10:00am – 04:30pm held at Breakheart Quarry in the hills above Dursley. Steve has more details if members are interested in the workshop or alternatively visit www.worldjungle.org.uk to find out about other up coming workshops.

World Jungle also has a new fitness programme which begins shortly at Lansdown Hall, Stroud and Uley Primary School. Bellyfit is a fresh and fun fitness program that combines the aerobic elements of Bellydance, African Dance, Bollywood and Bhangra with floor based core and stretches inspired by Pilates and Yoga. Regular classes start next week at Uley Primary School on Tuesdays from 7:30 – 8:30pm and on Thursday at Lansdown Hall & Gallery in Stroud at 6:30 – 7:30pm. There is no need to book, you can just turn up (ideally bring a yoga mat).

Youth Unemployment: Review of Training for Young People with Low Qualifications

Business and Education is to become a regular item on the Local Strategic Partnership agenda and therefore Jackie Godwin, Policy Officer at Stroud District Council, has circulated the link for the Youth Unemployment: Review of Training for Young People with Low Qualifications which has been published by the Department for Business Innovation & Skills (BIS). Steve can circulate the link to those interested members.

Consultation – things that are important to young people

The office of the Children's Commissioner for England is currently running a consultation about things which are important to young people whilst growing up, which will be fed into the government's current Children and Families Bill. Steve will circulate the link to all SDYC members.

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

Archway

Lily reported there has been a school council meeting recently but as the exam period approaches there is little activity within the school as students are revising etc. Over the last 3 weeks some students have travelled to India to visit a school that Archway has funded to be built; it is located in one of poorest provinces in India.

Bussage and Chalford

A discussion was had around the local Tesco in the area and the fact this has become a meeting point for many local young people in the area; it was highlighted that on occasions this can be intimidating to individuals and that evidence of anti social behaviour has been known. Steve reminded members that the plan to deliver some additional youth work in the area including the creation of a local youth forum, could potentially consider this issue in a wider context. Meanwhile he agreed to speak to the local Neighbourhood Warden about the issue.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

Beth, Ruth and Lee, reported that whilst there had been no meeting in the past three weeks due to the Easter break, forum members had been previously busy working towards their three main priorities: active involvement in the development of the new youth centre building in Dursley; building a better relationship with the local police in the area; and looking at issues to do with young peoples health and wellbeing, in particular mental health and bullying.

Katherine Lady Berkeley

Kirsty and Emily reported that whilst they are still having difficulties being allowed to attend student council meetings, they are determined to attend one in the near future. They will speak to Ryan Pilkington, fellow student and SDYC member (representing Wotton Youth Forum) to discuss the time, date and location of the next meeting, as he seems to be receiving information from the lead tutor.

Maidenhill

Millie attended a student council meeting recently and reminded them that as the sole representative on SDYC, she would only be able to be so until the end of the current year and encouraged them to nominate students into the three vacant positions. She added that at the meeting felt unproductive and continued to be frustrating by the lack of energy shown. Steve agreed to communicate with the lead tutor and offer to attend a meeting to lend support.

Marling School

Nothing to report.

Rednock School

Kathryn highlighted that Rednock are currently having discussions about the possibility of rebranding the sixth form to make it more ambitious – the sixth form committee are leading on this.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)

Chelsey reported that the work for the new youth centre is now going ahead after a short period when it was felt the proposals were not able to be afforded. Discussions on how different youth communities interact in the and around the town have been held and thoughts on how they can interact more have been held. Plans are still being drawn on how to recruit new members for SA4Y, although they have recently welcomed one new member.

Stroud High School

The 'house competition' is still ongoing; the house with the most points at the end of the year will win a morning off school or a bouncy castle prize.

Stroud Access Group - Report of last meeting on 20th March – (Charlotte/Lily)

Charlotte and Lily recently attended the Stroud Access Group where the main purpose is about making access better for people with disabilities. Sean Butler, Benefits Manager at Stroud District Council was in attendance and he gave a presentation about how the benefit cuts will affect people living in the Stroud district. They explained that the group had discussed how it could function in future with less capacity and subsequently agreed to hold one off focus sessions in the future, to make the meetings more proactive and be informative to the District Council. The group also went through their accounts for the previous financial year (2012 – 2013).

Neighbourhood Watch Association - Report of last meeting on 21st March – (Millie/Charlotte)

Millie attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting; they recently purchased 8 new high visible jackets. They have also been looking into buying name badges; however have yet to make a decision around this. There are 240 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators within the Stroud District (133 of these are in the Dursley area).

British Youth Council (BYC) Report – (Kathryn/Kirsty)

Kathryn and Kirsty gave updates from the British Youth Council weekly newsletters; BYC are offering free half day workshops for young people being involved with the European Union regarding online blogging and debating skills, etc. BYC are also looking to talk to any young people that have been stopped and searched by the Police – if you have, please contact Kathryn or Kirsty for details; Steve reminded that this could also be valuable to pass on to friends/family/schools/colleges/etc.

Steve highlighted that new calendar dates for BYC events and activities during the forthcoming year were available; the annual South West BYC Convention will occur on 29th May 2013 and the annual meeting is the 14th July 2013.

Kirsty added that a report is compiled every month entitled 'Positive Stories' and included input from every region across the UK; it is produced in a booklet but SDYC are yet to feature and therefore in the future it would be good to submit some reports of the ongoing work members do. It was agreed this would be considered by the Youth Cabinet.

SDC Youth Work Strategy Update – Steve

Steve reported that there had been some follow up work to the report he and Kirsty had presented to the Council's Scrutiny Committee recently. However, this month four out of the eight local youth forums to be created in the district were now functional and noted that it is great to see representatives of Cam and Dursley Youth Forum now on SDYC. There will also be some work being carried out in the Nailsworth area and possibly Chalford and Bussage area, in the near future.

SDYC Health Focus Group – to note meeting on 15th April (All)

The SDYC Health Focus Group is scheduled to meet on 15th April 2013.

SDYC Votes at 16 Project – to note meeting on 22nd April (All)

The SDYC Votes at 16 Project Group is scheduled to meet on 22nd April 2013.

Any Other Business

Tackling Poverty Event

Esme reminded members that she recently attended the Tackling Poverty Event hosted by Stroud District Council at Ebley Mill. She felt it was a very interesting event where they discussed different types of poverty, including that of fuel and explained how this can affect different people of all ages. She spoke to a number of other attendees at the event about work SDYC does and is hoping to carry out regarding Eat Well Waste Less Project and the Health Focus Group. It was agreed she would give a presentation on the event at the next SDYC meeting.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 29th April 2013 at 16:30, Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross