



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

16.03.2009

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

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

EX-OFFICIO

Rose Horton, Stroud High	A
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

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Rebekah Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Joe Clift, Vale of Berkeley	Ap
Chantelle Martin, Vale of Berkeley	Ap
Harry Bush, Marling	Ap
Harry Shankar, Marling	P
Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble	P
Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	P
Cerys Bradley, Stroud High	P
Isobel Holley, Stroud High	Ap
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
Kurtis Herbert, Archway	A
Isobel Tyrrell, Minchinhampton YC	P
Jodie Nixon, Minchinhampton YC	A
Joanna Bullingham, Stonehouse VoYS	A
Rudi Blue Morgan, Stroud College	A
Edward Taylor, Stroud College	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)
 Kelly Young, Talented Young Sports Performer
 Jake Turley, Talented Young Sports Performer
 Terry Morgan, Federation of Small Businesses
 John Meadley, Transition Stroud/Changing Gear Initiative

Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to Stroud Youth Centre and gave a special welcome to Kelly Young and Jake Turley (and their respective mothers) as successful recipients of the Talented Young Sports Achievers Grant.

Apologies were received from Hilary Dixon, Harry Bush, Izzy Holley, Joe Clift, Chantelle Martin, Cllr Karon Cross, Cllr John Jeffreys and Phil Sullivan.

Minutes of the last meeting – 23 February 2009

The Minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

a) Hate Crime Awareness Day – Feedback

Kurtis attended this event but was not at the meeting to comment further. Steve said the day covered a number of different aspects of hate crime and was deemed by organisers as being very successful. Becky was there to deliver the Anti-Bullying workshop along with the Stroud Rural Peer Education Project.

b) Talented Young Sports Performer – Awards to young people

Jess Howell (Youth Cabinet Deputy Leader) introduced Kelly Young who received £300 to help towards her expenses to attend the forthcoming World Transplant Games in Australia as a Great Britain swimmer. She has won many medals in the past and is a previous recipient of this grant funding.

Jess also introduced Jake Turley who received £300. A member of the Great Britain under 19 Rifle Team for this years Championships in South Africa, he is a great example of a non mainstream sports performer and has raised a lot of money for his expenses himself.

Members wished them both every success in their respective sports.

c) Primary School Forum – receive theme ideas and date

The event is designed to bring Primary Schools together to discuss issues that have been raised at their schools. Last year the theme was based on the environment. Following a brief discussion, Anti-Bullying was confirmed as the suggested theme for this year and Stroud Rural Peer Education Project (SRPEP) would act as co-facilitators with SDYC. The dates provisionally are 3rd – 4th June. This would be the first joint delivery of an initiative by SDYC & SRPEP.

d) Shelter Homelessness Peer Education Training, 25 March – members to confirm attendance

Shelter Homelessness Peer Education will be attending the meeting on the 25th March and will deliver a 60 minute workshop. Members who have confirmed attendance are Ashley, Becky, Lindsey, Rosie, Alex, Kit & Andrew.

Correspondence

Engaging Youth in Political Debate – A law student, studying at University of Warwick has enquired if members would like to be involved in the set up of a project where by youth councils and parliament across the UK are asked for their opinions about how best to get youth involved in political debates such as the one on the UK Bill of Rights. A pilot project with Coventry Youth Council has prepared a template of the session and provided National Youth Agency with recommendations that they hold conferences across the country. To add emphasis to the report they would initially like to involve youth councils UK wide in a very simple survey which will only take 5 minutes to complete.

The 90 minute session template they have designed will take participants through a series of activities in order to supply them with the information on the importance of political participation especially in the area of Human Rights. The main focus of this session is an activity in which the participants are free to brainstorm and suggest ideas on why youth should be involved politically, what issues would and should

capture their interests and how best to engage and involve youths in matters of reform etc. SDYC Members agreed to be involved and help towards their research but asked for more information.

Federation of Small Businesses – Terry Morgan

The Federation represents small businesses. They represent over 700 companies within the Stroud District. Terry asked members who had been involved in work experience what they thought about it, the majority of members enjoyed their experiences and found it useful. Terry asked members to visit www.fsb.org.uk/119 and click on the left hand column - a survey option will appear, please fill it in and submit back to FSB. Members suggested that FSB could contact all schools and ask them to ask the work experience students to fill out the survey once their work experience is completed. It was agreed that this could be an ongoing project promoted by SDYC.

Local Strategic Partnership Report - Tom

Tom highlighted that he recently presented the report to the Partnership on the Tomorrow's Stroud Young Peoples Event (as part of the feedback for the Sustainable Community Strategy). He placed a great emphasis on young people being involved from the earliest possible stage and that future work needed to adhere to this, as defined in the Hear by Right Standards.

Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum – were on the front page of the Gazette newspaper, unfortunately the Youth Centre development project were not successful with their MyPlace Grant funding bid. They are now looking for funding from other sources. A consultation was held on Friday to discuss their options for funding. Members of Cam and Dursley Youth Forum went to London to visit the state of the art Salmon Youth Centre in Bermondsey, which had been built by MyPlace funding a few years ago.

Stroud High School – They had a fun day raising money for Comic Relief. They are also having building works starting soon. Progress with the ECO Committee is progressing.

Voice of Young Stonehouse – Annie report that a meeting was coming up and that she would be attending.

Thomas Keble School – Liam reported that at their last school council meeting they had £1000 left in the dedicated budget and they had to decide what to do with it.

Vale of Berkeley College - An extension to school is being built in the summer.

Archway School – They are currently raising money for the Bi-Har Project.

Stroud College – Stroud College now have a 'Green Committee' and there were about 60 students at their last Student Council meeting. Steve added that he was supporting the emergence of this council as much as possible.

Marling School – Marling are the working on their Green Travel week at school, which is related to the Green Travel month co-ordinated across the district.

Litter Recycling Project Update

The group have now ordered the bins and the delivery date is scheduled for the 20th April. There are 12 bins in total being delivered. There are 6 sites targeted at the moment, 3 more sites have emerged which the project team need to look at in due course.

Power Down Project – John Meadley

John attended a meeting 6 months ago and showed members a video on how Leonard Stanley Junior School got their carbon footprint down by 25% - he was now looking to offer ongoing support for SDYC in the Power-Down Project designed at getting secondary schools to reduce their energy consumption. Rednock and Stroud High already have projects running and have linked up with Severn Wye Energy

Agency. John briefed members on the latest developments and looked forward to further work with SDYC.

Changing Gear Initiative – John Meadley

John also addressed members regarding the Changing Gear Initiative which focus's on Green Travel Week. The initiative had asked students of local secondary schools who travelled to school by bike, which part of their journey was most difficult, they said it was the roundabout near Sainsbury's in Stroud. John will be meeting with staff at Gloucestershire County Council to see what can be done regarding that area. During Green Travel Week, participating schools will encourage staff to join in and will hopefully be car sharing if they live out of Stroud. Local radios will also be contacted to help publicise the Green Travel Week. Tom will give future updates of this.

SDYC Training Update – confirm

Shelter Homelessness Training, 25th March – all members are encouraged to attend. Shelter Homeless Charity will deliver their peer education programme in which to give initial introduction to SDYC. Further training will be programmed in thereafter.

New Members' Introductory Training, April 6, 7 and 8; - this is for members who did not attend the training in October or have joined SDYC since then. This will be based at the Riverside House Conference Centre in Cirencester. Outdoor activities will be held at South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre.

The Team Building Event is on the 16 and 17 April; - this will also be based in Cirencester. The main activity venue will be Head 4 Heights on the 16th. The Stroud Rural Peer Education Group will be joining members for the Anti-Bullying Training and will deliver their workshop on the 17th at Stroud Youth Centre.

The Environmental Activity Day is on the 19th April; - a one day event at the Wilderness Centre, Forest of Dean will focus on an environment themed programme based on eco-centre status of the site in addition to the SDYC litter recycling project and it's promotion.

Youth Cabinet Report

The SDYC Youth Cabinet will be applying to the Youth Opportunity Fund for funding towards the members training programme for year 2009/2010.

Any Other Business

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Information was handed out about the 2 sections in the D of E programme that members qualify for through their work as a District Youth Councillor. The Skills section and Volunteering section were discussed. An Information booklet was given to everyone with further details available via the D of E website. This accreditation programme is open to everyone who is 14yrs and over only. Any questions in the first instance refer to Steve.

Steve asked members to make sure they bring folders to the meetings and use them to make notes, so you can take things away from the meetings – this action forms a key part of the role of a member.

Cerys reported that a CD of the recent Radio show involving her, Tom and Rosie is now available. It was highlighted that SDYC could be possible to have this slot on a more regular basis to advertise what the Youth Council does. Cerys to action.

The next meeting is on Monday 20th April in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill at 4.30pm.