



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 21st July 2014

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High 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>)	A
Kirsty Driver (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>) **	Ap
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Millie Jotham (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)*	Ap
Jai Aldridge (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Lorena Davis (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Sahaya James (<i>Stroud College</i>)	P
Ben Maudsley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A
Mollie Fellows (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
James Lauchlan (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
Elizabeth (Libby) Powell (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling School</i>)	A
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Indi Higgins (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Joss Beeley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap

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
 Phil Sullivan, Head of Community Safety, Stroud District Council
 Cllr Geoff Wheeler, Leader of Stroud District Council
 Cllr Mattie Ross, Stroud District Council

Welcome and Apologies

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Leader Millie Jotham welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Phil Sullivan, Cllr Geoff Wheeler and Cllr Mattie Ross to the members. Apologies were received from Tom Schaffner, Holly Abbott, Emily Osborne, Kirsty Driver, Alex Lin-Vines, Lorena Davis, Mollie Fellows, Kyle Roberts, George Gooch, Tom Ambury, Sam Barnes, and Joss Beeley.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

A few inaccuracies were highlighted in the previous minutes; the Health Focus Group Report was reported by Lily and not Libby. Similarly, Tom Schaffner proposed Elizabeth Powell for the Youth Grant Funding Panel from the Electoral Group for Local Youth Forum's, not Tom Ambury. With the amendments made, the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. Proposed by: Archie Holley; Seconded by: Kate Jones.

Matters Arising

a) Neighbourhood Watch Committee meeting on 14th July 2014 – Report (*Charlotte/James*)

During the NHW meeting, members of the Committee discussed the importance of young people's views and how these views can be incorporated. There was also a discussion around promoting the scheme through schools and possibly the police giving crime prevention talks at schools. The Committee would also like the same representatives from the Youth Council to be involved in the scheme and to attend meetings. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-coordinator, Jo Batt gave a presentation about the scheme. Phil Sullivan congratulated the SDYC members for the contribution they made at the meeting (which he had chaired) and he reported it received good feedback.

b) Alcohol Policy Youth Network UK – Feedback & Further Discussion (*Mollie/Charlotte*)

There were two reports in the pack that was given:

1. The effects of alcohol on young people
2. General issues surrounding it

Ideas on how to improve these issues were discussed. Steve added it may be useful to look at this in more depth and to then propose what the Youth Council can do to support this. Charlotte and Mollie to meet with Steve.

c) Live, Work, Grow Stroud (Stroud Leader LAG) – to note e-survey already circulated (*All*)

Steve had sent around the e-survey to SDYC members which need to be completed by 1st August. The results of this will determine the next steps for the project such as whether or not Gloucestershire Rural Community Council will receive funding from DEFRA or whether the project will merge together with other bids from other Districts.

d) Election of Youth Grant Funding Panel for 2014/15 – confirm panel membership as follows; *Lily Clarke, Libby Powell, Lorena Davis, James Lauchlan; Holly Abbott & Charlotte Bignall; Archie Holley & Alex Lin-Vines.*

e) Election of BYC Representatives for 2014/15 – confirm voting members as follows; *Charlotte Bignall & Lily Clarke (no other nominations were received)*

Correspondence

Work 4 Youth

FirstBase are running a campaign to help young people find employment. It is for 18-24 year olds and is free. This allows you to learn some essential skills for interviews. There are three different workshops:

- **How to get noticed – for the right reasons.** Wednesday 6th August, 1pm-3pm.
- **7 steps to confident and successful speaking.** Wednesday 13th August 1pm-3pm.
- **How to prepare for that all important job interview.** Wednesday 20th August 1pm-3pm.

Games Design

The Princes Trust and Gloucester College are running a week long programme for young people who are interested in seeing what the Games Design industry is like. The course is available for 16-25 year olds. There is a Taster Day on

14th August and the programme runs from 18th to 22nd August.

Sexual Health Roadshow

The Youth Support Team is running Sexual Health Road shows all over the District. The dates are:

- **21st July – Chipping Car Park, Wotton Under Edge (18:00 – 20:00)**
- **22nd July – Opposite the bus station in Nailsworth (18:30 – 20:30)**
- **23rd July – Canon Park, Berkeley (18:30 – 20:30)**
- **24th July – Stratford Park, Stroud (18:30 – 20:30)**
- **25th July – Recreation Ground, Dursley (18:30 – 20:30)**

There will be C-Card Registration, Chlamydia Testing and Free Condoms.

Sexual Health Gloucestershire

Steve reminded the members that Jess had sent around a Sexual Health Survey 2014 from Gloucestershire County Council on 8th July. This needs to be completed.

‘Together We Can’

‘Meeting the Challenge’ was launched in 2010 by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and £114 million has been saved due to this scheme. ‘Together We Can’ is an opportunity for them to explain to the public/partners what the new direction could look like and to find out what people think. This new scheme is now looking to make further savings of around £75 million over the next three years. GCC are holding a meeting on Thursday 31st July 6:30-8:00pm at the GL11 Community Project in Cam in order to share their thoughts around how support is delivered to communities.

Presentation of Service Award by Cllr Geoff Wheeler (Leader of Stroud District Council)

Cllr Wheeler presented an overview of Stroud District Council’s priorities, the political make up and what his role was as Leader of Council. He also highlighted this year’s projects and budgets. Questions were taken from youth councilors and included those about the canal restoration project.

Cllr Wheeler then handed out the Service Awards Certificates and badges for those members who have served one year and / or three years, as an SDYC member.

Phil Sullivan - Retirement

Ahead of his pending retirement, Phil explained he had been in the police force for 35 years and in the District Council for 15 years. He spoke about the history of the Youth Council (having been in attendance at the inaugural meeting) and commended various individuals for the work and support they give to the Youth Council. He highlighted the benefits of being a member of SDYC and wished the organisation continued success for the future.

Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forum’s

Archway

As there were no representatives from Archway, there was nothing to report.

Thomas Keble

They are knocking down the History and R.E block so a lot of departments are moving around. The uniform is also being changed.

Maidenhill

There was a final meeting two weeks ago where a member of staff from the school kitchen attended and there was a discussion had around what could change to improve the kitchen.

Two members of staff are leaving and two year leaders.

Marling

Nothing to report.

Katharine Lady Berkeley

Nothing to report.

Stroud College

Nothing to report.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

Progress is still ongoing with the new Youth Centre when they had a look around. They have chosen some of the posters and images to advertise the self-harm project. They will be posted around local schools.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

Members took part in a litter pick and gardening event last week around the area - 13 bags of debris were collected. Jess has been to meet the people from the cinema with the view of Wotton Youth Forum working with them.

Chalford Cubed

They have recently had their one year anniversary. They have been involved in the development of Frithwood Youth Centre and have been continuing with this.

Stroud High School

There was a birthday awards ceremony for the school which included a prize giving.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

There was a meeting which involved discussions around opening a tuck shop which will sell sweets and drinks. This will be down by the new skate park. Any money made will go back into the Youth Forum. Phil Sullivan added security may need to be looked at before opening.

British Youth Council Report (Charlotte/Lily)

There is no report as no correspondence has been received. Steve explained there has been some confusion around contact details due to a system and staff change. He has communicated with them about this and they are looking into this.

Requests are soon going to be sent out for Positive Stories from Local Youth Forums so they can be put together in various publications.

SDYC Focus Group & Project Team Reports

a) Photography Project Team – Report from meeting on 7th July 2014 (Millie)

At the last project team meeting, details were finalized. They have decided on a title 'Perspectives' for the project. They are trying to get young people to highlight issues through the alternative medium of photography. The themes which have been finalized are:

- **Stereotypical vs. Realism**
- **Socially Acceptable**
- **'Who says we do nothing around here'**
- **Seen but not heard**

The Entry Requirements include:

- **Aged 11-18**
- **1 photo per category**
- **Image taken in Stroud District**
- **No restrictions on camera types**
- **Image must be your own original work**
- **No nude photography**
- **Choose to enter competition**

The objectives of the project are:

- **Help change stereotypical image of youth**
- **Bringing attention issues in creative and educational ways**
- **Encouraging others to pursue personal talents.**

The top 13 photos will go into a 2016 calendar. These can then be sold and the money can be given to a chosen charity (yet to be decided). There will be various judges on the panel including local photographers and the Youth Council themselves.

Deadlines and dates will be focused on after final details have been decided.

Support and input is going to come from a group of students Emily is working with who are taking photography at A Level and have good knowledge around this topic.

The report was Proposed by: *Millie Jotham*; Seconded by: *James Lauchlan* and accepted by members present.

b) *Employment & Training Focus Group Meeting – Report from meeting on 7th July (Millie)*

In this meeting, there was an update on the work experience project, particularly the report and presentation given Millie and Kirsty at the Local Strategic Partnership meeting in June. Discussion was had regarding potentially meeting up with Bristol City Youth Council to look at their work experience system which involves companies advertising work experience opportunities and giving young people the chance to apply. 9th August and 16th August are potential dates for a visit. There was a suggestion of setting up workshops to deliver to local youth forums around this issue to give advice and guidance around work experience and employment. Other suggestions include a short film about work experience, a website for young people to link organisations offering work experience, workshops for young people, schools and businesses

SDYC members were encouraged to join the focus group to take the work further.

The report for the Employment and Training Focus Group was Proposed by: *Millie Jotham*; Seconded by: *James Lauchlan*; it was accepted by all members present.

c) *Health Focus Group – Report from meeting on 15th July 2014 (Libby/Charlotte)*

The Sexual Health Survey was looked at for service providers. The group response showed that for a number of issues, answers were assumed and did not allow for differing responses. Some of it wasn't very clear.

The self harm leaflet was presented by Hannah Gorf and the group made comments back around the colour and layout.

The group looked at the emotional support leaflet and took away copies to have a look at. These are to go in doctor's surgeries so they know what help is out there.

The group discussed having visitors coming to speak to the group. Hannah Gorf said she would arrange for someone to speak to the group about school nurses and their roles. Jess will also arrange to have a visit from the CCG/GP lead.

The group produced a draft statement to explain what young people in the Stroud District require from sexual health provisions. **'Youth Service providers should be educated in sexual health issues and be able to provide factual health advice scientifically without interference of personal beliefs'**.

Jess explained this can be changed or added to. If anybody would like to comment, please get back to her.

The social prescribing scheme that was due to be started on 1st August will now start on 1st September.

The group is also still interested in pursuing sexual health training.

Hannah Gorf has passed on the contact details of the person that invited James and Alex to speak at next years Men & Mental Health conference.

Phil and Steve congratulated and thanked the group on the work they have done in relation to this.

The report for the Health Focus Group was Proposed by: *Charlotte Bignall*; Seconded by: *James Lauchlan*; it was accepted by all members present.

d) *Local Democracy Focus Group – Report from meeting on 16th July 2014 (Charlotte)*

The group looked at the survey relating to the issue of *Votes at 16* and *Political Education*. The group discussed how to get more schools involved and what can be learnt from the way the Work Experience Survey developed and the challenges that they faced. They will send a letter to schools in mid September with a link to the survey.

Local Democracy Week begins on 13th October and this may be a good opportunity to promote SDYC's work on this topic. It was agreed to run two meetings during this week and invite leaders of the political party groups within the District Council. This would then be in preparation for a 'Question Time' style event in the New Year in which young people talk to the districts parliamentary candidates regarding the 2015 general election.

The group discussed the two possible Lords that could be adopted – Lord Bichard (Baron of Nailsworth) and Baroness Royal of Blaisdon who has already met some of the SDYC members early this year at Houses of Parliament.

The report for the Local Democracy Focus Group meeting was Proposed by: *Charlotte Bignall*; Seconded by: *Millie Jotham*; it was accepted by all members present.

SDC Youth Work Strategy: Report to SDC Community Services Committee on 2nd September

Steve reminded members of the above meeting and explained that he is currently working on a report to be presented at the meeting. This will include the work SDYC and Local Youth Forums have carried out over the last two years. Any SDYC members are welcome to come along to this. Whilst it will be webcasted, Phil Sullivan encouraged members to attend in order to talk to adult councilors and demonstrate support to each others work.

Any Other Business

Arts Champions - Jess explained she had initially sent out a date of the July 28th for the Art Champions Meeting with the Sub Rooms Manager. Unfortunately, he is unable to make this date. She is waiting for him to get back to her.

Westonbirt Arboretum Visit - Steve and Jess have been in contact with Westonbirt Arboretum and sent out emails in relation to choosing a date where people will be available to do an Activity Taster Day. Jess asked for more people to respond to her email.

Member of Youth Parliament - Callum Coles who is a Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud and Cotswolds will be attending the UKYP Annual Sitting in Lancaster which he will generate a report around as well as delivering a presentation to SDYC.

Millie Jotham - Millie will be moving out of the District to start a new career opportunity. Members supported Steve's comments on her extensive work over the five years as a SDYC member. Millie was thanked for her services, most recently as leader of SDYC. She was given well wishes for the future.

SDYC 15 Year Anniversary - Phil asked if there was anything going on for the 15 year anniversary of SDYC and encouraged members to think about doing something in order to celebrate this milestone.

Date of the Next Meeting

11th August 2014 (Optional) or 8th September 2014 (Venue TBC). Steve will do an e-poll to all members to see who will be able to make the August meeting.