



## NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

**Date : Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Fresh Ground Cafe, Cainscross**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Kate Jones ( <i>Bussage &amp; Chalford</i> )	P
Kieran Chadwick ( <i>Archway</i> )**	P
Lily Clarke ( <i>Archway</i> )	Ap
Kathryn White ( <i>Rednock</i> )	P
Susannah Gooch ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	P
Esme Freedman ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	P
Tom Meadley ( <i>Marling</i> )	P
Archie Holley ( <i>Marling</i> )	P
Kirsty Driver ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i> )*	P
Emily Osborne ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i> )	P
Roxy Mould ( <i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i> )	A
Tom Ambury ( <i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i> )	Ap
Chelsey Peck ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	P
Keelan Spence ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	Ap
Jessica Fisher ( <i>Wotton under Edge Youth Forum</i> )	A
Ryan Pilkington ( <i>Wotton under Edge Youth Forum</i> )	P
Millie (Gardiner) Jotham ( <i>Maidenhill</i> )	P
Charlotte Bignall ( <i>Thomas Keble</i> )	P
Alex Lin-Vines ( <i>Thomas Keble</i> )	P

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Ellen Wightman	A
Shannon Eden	A
Annie Pickering	A
Luka Chadwick	A
Chloe Boulton	A
Laura Byng	A
Sally Holditch	A
Max Freedman	A
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft	A

#### **Others Present**

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Holly Abbott ( <i>Stroud High</i> )	P
Odette Machin ( <i>Stroud High</i> )	P
Elizabeth Powell ( <i>Thomas Keble</i> )	P
Kyle Roberts ( <i>Thomas Keble</i> )	P
Rhys Carter ( <i>Archway</i> )	P
Riet Ihara ( <i>Archway</i> )	P
George Gooch ( <i>Marling</i> )	P
Jamie Arthur ( <i>Marling</i> )	P
Nathan Pendred ( <i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i> )	A

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

Gloucestershire Young Carers	A
Ryan Davis, St Roses School / Bussage	A

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

### Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Lily Clarke, Tom Ambury, Keelen Spence and Cllr June Cordwell.

### Minutes of Last Meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Kieran went through minutes of the previous meeting; they were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

### Matters Arising

#### **a) RYWU School for Social Entrepreneurs**

Members were asked if they had attended the RYWU School for Social Entrepreneurs event recently - no attendees from SDYC were present.

#### **b) NHS Gloucestershire Consultation**

Steve has spoken further with Caroline Smith from NHS Gloucestershire regarding a consultation that she would like to involve SDYC in. It was agreed she would attend the next SDYC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April, taking place in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill. Following this meeting, Caroline is hoping to attend the next SDYC Health Focus Group meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 to discuss the new NHS service in more detail.

#### **c) Stroud Youth Activity Fund – Round Three**

Kieran explained the youth funding panel have met three times since the deadline of applications for round 3 of funding; there have been a record number of applicants applying for the youth activity fund (18 in total). The panel have now made final decisions on the applications and applicants will be informed soon.

Kieran explained to new members what the funding programme entitles; Gloucestershire County Council have allocated each District Council a pre-agreed amount of money which to support youth organisations, projects, etc. SDYC are the key decision makers within the Stroud district and operate a youth development fund and youth activity fund. There is an application process involved and the youth panel decide on how much money is awarded to each one.

### Correspondence

#### ***The Prince's Trust***

Steve received an email from Sophie Windsor of the Prince's Trust who still have places available on their free 'Get into Engineering' course starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> March in Gloucester; they can confirm the criteria requiring a specific level of Mathematics qualification can be relaxed for suitable candidates. The programme is aimed at 16 – 25 year olds who are unemployed. Members should let Steve know if they are interested in the course.

#### ***Cotswold Canal Project***

Cotswold Canals Trust wants to initiate a youth membership scheme and wish to speak to SDYC members. Steve is currently liaising with Dave Marshall who is the Canal Partnership Manager at Stroud District Council. If any members are interested in becoming involved in the Canal Project please let Steve know and he will pass on contact details etc. Tom M, Susannah and Esme expressed an interest and asked for more information.

#### ***NHS Gloucestershire – Children and Young People's Mental Health Service***

Steve has received a request via the SDYC website. It is from a Nicola Stait who runs the participation group for the Children and Young People's Mental Health Service, which helps young people with mental health issues in Gloucestershire. They are interested in coming to talk to SDYC about mental health and services on offer to young people. Members are happy to invite them to a full council meeting in the near future. Steve to co-ordinate this.

#### ***Gloucestershire Constabulary***

Millie reported that at a recent meeting she met Insp. Andy Poole, who explained that he would like to speak to SDYC about youth issues concerning the Police – he's happy to attend a full council meeting, potentially with a presentation, to explain how the constabulary currently works and how SDYC can help improve this. Steve suggested that this would require more information as to what exactly would come from this and what they hope to

gain – Millie will make contact with Insp. Poole and report back to Steve.

### **The Prince's Trust Development Award – Lynford Short of Young Gloucestershire**

Kieran explained that, as mentioned at previous meetings, he has spoken to Lynford Short from Young Gloucestershire who was interested in coming to talk to SDYC about a grant in which they could potentially apply for and how the money can be used etc. Unfortunately after further conversations the deadline for application has passed, however Lynford will keep in contact in the future.

### **Updates from Schools, College and Local Youth Forum's - all**

#### **Archway**

At the last meeting a discussion was had around the homework policy and how changes are going to be implemented etc. The school play also took place last week and currently the sixth form are trying to raise as much money as possible for the prom.

#### **Bussage and Chalford**

Kate updated members on news from the local area; construction work is being carried out on the Doctors Surgery and a brothel house has recently been discovered and subsequently shut down in the area.

#### **Katherine Lady Berkeley**

Kirsty reported that school council meeting minutes are produced and they are now given a copy of these, however they are still not invited to attend the meetings. Steve suggested that she, along with other students, email the lead teacher formally and explain why they would like to attend the meetings. Ryan added that he has been invited to the next school council meeting to discuss Wotton Youth Forum's work.

#### **Maidenhill**

Millie highlighted that their school council meeting is tomorrow; a new representative to SDYC may be starting shortly but awaiting information/welcome packs to arrive from Steve. Steve replied that he was awaiting a formal reply from the lead tutor at Maidenhill.

#### **Marling School**

Marling spent 3 school council meetings finalising what the school could do for Red Nose Day however after all the discussions it didn't go ahead anyway.

#### **Rednock School**

Rednock has recently amended their reward system; instead of having just the end of year reward for particular students, they have designed it so smaller rewards will be handed out throughout the year.

#### **Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)**

Chelsey reported that members have been discussing how to get new members on board; still looking at other youth groups in the area such as Guides, Wycliffe, etc.

#### **Stroud High School**

The big survey was recently distributed to all students and parents; this resulted in a number of people complaining about student voice. A non-uniform day was held for Red Nose Day.

#### **Thomas Keble**

There has been no meeting in recent weeks. A lot of work has recently gone into careers week and creating opportunities for skills festivals etc.

### **Youth Cabinet Report – Kathryn**

Kathryn explained that the youth cabinet met last week and they discussed the possibility of visiting the Houses of Parliament for the whole youth council. They also discussed employment and training opportunities and potentially setting up an Employment and Training Working Group; Millie will continue researching and working on getting this organised. Millie, Kirsty, Charlotte, Suus and Emily are interested in being part of this group.

An event entitled Tackling Poverty is on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 from 10:00am – 1:00pm at Ebley Mill. This is an event that will hopefully gather evidence; it will include an open discussion along with introductory presentations on some of the challenges that residents face including the forthcoming welfare reforms, fuel poverty and financial inclusion. The date is during half term and therefore Steve is happy to facilitate a number of SDYC members to attend.

#### **Local Strategic Partnership Report** – Millie

Millie went along to the LSP meeting in place of Kathryn and Kirsty; it was discussed at the meeting that one of their main issues was employment and training opportunities and it was mentioned about the possibility of gathering evidence from a survey. Stroud MP, Neil Carmichael was also in attendance as he spoke about engineering week; which is for GCSE students to experience how engineering works and how careers develop in the industry.

#### **British Youth Council Report** – Kathryn/Kirsty

In the latest email received from the BYC they have distributed a survey monkey link where a number of questions about work experience, ready to work campaign, etc are asked. Kathryn and Kirsty will forward the email on to all SDYC members.

#### **SDC Annual Youth Consultation 2012 Report: Discussion on Findings & Next Steps** – All

The SDC Annual Youth Consultation was held back in October where a number of SDYC members, work experience students, apprentices, SDC officers and Councillors attended to discuss a number of topics. A report was created which documents the findings from the consultation; all members present looked through the report. A discussion was held about the recommendations that have been published and it was agreed that an invitation would be given to the relevant SDC Officers / Elected Members to attend a future SDYC meeting to discuss progress made so far.

#### **SDC Youth Work Strategy Update** – Steve

Steve has now presented his report to the scrutiny committee; Steve thanked Kirsty for helping present the report at the meeting and spoke to them about her personal experiences with cuts to public spending – the meeting was webcast and therefore you can view the meeting online (Performance Overview Scrutiny Committee, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013).

#### **Stroud Access Group**

To note the next Stroud Access Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill; Millie, Charlotte and Lily are the representatives for this.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch Association**

To note the next Neighbourhood Watch Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm in the Committee Room at Ebley Mill Offices; Millie and Charlotte are the representatives for this.

#### **Any Other Business**

**Youth Exploring Sustainability (YES) Project** - Tom reported on a recent meeting which he attended; some of the actions the YES project have been working on include, trying to get into the curriculum in schools, e.g. later in the year at Marling a day has been scheduled in for all students to learn about sustainability and being environmentally friendly. There are 5 schools taking part in the YES project, including Maidenhill, Katherine Lady Berkeley, Marling, Shrubberies and St Roses who have all signed up to take part in the project; Thomas Keble has also signed up to parts of the project. There is a discussion amongst the group about how to encourage other schools to sign up to the project and how progress of the project can be tracked.

#### **Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 16:30, Council Chamber, Ebley Mill