



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

Date : Monday 20th May 2013

Time : 16:30

Venue: Subscription Rooms, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Bussage & Chalford</i>)	Ap
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>)	Ap
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Tom Meadley (<i>Marling</i>)	Ap
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>)	P
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Jessica Fisher (<i>Wotton under Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Ryan Pilkington (<i>Wotton under Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Millie (Gardiner) Jotham (<i>Maidenhill</i>)	P
Alicia Langton-Balchin (<i>Maidenhill</i>)	P
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Beth Monday (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Ruth Allen (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High</i>)	P
Odette Machin (<i>Stroud High</i>)	A
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Riet Ihara (<i>Archway</i>)	A
Rhys Carter (<i>Archway</i>)	A
George Gooch (<i>Marling</i>)	Ap
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling</i>)	Ap
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Adam Chandler (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</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

CO-OPTIONS

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

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

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
 Emma Wojcik, Parent / Support for Ryan Davis

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Kate Jones, Lily Clarke, Susannah Gooch, Esme Freedman, Tom Meadley, Jess Fisher, Ryan Pilkington, Ruth Allen, Jamie Arthur and Lee Beldam.

A special welcome was given to Alicia Langton-Balchin who has joined SDYC for the first time, representing Maidenhill School. Members introduced themselves.

Kieran congratulated Steve on being nominated for the Heart of Gloucestershire Community Awards in the Public Sector category. He was nominated by Annie Pickering, SDYC ex-officio member for his 100% commitment.

Kieran explained that the 'business' part of the meeting would take place until 5.30pm and would then be followed by a tour of the Subscription rooms and a workshop on how the venue could attract / involve young people more, in the future.

Minutes of Last Meeting, 29th April 2013

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

Matters Arising

a) Cotswold Canal Trust meeting on 9th April postponed; new date to be confirmed

The Cotswold Canal Trust meeting was postponed on 9th April; a new date is to be arranged shortly.

Kieran added that 2 weeks ago he had the opportunity, along with Steve and other officers of Stroud District Council, to walk along the bottom of the new canal section near Waitrose in Stroud - it's due to be filled over the summer.

b) Youth Unemployment: Review of Training for Young People with Low Qualifications – confirm feedback to LSP (All)

The document (as requested) was circulated to all members of the group and it was around 30 – 40 pages long and was a comprehensive document. The LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) meeting is scheduled for Friday 7th June 2013 and it would be worthwhile to provide feedback on the document to them from a young person's perspective.

c) SDYC Consultation on Work Experience – Next Steps (Millie)

At the previous meeting a questionnaire was completed from members who were present; this has now been compiled and put into a presentation which will be made to the LSP at their next meeting. This is only the start of a huge piece of work that Millie is leading on with support of the new project team.

Employment and Training Working Group members; Millie, Kirsty, Charlotte, Susannah and Emily will meet soon to plan how this consultation will be rolled out across the district. Suggestions include visiting local youth forums, groups, colleges, schools, etc as well as setting up a 'survey monkey' type link as a more accessible way to collate information.

d) Young Driver Experience at Castle Combe – Update (Steve)

Steve highlighted that all 12 spaces on the Young Driver Experience Course have now been taken; Steve will forward additional information to individuals ahead of 29th May. He added that there could be potential to carry out some focused group work on 'road safety' in the future.

Correspondence

World Jungle

World Jungle is advertising circus workshops, performance and parties with Ben Bezerkaz; all equipment is provided and it gives groups a chance to have a go at juggling, diabolo, flower sticks, unicycling, etc. If you are interested

please contact ben@worldjungle.org.uk.

Pride in Your Neighbourhood (PiYN) Events

The following dates have been confirmed when specific communities are to have PiYN events in their area over summer 2013;

Thursday 4th July – Mason Road Play Field (Top of Town), 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 18th July – Lawnside (Nailsworth), 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 8th August – Park Estate (Stonehouse), 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Thursday 22nd August – Lower Kingshill (Dursley), 2:00pm – 5:00pm

As in previous years, there is the opportunity for SDYC members to attend the events and get involved; this year they are taking a different approach with more community engagement work. There is also an opportunity to get local youth forums involved in the events that are relevant to them.

British Youth Council

SDYC members will soon need to decide who the representative voting members will be to the British Youth Council for the year ahead. The two positions have been held by Kathryn and Kirsty during the last year. This will be added to the next full council meeting agenda.

South West Youth Voice Convention

There is an event being held on Wednesday 29th May 2013 at the Albermarle Centre, Taunton. Aimed at involving representatives from a variety of youth councils, young mayors and youth parliament members, the event is hosted by the British Youth Council and UK Youth Parliament. Whilst this event clashes with the Young Drivers Experience, other members interested in going were encouraged to let Steve know ASAP.

Positive Tickets- Police and Neighbourhood Warden

A 'Positive Ticket' scheme is currently operating in Canada and has proved very successful; in essence children and young people are acknowledged for positive behaviour by the Police with the aim being to engage local Police with children and young people in a positive manner. Tickets are issued for a number of reasons e.g. riding a bike with lights on at night, being seen to put rubbish in the bin, demonstrating good manners in a public place, scooting or skate-boarding in a considerate manner.

Local Police and Neighbourhood Wardens are currently looking into the idea of a similar system for the Stroud district; they are also in discussion with sports development officers about the potential to 'cash in' these positive tickets for leisure and sporting activities. They would like to attend a meeting to talk to members of SDYC about the thoughts and opinions of this scheme. Steve will arrange this for the near future.

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

Archway

Everyone is working towards exams over the summer months; Kieran is leaving school on Friday for study leave.

Berkeley Youth Forum

Members attended the Berkeley Town Council Annual Meeting where a number of topics were discussed including litter in the town, the potential of a new skate park and local youth activities. The Youth Forum was also looking to raise money for a new skate park.

Bussage and Chalford

Nothing to report.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

A planning application for the new youth centre in Dursley has been submitted and members have produced leaflets to be distributed highlighting the fact that members of the public can go onto the SDC website and make comments about the application. They would like as many people as possible to support the plan. Steve circulated the flyers to all members to spread awareness of the website address and planning application number.

Katherine Lady Berkeley

A School Council meeting was held recently; there was a discussion about changing the way certain aspects of the school work e.g. the canteen, printing, building an 'Astra Turf' area.

Maidenhill

Millie attended a student council meeting where they were discussing security and door entry methods. Millie welcomed Alicia, new member from Maidenhill. The school was also a victim of theft recently however the stolen goods were recovered by the Police and returned.

Marling School

Marling has received money to re-build certain buildings in the school (Maths and Geography Blocks) as they have been standing since 1922. The Red Nose Day celebrations went ahead 2 weeks ago.

Rednock School

Kathryn is leaving school on Thursday for study leave and exams.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)

The forum had been not met since the last SDYC meeting.

Thomas Keble

The School Council will meet again prior to the end of the year to finalise and go over everything they have done over the past school year.

Stroud High School

Nothing to report.

Unfortunately the following agenda items were not able to be addressed prior to 5.30pm.

SDYC Youth Cabinet – *report from meeting on 30th April (Kathryn)*

British Youth Council (BYC) Report – (Kathryn/Kirsty)

SDYC Health Focus Group – report on recent meeting (Millie)

SDYC Votes at 16 Project – report on recent meeting (Kirsty)

Any Other Business

It was agreed that each item will be postponed to the next Main Council Meeting.

Tour of Sub Rooms and Workshop

Members took part in a tour of the Subscription Rooms followed by a workshop on how the venue could attract / involve young people more, in the future.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 10th June 2013 at 4:30pm at Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross