



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 16th December 2013

Time : 16:30

Venue: The Museum in the Park, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Bussage & Chalford Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Tom Meadley (<i>Marling School</i>)	A
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Kirsty Driver (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>) **	P
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
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>)	Ap
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)*	P
Beth Monday (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Jai Aldridge (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Sahaya James (<i>Stroud College</i>)	P
Ben Maudsley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P
Mollie Fellows (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A
James Lauchlan (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Odette Machin (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lorena Davis (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
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>)	Ap
Megan Spill (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Joss Beeley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P

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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**** = 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
 Phil Sullivan, Head of Community Safety Service, Stroud District Council
 Ann Taylor, Learning Programmes Officer, Stroud District Council

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those new to the role. Members introduced themselves. Phil Sullivan was introduced and spoke about his role at Stroud District Council and his involvement with young and older people. He explained the importance of SDYC to the rest of the District and thanked the members for their hard work. He also thanked Steve, Jess and Simon for all the work they do. He wished members a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and an enjoyable time on the Youth Council.

Ann Taylor was introduced to members and officially welcomed them to the Museum in the Park. She then gave an overview/introduction and tour around the Museum. Ann was thanked by the members thereafter.

Apologies

The following members gave their apologies; Kate Jones, Esme Freedman, Emily Osborne, Georgina Burt, Chelsey Peck, Charlotte Bignall, Jai Aldridge, Holly Abbot, Odette Machin, Elizabeth Powell, Jamie Arthur and Lucy Curtis.

Minutes of the last meeting – 25th November 2013

They were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting; Proposed by: Alex Lin-Vines, Seconded by: Lily Clarke.

Matters Arising

a) Meeting with SDC Safeguarding Team – new date to be agreed

The meeting with SDC Safeguarding Team has been arranged for Monday 10th February at 4pm.

b) Gloucestershire Young Carers – Peoples Millions Lottery Result

It was reported Gloucestershire Young Carers won the Peoples Millions Lottery Result of £50,000.

c) BYC Votes at 16 Parliamentary Lobby Event - update

Steve reminded members that workshops are being organised by British Youth Council regarding the campaign Votes at 16. No response has been received to date about places. Unfortunately, not all members will be able to attend this as places are limited.

d) Presentation to Kieran Chadwick at Council meeting on 28th November

Kirsty reported that Sahaya James, Simon Gillings and herself attended the Council Meeting to celebrate the Long Service Award presented to former SDYC Chair, Kieran Chadwick. His family, friends and teachers also attended the presentation. Kieran made a speech, reflecting on his five years as a SDYC member. It was reported that local newspaper also covered this story. Steve added, if anybody would like to hear/see the speech, it can be found on the District Council's website (www.stroud.gov.uk) via the webcast facility.

e) Discussion with Gloucestershire Media – update

Communication was going to be made with Gloucestershire Media in order to find out what commitment they wanted in relation to having a quarterly piece in one of their newspapers. This needs to be followed up.

Correspondence

World Jungle / COCO Club Christmas Party

A party is being organised for New Years Eve at Lister Hall in Long Street, Dursley which welcomes guests to a traditional Family New Year's Eve Party Night at 8.30pm on 31st December.

Odette Machin

Steve explained Odette Machin, SDYC member representing Stroud High School, has resigned from her role due to a number of other commitments. Stroud High School will have the opportunity to elect a new deputy member in the near future. Steve thanked Odette for her efforts whilst being a member of SDYC.

Tenant Grant - SDC

Grant application leaflets should have been received by members in the post. Steve explained to members if they or their family live in a house owned by the Council, there is a chance to apply for a grant for clothes or equipment etc. Steve added that if members know anybody who is a tenant, to pass it on to them. If anybody would like more information, visit the Stroud District Council website (www.stroud.gov.uk).

Visit to Woodchester Mansion

Steve reported to the members that there is a chance to visit Woodchester Mansion – this was agreed. A date would be arranged in due course. There is also potential to arrange a meeting there in the summer.

Visit and Presentation by Children & Young People's Mental Health Service

This will take place at the full council meeting on Monday 24th February - confirmation they will give a presentation to members and hold discussions around mental health. Steve explained any specific points raised at the meeting will be discussed further by the Health Focus Group.

Clinical Commissioning Group - 5 Year Commissioning Plan

Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group have made contact explaining that major changes have been taking place since their consultation earlier in the year. Head of Community Involvement, Caroline Smith had previously reported to Steve, that the feedback given by the SDYC was good and very interactive. Further to this they are under taking some work in January and February 2014 regarding the CCG's 5 year Commissioning Plan. They wanted to ask for SDYC's contribution and input. The Health Focus Group agreed to take up this opportunity.

South West Youth Voice Convention

There has been an invitation for SDYC to attend the South West Youth Voice Convention on Friday 3rd January, 11am-3pm in Taunton. Steve asked if anybody was interested, please email him.

Proposed Budget Plan for Gloucestershire County Council

Steve explained a public consultation started on Thursday 4th December and will run for six weeks up to the 16th January. The headline proposals for 2014/15 are currently:

- **Adult Services - £146 million**
- **Children & Families - £93.7 million**
- **Communities & Infrastructure - £85 million**
- **Public Health - £21.7 million.**

In addition to this, it is being proposed, each County Councillor will have £5000 to give to youth projects in their respective area. This will be in addition to the £50,000 youth grant funding received by each District Council. Steve asked for any feedback on these and suggested this be discussed at the next meeting.

Update from Schools, College and Local Youth Forums

Stroud High School

A new School Council System is to start in January. Susannah and George have been attending the Nailsworth Youth Forum meetings. There are now six members and recently held an event at Nailsworth Good Will Evening.

Katharine Lady Berkeley

A sub-group meeting is going to take place after the Christmas Holidays. Assemblies will be taking place to show the main aims of the year.

Berkeley Vale Youth Forum

Nothing to report.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

It was reported that the Coffee Afternoon which saw invitees from the local neighbourhood attend, had raised £200. Several volunteers have come forward and expressed an interest in the Youth & Community Services training opportunity.

Archway

There was a School Council Meeting with the Head Teacher to discuss different religions at Christmas, not just Christians and to consider the support they get. A SDYC election/nomination event was suppose to take place, but didn't due to low attendance. Millie highlighted a similar experience at Maidenhill earlier in the year. It was suggested that students may not know much about SDYC and the related opportunities for student participation. Steve agreed it had been an ongoing issue and suggested thinking about ways to tackle it and raise awareness about SDYC.

SGS College - Stroud Campus

Sahaya reported that she had chaired the first Student Council Meeting and it went really well. Forty two student representatives were chosen on the Student Council. There were quite a few issues, such as lack of common space, cafeteria and the consistency of support with different courses.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum

A PowerPoint presentation is being finalised to be taken into Rednock School and to be broadcasted on their TV, to promote Cam & Dursley Youth Forum.

Marling

A meeting was held at Marling but unfortunately nothing was reported and nothing has really coming out of that. Various charity work has been taking place.

Thomas Keble

A meeting was suppose to be held but was called off again. It was discussed that a lot of the meetings are cancelled and this issue was to be raised at the next Youth Cabinet Meeting. It was suggested that some of the teachers from the schools to come to a SDYC meeting. Steve said this has been mentioned to all in the past, but very rarely happens. This issue would be considered at future meetings.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)

A questionnaire went out to young people to ask their opinions about Stonehouse. Only twelve replies have come back so far, but there have been assemblies in Maidenhill School where questionnaires have been given and a suggestion box has been provided. The results that have been given back have shown that there isn't much to do in Stonehouse. There has been discussion about the Youth Building that is being built and should be finished by Easter.

Maidenhill

Building work around the school continues.

Youth Cabinet – Report from meeting on 3rd December (Millie)

Millie reported on the recent Youth Cabinet meeting. An Introduction to the Role of the Youth Cabinet Member, an overview of each Portfolio and key projects for 2013/14, were all carried out. Millie explained that the youth cabinet had discussed the possible creation of a new portfolio to oversee the Votes for 16 and BYC consultations. Steve added it was recognized that the SDC's Democratic Services are really keen to work with SDYC about youth democracy. It was also noted that some youth council members felt there is a greater need for political education for young people.

New Youth Cabinet Portfolio – following recent discussion by the youth cabinet, Millie proposed that a new portfolio for 'Local Democracy' should be created to cover the issue of political education, the potential to work with Democratic Services and the Votes at 16 Project. This was seconded by Lily Clarke. A vote, brought a unanimously agreement to create this new portfolio.

British Youth Council (BYC) – Update (Charlotte/Lily)

1. Equality4U

Lily explained the BYC are holding a workshop called Equality4U in order to tackle face discrimination on 22nd February in London 10am-4.30pm. It is open to young people (up to age 25) who self define into one or more of the following groups:

- **Young black and ethnic minority people**

- Young disabled people
- Young lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people
- Young women.

2. 'Adopt a Lord' – Part of the Votes at 16 Campaign

This offers members a chance to adopt their very own Lord and helps spread the message of the Votes at 16 campaign into the House of Lords. To find out more, please see: www.votesat16.org/getinvolved/coming-soon-adopt-a-lord. It was decided that Votes at 16 will look into the issue to find out some more information.

3. Plan UK's Youth Advisory Panel: Applications open

'Plan' is a children's charity that operates all over the world to help improve the lives of the world's poorest children by using a method called 'Child Centered Community Development' which means they work with children and families to find out what they need in order to improve their lives and communities. If anybody is interested in becoming a member, get in touch with Steve.

Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups

Employment and Training Focus Group – Report from 2nd December (Emily)

Due to Emily's absence, Millie reported. She explained they had made final amendments to the work experience e-survey questionnaire and the letter to schools and colleges. These had now been sent. It had been agreed that the e-survey be completed by 31st January. This will then give the group time to analyze the findings before reporting to the Local Strategic Partnership. All members were asked to complete the survey and encourage schools, colleges, youth forums and youth groups to do so as well, as it is important to have a lot of feedback.

Votes at 16 – Report from 9th December (Archie)

Archie explained the main focus was finalizing the questionnaire and how to distribute it. It was decided that hard copies will be given to Youth Forums and Youth Centre projects. It was also decided that this consultation would begin after the Work Experience Survey had come back in. It was agreed that it would be placed on the SDYC website.

Date for the Future meetings;

Employment and Training Focus Group – Monday 20th January 2014, 4pm to 6pm

Youth Cabinet Meeting – Monday 20th January 2014, 6pm to 7.30pm

Health Focus Group – Tuesday 28th January 2014, 4pm to 6pm

Votes at 16 Project Team – Wednesday 29th January 2014, 4pm to 6pm

Youth Grant Funding Panel

Following recent assessment of Round Two applications, the Panel was planning to visit Cainscross Victory Park Pavilion to consider their application in detail, but unfortunately the Parish Council cannot make it. This will be postponed until they are spoken to. The Panel would meet again early in the New Year.

SDYC Members Winter Training Programme

Specific dates have not been agreed but hopefully will be out before Christmas. The training programme will consist of:

- **2 x One day events, late January and February (members only need to attend one)**
- **1 x Residential Event at start of the Half Term Break (one night or two)**
- **2 x Dynamix Consultation Training in March for both SDYC and Local Youth Forums. Dynamix is a training organization from Swansea who is experts in delivering consultation skills training programmes.**

Steve added that transport would be provided.

Date of next meeting – Monday 13th January 2014, 4.30pm at Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross.