



## NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

13.07.2009

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

### YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Thomas Lydon, Marling\*\*  
 Rob Price, Marling  
 Alex Jones, Cam & Dursley YF  
 Jess Howell, Cam & Dursley YF  
 Liam Baker, Thomas Keble  
 Cameron Patterson, Thomas Keble  
 El Linsell, Stroud High  
 Rosie Dickinson, Stroud High  
 Jack Young, Archway  
 Fran Ballinger, Archway  
 Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's  
 Lindsey Driver, Vale of Berkeley  
 Frank Gillison, Vale of Berkeley  
 Andrew Burbidge, Nailsworth YF  
 Connor Walker, Stonehouse VoYS  
 Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS  
 Megan Roberts, Minchinhampton YC  
 Amy Neason, Minchinhampton YC  
 Ashley Skerton, Stroud College\*  
 Rudi Blue Morgan, Stroud College

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

P	Rebekah Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Ap	Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
A	Joe Clift, Vale of Berkeley	A
Ap	Chantelle Martin, Vale of Berkeley	A
A	Harry Bush, Marling	A
A	Harry Shankar, Marling	P
Ap	Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble	P
P	Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	Ap
A	Cerys Bradley, Stroud High	Ap
A	Isobel Holley, Stroud High	Ap
Ap	Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
P	Kurtis Herbert, Archway	A
Ap	Isobel Tyrrell, Minchinhampton YC	A
Ap	Jodie Nixon, Minchinhampton YC	A
A	Joanna Bullingham, Stonehouse VoYS	A
P	David Reynolds, Stroud College	A

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Rose Horton, Stroud High	Ap
Freddie Whittaker, Archway	A
Luke Smith, Berkeley	A
Matt Stump, Berkeley	A
Natalie Smith, Archway	A
Emma Mears, Cam & Dursley YF	A
Eleanor Cairns, Thomas Keble	A
Harriet Dudbridge, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	A

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

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

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer (SDC)  
 Sean Ditchburn, ICT Infrastructure Manager (SDC)  
 Pete Wiggins, Environmental Services, (GCC)  
 Cllr. Joe Forbes, Cabinet member for Community Services (SDC)

## ***Welcome & Apologies***

The Chair welcomed members to the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill and acknowledged that the lower attendance was due to work and study commitments of those not present.

Apologies were received from; Rob Price, Jess Howell, El Linsell, Hilary Dixon, Frank Gillison, Andrew Burbidge, Megan Roberts, Kamila Gebicka, Kit Powell, Cerys Bradley, Izzy Holley, Rose Horton and Phil Sullivan (SDC).

## ***Minutes of the last meeting – 22 June 2009***

Minutes were agreed to be accurate record of what took place.

## ***Matters Arising***

- a) *Future Management of Leisure Centre Services in the district* – Rosie reported that she attended the Focus Group meetings on 24 June and 1 July with Jess and Becky and were able to have given valuable input at the current stage of an ongoing process.
- b) *Youth Opportunity Fund Celebration Event, 9 July Prep Session* – Tom reported that he attended this event with Jess, Annie and members of Stroud Rural Peer Education Project to showcase the work carried out by both groups from the grant funding received in the last year. The SDYC presentation focussed on the members training programme. Members felt that the event wasn't run very well and didn't reflect the work of young people in the district based projects who obtained funding. They were also very disappointed that VIP guests didn't take the time to speak to them and show interest in the display. Members agreed to consider giving official feedback to the organisers.

## ***Correspondence***

*Invitation to Stroud District Access Group* – An invite to this groups meeting on 15 July had been received. Whilst Ashley had mentioned he would try and attend, others were also encouraged to do so.

*Primary Schools Forum 2009* – Initial feedback from the event last month was received from the co-ordinator, Jeanie Money and included positive evaluation from the participants. A full report was expected soon.

*Scratch n Skate 2009* – Posters had been received to promote the forthcoming event on 22 & 23 July at Jubilee Playing Fields. This had emailed out to all members for information the previous week. District Youth Councillors from Cam & Dursley Youth Forum were expecting to attend.

*Gloucestershire Music Forum* – Further correspondence had been received from Emma Ordonez regarding her work to create music and art based projects in the Stroud area. It was noted that it wasn't feasible for her to attend this meeting in relation to her application to the Youth Initiative Fund, but an opportunity to engage with members would be found before October.

*Duke of Edinburgh Awards* – Steve reported that he had met with Karen Taylor, GCC Co-ordinator regarding updates. Sadly DofE will no longer be administering their Access Organisation element but would continue to acknowledge the work being done by groups such as SDYC. However various new systems were being launched soon. A new local Access Centre would be based in Stroud. It was agreed that the DofE Award was included in the members training this autumn.

## **Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums**

Stroud College – Blue reported that the College logo and name plate would be changing following a vote held. This will affect all new material, signage throughout the college and its marketing work.

Vale of Berkeley College – No report was given.

Thomas Keble School – Alex reported on various end of year activities.

Stroud High School – Rosie reported that an Environment/Energy competition had taken place recently.

Voice of Young Stonehouse – Annie reported that consultation was being carried out very soon in the area regarding things to do for young people.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum – Becky reported that a ‘special meeting’ was being held to promote the work and achievements of the forum last year. Invitations would be sent to local adult councillors and youth groups in the area.

Marling School – Tom reported that the name of Downfield College is being changed to Marling & Stroud High Sixth Form. The Tripswitch project had won an award for the work done with Marling school recently. Following an appeal, the head teacher had had his dismissal upheld by a tribunal.

Archway School – Kieran reported that Project Week was currently underway.

## **Power-Down Project – presentation from Pete Wiggins, Corporate Sustainability Manager, Gloucestershire County Council**

Pete was welcomed to the meeting for the first time. He delivered a presentation on Climate Change and the current strategies and practice of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC). He outlined the approach being taken by GCC to reduce CO2 levels by 60% before 2050 and detailed the ‘Cap and Trade’ scheme for all schools, in response to the Carbon Reduction Commitment. Current initiatives in school included one entitled ‘Young Energy People’; a joint project with South West Energy Agency which involved some schools from Stroud district. Members asked questions and required further clarification on specific issues. It was agreed that the aims of the SDYC Power Down project were similar to that of GCC Climate Change Initiatives and consideration would be given by members to pursuing potential work involving GCC and SDYC in the future. Pete was thanked for his attendance.

## **Work Ready Work Force Project**

Tom explained he and Ashley had met to discuss the project and highlighted some initial concerns about the involvement of young people at this stage. They would be looking to meet during the summer with those adult organisations party to this project, in which to explore the issues of delivering a youth targeted project with limited input from the wider youth population.

## **Litter Recycling Project**

Tom highlighted that press coverage on the project and bin installation launch had been received in the Stroud News & Journal. Hannah Gray, County Council Waste Education Officer had been in contact and was interested in doing work with SDYC to help support this project and compliment the educational programmes currently delivered by her. Steve will be meeting with Hannah to pursue this in a few weeks.

Steve briefed members on how the bins were being used and explained that closer monitoring was needed to set the correct frequency of emptying by the contractors.

### **SDC Website Development – Sean Ditchburn**

Sean was welcomed to the meeting. He explained to members that the main SDC website had been recently refurbished and now featured much more about the services delivered by the council; however it still didn't bear much for or about young people. Whilst acknowledging that the current SDYC website was obviously dedicated to the youth participation work carried out with and for young people, he accepted that the programme entitled Jigsaw had a limited ability to develop it further. A discussion was had on how future website development should be done, starting with the type of site members would like and what kind of purpose it would or could serve. Members expressed a keen interest to explore the possibilities of redeveloping the website and agreed to recommend to next years youth council that this become a key project. Sean was thanked for his attendance.

### **Changing Gear Initiative/Trip switch**

Tom reiterated the success of the project had led to an Award, and reported that Hagar Niblet, Marling School student and UK Climate Change Champion was currently attending a number of events overseas. It was agreed to invite Hagar to a future SDYC meeting to discuss his work.

### **Youth Cabinet Report**

Rosie gave the report in Jess's absence and presented recommendations from the Talented Young Sports Performers Grant (TYSP) and the Youth Initiative Fund (YIF) applications as follows;

- ***Talented Young Sports Performers***

Thomas Curr (aged 16), England & GB Athletics – applied for a third and final grant to support his progress towards Olympic standard. Currently ranked number 1 for under 16 Cross Country and number 2 for 1500 metres. He required funding for travel costs, training and equipment fees totalling more than £3000. Recommended amount - £250. This was agreed.

Joe Dalgleish (aged 18), England Athletics – applied for a second grant to support his progress towards achieving his first GB vest later this year. Last year he was the under 17 Cross Country Champion of the Midlands and came fifth in the English Schools Championship. Whilst working as a Play Assistant to raise funds, he trains 12 times a week and required extra funding for travel costs, training and equipment fees. Recommended amount - £250. This was agreed.

- ***Youth Initiative Fund***

Gloucestershire Music Forum – a not for profit social enterprise committed to increasing music opportunities and raising the quality and profile of music makers; They required £500 to help fund a ten week Rock School project at Stroud Youth Centre whereby participants will write, record and perform their own music. This would be an extension of the Pilot projects, successfully held in the district earlier in the year.

Recommended amount - £500. This was agreed.

Churches Together in Stonehouse – a umbrella group for all the churches in Stonehouse and a project set up in conjunction with the PSALMS youth project. They required £250 for a two day activity event on 1<sup>st</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009. The event would include football, cricket, volleyball, croquet and would include magicians, large inflatables and tug-o war facilities. It would also form the basis of a longer term youth work project.

Recommended amount - £250. This was agreed.

Scratch and Skate Committee (Cam & Dursley) – a committee of young people who co-ordinate an event entitled Scratch and Skate Festival for the Cam and Dursley area. They required £2000 to

hold a two day event on the Jubilee Playing Fields, Cam (22 & 23 July) in which to showcase local musical and sports talent. The festival will feature Live Bands, DJ's, Skateboarders, BMX'ers and Roller Blading enthusiasts and artists.

Recommended amount - £1750. This was agreed.

Stroud Sea Cadets Corps – the umbrella organisation for local cadet units who provide training and sporting activities for 10 to 18 year olds. They required £1250 to buy a second hand minibus for transporting young cadets and equipment for weekend activities, training events and competitions across the district and county. This is a replacement vehicle to one that was stolen last year.

Recommended amount - £1000. This was agreed.

1<sup>st</sup> Nailsworth Guides – a guiding company with over 90 years of history who, with the support of volunteers, aim to give girls aged 10 – 15 years opportunities to increase their skills, teamwork and enjoyment. They require £398.70 to help fund a trip to Switzerland and stay in an international Guiding Centre. The trip will enable the participants a chance to experience local culture and mix with other similar groups.

Recommended amount - £0. As this trip was being held overseas and with no direct benefit or input to any community in the Stroud District, it therefore did not meet the criteria of the grant fund. This was agreed.

All applicants would be written to as soon as possible with the outcomes of this agenda item.

- **Constitution Review**

Rosie also reported that some progress had been made to the SDYC Constitution Review, but much more work was required. This would be done over the summer break.

### **SDYC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

There was no discussion on this item due to limited time.

### **Annual Review – ideas and dates**

Members agreed that Tom should co-ordinate the traditional Annual Review session and include a social element similar to last year. Monday 14 September 2009 was agreed as the date for this.

### **Any Other Business**

It was agreed that the next scheduled meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August be cancelled.

There was no further business.

**The next meeting is on Monday 14 September 2009 at Stroud Youth Centre at 4.30pm**