



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 13th January 2014

Time : 16:30

Venue: Fresh Ground Cafe, Cainscross

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Bussage & Chalford Youth Forum</i>)	A
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Tom Meadley (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
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>)	A
Millie Jotham (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
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>)	A
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>)	A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
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>)	A
Lorena Davis (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
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>)	A
Megan Spill (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Joss Beeley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Keller Philpot (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap

EX-OFFICIO

Kieran Chadwick	P
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

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those new to the role and also ex-officio / former Chair, Kieran Chadwick. Those present introduced themselves and highlighted who and where they represent.

Apologies

The following members gave their apologies; Reuben Speller-Trowers, Susannah Gooch, Tom Meadley, Archie Holley, Emily Osborne, Chelsey Peck, Beth Monday, Sahaya James, Holly Abbott, Tom Ambury, Megan Spill, Sam Barnes, 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: Lily Clarke, Seconded by: Millie Jotham.

Matters Arising

a) South West Youth Voice Convention, 3rd January – Report (Alex/Archie/Sahaya)

This event was held in Taunton and was a chance for members of get their voice heard at a regional meeting and was attended by Alex, Archie, Sahaya and Kirsty. Alex explained young people from all counties in the South West attended. They were shown films about the Suffragettes, the Tolpuddle Martyrs and Slavery. Kirsty added she was involved in a consultation on transport. Kirsty also stated that it was the first meeting that enabled them to engage with the Members of UK Youth Parliament. The British Youth Council Trustee's were in attendance and showed interest in participation in Stroud and asked the SDYC to follow him on Facebook. Simon added the newly elected Stroud Member of UKYP and other young people would be interested in finding out more about SDYC. The next event on 18th February was noted.

b) Proposed Budget Plan for GCC – Discussion on Youth Budget

The Chair asked for comments on the Proposed Budget Plan for Gloucestershire County Council's (GCC) Youth Budget, which featured a proposal that each County Councilor will have £5000 to give to youth projects in their respective areas. Steve explained that essentially, the £50,000 that has been received by the District Council (and managed by Youth Grant Funding Panel) is going to continue to be received for the next 12 months (from April 2014 onwards). GCC will make a final decision on the 16th January. It was noted that there were two or three Stroud District Councilors that were also County Councilors and that they should be made aware of the work undertaken by SDYC members through the Youth Grant Funding Panel over the last three years. Discussion was had about potential options on future involvement of SDYC as 'grant givers' and/or recipients.

c) Work Experience E-Survey – Update (All)

Most of the members confirmed they had received the e-survey. Steve also asked the members to forward it on however possible e.g. via Facebook and Twitter. Simon said a letter has been sent to all the schools but if there is someone it can be specifically sent too, for example careers teachers, to let him know. Millie highlighted it was important to get as much feedback as possible.

Correspondence

The Prince's Trust

A letter of thanks was received regarding members of SDYC who have been involved with and/or supported The Prince's Trust. It was noted that the Trust may be interested in working together with the SDYC in the future. Their 'Get Started with Music' project is a five day program that includes working with professional musicians, producing a CD and music videos, final performance, working in teams and receive three months support after the program. It runs from 27th January until the 31st January in Cheltenham with travel and lunch costs being provided. If anybody was interested in doing this, please contact Louise Hawkes on 07415611643/01179434945 or email louise.hawkes@princes-trust.org.uk.

UK Young Ambassadors

UK Young Ambassadors are doing the next round of consultations for the next UKYA report - therefore SDYC have another chance to host some of the workshops in the district. The deadline for completing the consultation is February 4th.

It was decided to invite them to the respective Employment & Training and the Youth Cabinet meetings on the 20th January.

ASHA Centre

The centre will be holding an event called the 'Intercultural Learning through the Magic and Creativity of Music' from 4th to the 11th February in Flaxley in the Forest of Dean. If anybody is interested, please let Steve know.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Katharine Lady Berkeley

The School Council has started a program to make stronger links with Primary Schools especially with Year 6's because of the transition between Primary and Secondary school. An environment project is going on between the Houses at the school.

Stroud High

There is a new head teacher started at Stroud High School. Students took part in a 90kg of Rice challenge to signify the amount of money that it takes to send a Malian farmer's child to a Secondary School for a whole year. They were sold per kg. This proved to be very successful. A protest was held against Education Secretary, Michael Gove when he visited Marling and Stroud High School recently.

Thomas Keble

Has been asked to write a set of rules on how the students should behave during meetings. Steve offered support for the School Council. It was confirmed that Emma has sent a couple of emails but nothing has been sorted.

Chalford Cubed

A promotional leaflet for Chalford Cubed has been produced. Members have attended some Parish Council meetings and work is going to start to mark the 100 years of the First World War as a community event. Work with speed tracking is also being done with the Police to try and reduce the speed on the main roads. They have also been looking at putting more lights, benches and bins around the areas, specifically in the woods.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

Another Coffee Afternoon is going to be held to encourage a better connection with the community. They have also spoken more about raising money for the local skate park. The members also added they're expecting a visit from GAYGLOS at some point to discuss respective issues for young people. They are also working with Phil Sullivan, Head of Community Safety Service, on a fundraiser for a curry evening that has been previously successful.

Marling

The old long corridor has now been completely knocked down. It was noted that the School Council is going to be run mainly by Sixth Form students. Steve asked for the contact of Marling School and offered support through Youth and Community Services.

Archway

There hasn't been a meeting recently. Students are getting concerned as there has been two letters about inappropriate things happening in Stroud town centre. The new toilets that have been built have been damaged and left in a mess with things like makeup.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

New hoodies are going to be ordered soon with the Stonehouse Action 4 Youth logo on it. Members will be taking part in a 'bag pack' in the local Co-op to raise money and awareness for the new youth centre. They are also encouraging people to complete a survey about youth issues for Stonehouse – responses so far have suggested that relations between Wycliffe College and Maidenhill School should be improved. The new youth centre should be open this spring - the internal color schemes is green and orange, as they are both mutual colors for both genders. There will also be more furnishing in the building very soon. Rules were reviewed and discussed for the Youth Club.

Millie is also giving a report to the Rotary Club next week on the activities and progression in Stonehouse. There is also a skate park being built in Stonehouse not far from the Youth Centre. The next meeting is on the 23rd January.

Berkeley

Members did lots of work on a Christmas Street Party but unfortunately it got cancelled due to the rain. Further work was being done regarding a potential skate park.

Election of Youth Cabinet Member for Local Democracy

There were no nominations received prior to or during the meeting. It was agreed, as there were no nominations, this will be carried over to the next meeting.

British Youth Council – Report (Charlotte/Lily)

The 'Equality4U' has already been covered in the previous minutes so if anyone would like to know more, please look at the minutes taken on the 16th December. 'A Fairer Society for Young People' gives young people a chance to have their say on entrepreneurship and employment. The UK Young Ambassadors are looking for the opinions of young people on entrepreneurship and employment. It's about developing skills to help young people gain employment and independence. They also want to know more about young people's experience and work tastes. If anybody fills out the survey, there is a chance to win a £30 high street voucher for taking part. Charlotte encouraged the members to get involved. The link to this survey will be emailed out to the members.

SDYC Members Winter Training & Activity Programme (Steve)

Member took part in an interactive session, which asked them to state their interest in the planned programmes;

a) Training Programme – Update

Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th January 2014 (all day)

Saturday 8th or Sunday 9th February 2014 (all day)

Members wrote down their names against the dates which they could attend

b) Activity Programme – Visit to Skillszone & Young Drivers Experience Course

Skillszone: Steve explained the concept of Skillszone, based in Tuffley, Gloucester.

Tuesday 4th February 2014 & Wednesday 11th March 2014 (both 5pm start)

It was agreed that the 'activity zones' should be chosen for the groups.

Young Drivers Experience Course: This is an all day event at Castle Coombe which gives the members a chance to drive real cars with qualified driving instructors and learn the safety and maintenance aspects of driving.

Tuesday 18th February 2014 (all day)

Plans for a members training residential were being drawn up – it will compliment the introductory training but will be very different. Dates are still to be arranged but may be in the half term break. Discussion and an informal vote by members resulted in the second weekend of Half Term being favourable.

Positive Ticket Scheme 3 Month Review

The Chair explained that a meeting needs to be arranged to review the Positive Ticket Scheme. A date was to be arranged after the meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch Association Meeting – Thursday 16th January (Reps to attend)

The meeting starts at 7pm at Stroud Police Station. Millie and Lily showed interest in attending.

Any Other Business

It was asked if the voting age was lowered to 16, would it affect the age range of the Youth Council. The Chair suggested discussing this another time. Steve highlighted the scenario would only come up if and when it became law and was actually was lowered.

Alex asked about the visit to Woodchester Mansion and how it was progressing - it was noted that it was likely to be postponed to the spring, due to the lighting conditions at the Mansion.

Lily mentioned the foot bridge over the railway by Downfield is coming along successfully.

Georgina highlighted that the issues on mental health have become of greater concern, as people who are registered as likely to commit suicide, don't get seen by anyone for a month. She added that organizations that help with these sorts of situations are lacking funding due to a negative feeling of it being self-inflicted. Members were reminded that Healthwatch is coming to the meeting on the 3rd February and were encouraged to raise this issue then.

Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 3rd February 2014, Council Chamber at Ebley Mill, 4:30pm