



## NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

**Date : Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Ebley Mill Restaurant**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

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

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Kyle Roberts ( <i>Thomas Keble School</i> )	P
Elizabeth (Libby) 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> )	A
Tom Ambury ( <i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i> )	A
Indi Higgins ( <i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i> )	A
Keelan Spence ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	A
Sam Barnes ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i> )	Ap
Joss Beeley ( <i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i> )	A

#### **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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#### **OTHER APOLOGIES**

Cllr Miranda Clifton	Ap
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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

## **Welcome and Apologies**

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair Alex Lin-Vines welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Kirsty Driver, Georgina Burt, Archie Holley, Sam Barnes, Millie Jotham, Mollie Fellows, Toni McNee and Lorena Davis.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. Proposed by: Tom Schaffner; Seconded by: Holly Abbott.

## **Matters Arising**

### **a) Live, Work, Grow Stroud – results from survey (Steve)**

Results from the e-survey (previously circulated to members) highlighted that 91% responses showed support for the Live, Work Grow project, which hopes to access European funding to carry out community based work in rural parts of Stroud district. 69% of people also asked to be kept involved about the project. Steve asked members to be aware of this project as this may have impact in terms of young people.

### **b) Positive Stories from Local Youth Forum's – examples (All)**

An email sent in August asked members for examples of some Positive Stories. Aimed at helping raise the profile of the good work carried out across the district, 'positive stories' sent in to Steve will be compiled as a 'district voice' and sent to local media and the BYC for inclusion in their publications. This is to be an initial trial and the format is as follows;

- One 'positive story' per month from each local youth forum
- One 'positive story' per month from each school/college
- Each 'positive story' to be a maximum of 250 words.

Steve asked for members to concentrate on headline stories that may be about different projects rather than multiple projects. Alex suggested having a meeting specifically for writing a Positive Story to get them in as quickly as possible. Steve highlighted the stories should consist of what people said, what you did as a group and what the impact was.

### **c) Visit to Westonbirt Arboretum – agree new date (All)**

Jess reported she had spoken to the contact at Westonbirt Arboretum to ask whether there are any possible new opportunities for a members visit. Sundays seemed to be best for most members in October/November.

### **d) Link up with Bristol City Youth Council (Work Experience Project) – new date required (All)**

Bristol City Youth Council are having a meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September to discuss dates to meet. Emily, Alex, Charlotte, Tom, Libby, Holly, George and James remain interested in attending a joint meeting. Monday or Wednesday evenings seemed most appropriate for the members to go down to Bristol City Youth Council or for SDYC to host a meeting for them.

### **e) SDC Youth Work Strategy – feedback from Community Services Committee Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept (Steve)**

This meeting was part of the formal committee structure of the District Council. The committee is made up of 12 adult councilors from various political parties. Steve was author of the formal report which was presented to the Committee, which reflected on the last two years of youth work delivery in the Stroud district, through the strategy. It included the budget and funding for SDYC and the work of all the local youth forums. The strategy has five objectives, where SDYC are involved with two. Steve thanked the many members who attended the meeting in support of the report, particularly Libby who accepted an impromptu opportunity to speak in the meeting. The committee accepted the report and agreed to recommend to full Council, that the same budget is agreed for a further three years beyond March 2015.

Over the coming months between now and February, members need to start engaging with their District Councilors because they will be making the ultimate decision in January so they need to have a good understanding of the work done by young people. SDYC members are also allowed to attend all four main committees of the District Council.

**f) SDYC 15 Year Anniversary – initial discussions (All)**

Steve explained for the 10 year anniversary, there was an afternoon event on a Sunday at the Subscription Rooms. There was a program of welcoming back previous members, organisations and groups who had received funding doing a presentation, slideshows and stands and current members presenting current projects. Libby suggested doing a Community Engagement Event inviting old members. This would also include having a display with all the things SDYC have done over the 15 years. Steve suggested keeping this item on the agenda for next time and this could potentially be a new project team in the new youth council year in order to put more thought into it. Jess thought it would be a good idea to do a 15 year publication.

**Correspondence**

**Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG)**

Steve emailed around a link for members of SDYC to look at from GCCG. They wanted some input into their Engagement and Experience Strategy. Some members found they were unable to open the link. The survey is open until the 11<sup>th</sup> September so Steve encouraged members to complete it. There are two parts to the document, one being the actual strategy and an action plan which can be commented up on. Steve asked members to copy himself and Jess into any replies with feedback.

**Woodchester Mansion – SDYC Members Visit**

There will be a trip on 1<sup>st</sup> October to visit Woodchester Mansion. Members will be arriving between 4pm-4:30pm until 7pm. Transport will be provided.

**Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forum's**

**Marling**

School Council will be up and running at some stage (they have only just started the new school year). They are still trying to find a school contact to give to Steve. Simon suggested choosing someone to lead on the school council and youth workers can then communicate with them directly. There is a new Head of Sixth Form which has just started.

**Stroud High School**

They have introduced a new skirt in the lower school. The school is building a new pedestrian drive up from Beards Lane up to the school. The uniform in the sixth form has become stricter.

**Archway**

There has been a French Exchange with people coming over from France to Archway at the end of the last school year. Nothing has been heard about School Council but this will be chased up.

**Maidenhill**

A lot of new staff has started at the school and all the after school clubs will be starting back up again. There has been no progress with School Council.

**Stonehouse Action 4 Youth**

A meeting hasn't been organised in a while and there has been some confusion in what day meetings are held on. The tuck shop is doing very well.

**Thomas Keble**

They are currently electing a new School Council. There are 13 new members of staff. This means there will be a new member of staff running the School Council.

**Chalford Cubed**

They are continuing with their work with the Parish Council Working Group and they are doing a recruitment drive at Thomas Keble. Due to National Youth Work week, they are seeing if they can do activities there to promote youth work and the youth forum. Kate Jones has to stand down from Chalford Cubed due to her starting university.

## **Katharine Lady Berkeley**

The new head girl and boy have been announced. The younger years now have to wear clip on ties with the appropriate colours of their school houses.

## **SDYC Meeting Dates for 2014/15 – see document attached/enclosed (All)**

All members received a copy of SDYC meeting dates for 2014/15. Steve explained the SDC Corporate Consultation Event for Young People may be moved back to January/February instead of October/November. All members agreed this would be a good idea.

All dates are confirmed to be the calendar dates for the next SDYC year. Proposed by: Lily Clarke Seconded by: Charlotte Bignall.

There was a discussion had around the different venues used for SDYC meetings. Steve asked for opinions and options for different venues. It was agreed to discuss this further at the Annual Review meeting.

## **British Youth Council Report inc. ACM Report from Sheffield (Charlotte/Lily)**

SDYC were represented at the BYC Annual Council Meeting (ACM) in Sheffield by voting reps' Charlotte and Lily with support from Alex, George and Steve. They attended the new delegate training prior to the main meeting. The report about BYC's finance was followed by the election of BYC Officers for the year ahead. Debate was also had around the proposed policies submitted prior to the meeting – some motions related directly to SDYC work, i.e. improving mental health services, relationship with the Police and better sex and relationship education. BYC trustees and honoree president were also elected.

The SDYC delegates suggested in future, having a meeting before the BYC ACM to go through all the motions being debated to take the views of SDYC members in to account so voting delegates can vote on behalf of the members. Steve added that a document will be put together to show what the motions were and how they voted up on by Charlotte and Lily.

## **Leadership Team (formerly Youth Cabinet) report – constitution changes (Archie)**

Steve reported a meeting of the Leadership Team to draft changes to the SDYC Constitution, had not taken place. There is hope that there will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks and a report given at a business section of the SDYC Annual Review.

## **SDYC Focus Group & Project Team Reports**

### **a) Local Democracy Focus Group – Report from meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 (George)**

The group drafted a letter to send to schools by 20<sup>th</sup> September relating to the school survey. Steve has made contact with Cllr Geoff Wheeler, Leader of the Stroud District Council with regards to political Group Leaders meeting the Local Democracy Group. In relation to 'Adopt-a-Lord', emails had been sent to two Lords. A new government project regarding political ward boundaries and that information had been sent out to all SDYC members to ensure a youth voice is heard if appropriate - the group logged onto the respective website and went through the survey. It was noted that some of the statistics as background information were a little vague and did not seem to have any relation to political ward boundaries.

### **b) Health Focus Group – Report from meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 (Libby)**

Dursley GP Dr Simon Opher and Helen Edwards who are both members of Stroud & Berkeley Clinical Commissioning Board spoke to the group about the Social Prescribing Project. This project allows individuals to connect with local services to aid a recovery where otherwise medical intervention might be necessary - an 'asset map' was also available, that would highlight services in a particular area. James added that an 'Everybody Active' card allows access to some services for subsidized prices. The group discussed the potential of producing a sexual health leaflet which will be distributed around the district. The group also revisited the idea of having a statement that details what young people should expect from health care professionals providing sexual health information. The group also considered being involved in producing a 'wellbeing' app – a decision would be made at the next meeting. Steve reminded the group the self harm leaflet has not yet been signed off by SDYC - members made further suggested amendments to the leaflet.

### **Election of Chairperson Designate – discuss provisional dates/venues (All)**

Steve explained a document had gone out to explain the role of a Chairperson Designate. Between the Annual Review Session and Annual General Meeting is a period when there are no elected SDYC members in specific positions. Therefore Council needs to elect a member to have sole responsibility for democratic purposes. The following member was nominated for Chairperson Designate:

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

Proposed by: *George Gooch*, Seconded by: *Charlotte Bignall*

After a unanimous vote, Alex Lin-Vines was elected to be Chairperson Designate.

### **SDYC Member Autumn Training Event – discuss provisional dates/venues (All)**

Members agreed October half term was the most convenient time to do the training. It was agreed to discuss this in more detail at the Annual Review session.

### **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

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

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Annual Review Session)