



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 17th March 2014

Time : 16:30

Venue: Fresh Ground Cafe, Cainscross

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
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>) **	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>)	P
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)*	P
Jai Aldridge (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Sahaya James (<i>Stroud College</i>)	P
Ben Maudsley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Mollie Fellows (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P
James Lauchlan (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
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>)	A
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Joss Beeley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Keller Philpot (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A
George Eldridge (<i>Chalford Cubed</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 Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Emma Drage, Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular new members from Chalford Cubed Youth Forum. Members introduced themselves and the Chair subsequently reminded members about their responsibilities to communicate clearly and fairly with each other during meetings. Apologies were received from Kate Jones, Lily Clarke, Susannah Gooch, Esme Freedman, Georgina Burt, Charlotte Bignall, Ben Maudsley, Kyle Roberts, George Gooch and Joss Beeley.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

There was a note of inaccuracy highlighted in relation to the 'Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forum's' agenda item relating to the Thomas Keble report, however the content was not recalled and therefore unable to be included in an amendment – acknowledging this, the minutes from the previous meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting; Proposed by: Alex Lin-Vines; Seconded by: Mollie Fellows.

Matters Arising

a) Katie Piper Lecture at the Bacon Theatre on 27th February 2014 – Report (All)

Member's who attended, reported the lecture was a moving and inspirational experience. One member described it as 'empowering' and highlighted that what Katie was saying, really came across. All agreed it was definitely worth attending the lecture.

b) SDYC Spring Training Residential, 7-9 March 2014 – Feedback (All)

Member's feedback was generally positive and included comments made about the accommodation, outdoor group activities and development of individuals. However some were frustrated by the lack of Wi-Fi in parts of the building and evening meal times felt 'rushed' at times due to the type of table service. Overall, it was suggested a longer event would have been better. Steve highlighted that budget limitations meant only a two day; two-night residential was possible. Millie suggested making the training shorter and more regularly such as every quarter. A majority of the members thought this would be a good idea.

c) Stroud District Council Housing Bus Tour – Update (Steve)

Steve updated members on the bus tour opportunity, which will visit Council housing stock and various community projects. The provisional date is Thursday 17th April it will be all day tour. Members highlighted those places to visit, of greater interest to them.

- Eco Show Home
- Young People's Graffiti Project
- New Play Area
- A property with damp and mould problems (health and wellbeing implications for residents)
- A Community Hub (e.g. Lower Kingshill Management Co-operative)

Libby, Lee, Archie, Alex, James and Tom A. showed interest in attending this.

d) SkillZone Visit 11 March 2014 – to note visit postponed until further notice (All)

Jess confirmed this had to be postponed due to a number of people being unable to attend. The other dates suggested were Tuesday 8th April, Tuesday 22nd April or Tuesday 6th May. Members showed interest in attending and gave their preferred dates. It seemed Tuesday 22nd April was the favoured date.

Correspondence

Gloucestershire Healthwatch - Public Board Meeting

Steve reported there is a Public Board Meeting on Tuesday 25th March 2014 at Open House in Stroud, which includes a presentation on the latest work of Healthwatch Gloucestershire. It is at 11am-1.30pm. Members of SDYC Health Focus Group were offered the chance to attend.

The League of Young Voters

This is an exciting Europe-wide initiative which aims to increase young people's engagement in politics. In the last

general election, only 44% of 18-24 year olds voted. BYC is leading the UK arm of the League of Young Voters. Members expressed interest in joining this. It was agreed the Votes at 16 Project Team would find out more information and come back to the members to make a decision. Millie will make sure this is discussed at the next Votes at 16 Project Team meeting.

Another Way of Life

Information had been received on a new Professional Dance Session for 11-25 year olds every Thursday 5:15-6:15pm at the Door Youth Project in Stroud. Cost: £1.50 per session or 4 sessions for £5.

Active Impact

'Of Course We Can' is a program for disabled and non-disabled young people. They would like to present a slide show to the council and tell them more about the program and different ways to get involved. It was agreed to invite them to a future meeting.

Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme / Clare's Law

On March 8th 2014, across England & Wales, all Police forces are expected to launch the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, also known as Claire's Law. This enables members of the public to have a 'Right to Ask' police if their current partner poses a risk to them in terms of their history of domestic abuse. It was agreed to invite somebody to come and present to SDYC and then consider potentially organizing a half day or full day workshop.

Relationship with Sub Rooms

The report from the workshop SDYC did last year with Stroud Subscription Rooms on had been received from them. The next SDYC meeting will be at the Subscription Rooms to look at the findings in this report. Steve will email to all members ahead of the next meeting.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forum's

Katharine Lady Berkeley

500 trees have been planted, involving teachers and all pupils – this will help the school to become more eco-friendly and to make use of some room that wasn't being used for anything else. A meeting with the head teacher discussed what each school community group is doing. 'Oyster cards' are being considered instead of bringing money into school.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

Meetings have moved into the new Stonehouse Youth Centre. The planting of 15 donated trees will take place soon, having been received from a local company called Eurolink. Discussion's had been had recently about suitable behavior by young people when being transported to meetings, activities etc.

Marling

The building work is still ongoing and they are doing fundraising for Sports Relief.

Thomas Keble

There hasn't been a student council meeting for a while and the lead tutor has been questioned about this; however students are still unsure why the council is not meeting. Steve highlighted it was very important for the tutor to communicate with him and offered to contact the school. There is also a lot of building work going on around the school.

Chalford Cubed

The survey is underway and members have walked around the local area speaking to people; issues were raised about unlit lanes and the local fair. The survey managed to capture reactions and ideas from both young and older people. Work is also being done around the local youth club and is still trying to get flyers into the registers of schools to promote the activities. There have also been discussions around a World War One project in the local area and what Chalford was like back then. Coming up, there is a talk about drugs and ASB with Neighbourhood Warden Dominic Everiss-Whitmarsh. There were also discussions around Community events that will be happening in the summer around school fetes and sports events.

Berkeley Vale Youth Forum

The last meeting allowed them to create their logo and created some flyers. They are looking to change the Scout Hut meeting date in relation to the Skate Park consultation.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

GAYGlos came to one of their meetings and they went into Rednock and put up posters about GAYGlos.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

GAYGlos also attended one of their meetings and members learnt a lot about their work. One issue that was discussed was rural transport as GAYGlos see that nobody should be deprived from this. They seemed very keen to keep a connection with the youth forum group.

Stroud High School

Nothing to report.

Maidenhill

A meeting is coming up and there is the Re-opening Day of the school. This allows people to look at the building work that has been done.

Spice It Up Consultation Training Events – Update (Steve)

The program is now together and everybody should have received e-mails with a booking form. This allows members to increase their skills and knowledge around youth participation and better plan and facilitate all consultation work. The company delivering the training is 'Dynamix' from South Wales.

The first event on 22nd and 23rd March is for those representing communities and schools in the North of the District.

The second event on 5th and 6th April is for those representing communities and schools in the South of the District.

Steve asked members who would be attending each event and highlighted that transport is available.

Local Strategic Partnership Meeting – Report from meeting on 7th March 2014 (Millie)

Millie and Kirsty attended and updated the partnership on how the employment and training work experience survey has been progressing. A few more contacts had been made with people who could help their young clients complete the survey – therefore Millie and Kirsty would be meeting with SDC Policy Officer, Jackie Godwin to discuss the progress of the project. Jackie had offered to send the details of the survey to all partnership members, having noted that a number of them wanted to help including Job Centre Plus, whose clients are often between the age of 16 and 18.

The new extension for Dursley Swimming Pool was discussed and a presentation was received from Healthwatch Gloucestershire. Stroud's Older People Forum invited the SDYC Health Focus Group to attend a future meeting to talk to them about mental health issues such as dementia.

The system and structure of electing District Councillors is currently being discussed with view to change.

Work with Berkeley Power Station is being done and a £5 million funding bid is being sought to work with apprenticeships.

British Youth Council Report (Lily/Charlotte)

Key dates for the year ahead from April 2014 through to March 2015 were highlighted and included deadlines for the Positive Stories, a national publication on behalf of local Youth Forums and Youth Councils - they are keen to hear from the SDYC. A date has been announced for the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day which is Friday 21st November 2014 – this gives children and young people the chance to work in public organizations with adults for the day and be involved in local decision making. Business Secretary Vince Cable has accepted in full the Independent Low Pay Commission's recommendations for 2014. The National Minimum Wage rates from 1st October 2014, as recommended by the LPC, will be:

- A 19p (3%) increase in the adult rate (from £6.31 to £6.50 per hour)
- A 10p (2%) increase in the rate for 18 to 20 year olds (£5.

- A 7p (2%) increase in the rate for 16 to 17 year olds (from £3.72 to £3.79 per hour)
- A 5p (2%) increase in the rate for apprentices (from £2.68 to £2.73 per hour)

SDYC Focus Group and Project Team Reports

a) Employment and Training Focus Group – (no report) to note meeting postponed

With surveys still to be received and analyzed, the next meeting will be held on March 31st at Ebley Mill to take forward the recommendations of the LSP meeting, Mille and Kirsty will attend.

b) Votes at 16 Project Team – Report from meeting on 3rd March (Archie/Jamie)

The team agreed to wait for the Work Experience Survey to be complete before launching this one; discussion was had on the role of the Lead Member for Local Democracy and whether the project team should take on the whole of this work and change its name to suit. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to take this discussion forward.

c) Health Focus Group – Report from meeting on 10th March (Toni/Kyle)

Kirsty updated the Youth Council on the group's progress;

- A mental health specialist will be invited to speak to the Youth Council.
- The team is currently assessing the information and contacts held in the Little Books published by the NHS.
- Sexual Health is priority for the group and they are looking to explore the BYC's Curriculum for Life.
- It was suggested that Gay-Glos attend Youth Forums and the Youth Council to discuss their work in helping young people struggling with sexuality issues.
- The group is exploring young people's issues of learning needs and dyslexia assessment at schools.
- The next meeting will be held on 23rd April. James Lauchlan asked to join the Focus Group.

Format of future Focus Groups and Project Team Report – Open Discussion (Kirsty)

Kirsty led a discussion regarding the reporting process of the Focus Groups and Project Teams to the full Youth Council.

Subsequently, Kirsty proposed that between meetings the youth worker and the Lead Member for each of the Focus Groups/Project Teams should meet to discuss actions, progress and prepare the next agenda. This would ultimately make the meetings more effective. Feedback to the Council would then take a shorter format with each point having an action box as follows: To Note – for members to read; To Recommend – for the Council to discuss; To Propose – on which the Council needs to vote. Mille seconded the proposal and following a unanimous vote in favour of the motion, it was carried.

The new process format will be;

- Agenda's created between Youth Worker and Lead Member
- Report/notes recorded in a structured format relating to agenda items including sub headings
- Report/notes to be **one** A4 in length
- Report/notes to feature an '**action**' box per item to read either; '**to note**', '**to recommend**', '**to propose**'.

Any Other Business

Mille asked about the Facebook pages being updated and members briefly discussed social media issues. It was decided that it should be part of the main agenda for the next meeting.

Next meeting

Monday 7th April at the Subscription Rooms in Stroud, 4.30pm