



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

Date : Monday 25th February 2013

Time : 16:30

Venue: The Door Youth Project, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Bussage & Chalford</i>)	Ap
Kieran Chadwick (<i>Archway</i>)**	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway</i>)	P
Kathryn White (<i>Rednock</i>)	Ap
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
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>)	Ap
Roxy Mould (<i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Courtney Chapman (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
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
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>)	A
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
Rhys Carter (<i>Archway</i>)	P
Riet Ihara (<i>Archway</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling</i>)	P
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling</i>)	P
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P

CO-OPTIONS

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

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

An introduction and tour around The Door Youth Project building took place before the meeting, hosted by the project's Youth Work Lead officer.

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Kate Jones, Kathryn White, Susannah Gooch, Tom Meadley, Emily Osborne, Roxy Mould, Tom Ambury, Courtney Chapman, Jess Fisher, Ryan Pilkington, and Keelan Spence.

Minutes of Last Meeting, 4th February 2013

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

Matters Arising

a) Sharing of Contacts

At the last meeting Kieran noted that sharing contact details with each other would be a useful way to communicate easier; unfortunately to date Kieran has received no messages from other members. Kieran gave out his personal mobile and email address to the group again.

b) Member Training Event 13th to 16th February – *feedback*

Steve asked for feedback from those who attended the members training during February half term; a discussion was had with a significant amount of positive feedback being given. The venue and facilities were very highly praised.

c) Startline Young Driver Experiences Course on 29th May 2013

An advanced driver course on Wednesday 29th May 2013 for SDYC members; there are 12 places available. Information has been circulated by Steve, however spaces are limited and there are age limitations to the course (12 – 16 years of age).

d) Severn FM – Visit

At the previous meeting it was discussed under correspondence about the opportunity of visiting Severn FM to take a look around their facilities and talk to them about what sort of work they carry out. Members are still positive about visiting the Severn FM and therefore Steve will enquire further and keep the group updated.

e) Stroud Sub Rooms – report from meeting

Steve recently visited the Subscription Rooms in Stroud to meet with Paul McLaughlin, General Manager. Paul is very keen to have young people look at what the Subscription Rooms has to offer and build up a relationship with them to work towards making events, etc more appealing to the younger generation. It was decided that the respective youth cabinet member would meet Paul in the first instance. There is also an opportunity to hold a youth council meeting at the Subscription Rooms in the future.

f) SDC Business Breakfast & Education Event, 22nd February – Report (Kathryn)

As Kathryn had sent her apologies for today's meeting, Steve updated members on the event hosted by the Chief Executive of SDC, David Hagg, and the Leader, Cllr Geoff Wheeler. This second event in which Steve and Kathryn attended involved adult representatives from local schools and topics included careers, work experience, future options for young people, etc.

Correspondence

NHS Gloucestershire

Steve had received an email from Caroline Smith, Community Engagement Manager at NHS Gloucestershire who has previously met with members of the SDYC Health Focus Group; she would like to meet up again with SDYC to discuss a consultation that is ongoing – there are a number of changes that have been proposed regarding services and as

part of the consultation they would like to involve young people's opinions.

School for Social Entrepreneurs - Regional Youth Work Unit

The Regional Youth Work Unit has been in contact recently regarding a School for Social Entrepreneurs programme 2013/14 in which they will be running open days in Bristol on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March 2013 (Steve has details if any members are interested) for people to attend. The open days will allow you to understand more about the start up programme and what it entails; it is a good opportunity for those individuals who have an idea that would help their local community. You will need to register to attend the open days and is supported by Lloyds TSB.

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

Archway

A meeting was held to discuss how students felt about current policies of make-up, uniform, homework, etc. The policy will be changing shortly so only students in year 9 and above can wear make-up.

Berkeley Youth Forum

No meeting has been held recently; nothing to report.

Katherine Lady Berkeley

Last week a previous student of KLB passed away and therefore a memorial in their honour will be held shortly; each group will be doing something different for the memorial.

Maidenhill

Millie notes that potentially there could be a new member coming on board of SDYC; SM will send details and a welcome pack to the student.

Marling School

Work on the Science Block is still ongoing and there will be major changes happening to the gifted and talented programme. Marling is also planning to use P.E classes to help students develop better leadership skills.

The Environmental Council are sorting out their connections with the YES project page so they can post messages and notices on it.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)

Members have been discussing new ways of getting new members on board; they were thinking of making contact with the local groups within Stonehouse such as Guides, Navy, Wycliffe School, etc. The group also looked into the objectives of SA4Y and what they meant exactly.

Stroud High School

There is still no youth council set up at present however ongoing attempts are being made by SM to make contact with the school. Fair trade fortnight is currently occurring at Stroud High – a number of events have been organised to raise awareness such as a staff and student bake-off on Wednesday which will be filmed, netball games, fair-trade cafe, etc. The school show was also very successful and it was sold out every performance.

Esme also announced that she is up for election for the UK Youth Parliament; all members under the age of 18 can vote online. The link for voting will be circulated by her to all members.

Thomas Keble

A meeting was held on 7th February where members on the School Council received badges and a decision was made to place a notice board somewhere within the school so students could see what the School Council does etc.

Youth Cabinet Report – Kathryn

Kathryn and Tom (deputy leader) have both sent their apologies for today's meeting and therefore Millie gave the report. A meeting was held recently where they looked at the corporate consultation event, work experience, Suited, Booted and Recruited and a visit to Parliament; research and work is ongoing around these subjects and therefore they will report back and update the group at the next meeting about their findings.

Stroud Youth Activity Fund – Round Three Report (Kieran)

On Tuesday 19th February the third round of funding was held; a number of organisations applied for up to £1000 of youth activity funding. There were 20 applications and therefore decisions about where funding should be allocated is slower than planned. The panel will be meeting again on Tuesday 5th March to finalise their decisions.

British Youth Council Report – Kathryn/Kirsty

Meet the new UK Young Ambassadors

After a nationwide recruitment process, 6 young people from Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England have been selected to joining the UK Young Ambassadors team.

Votes @ 16 Debate

Young people across Europe have been debating whether to lower the voting age to 16 on OurSpace; they now would like to vote on the best proposal which will be forwarded to EQU decision makers at www.voteat16.eu

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

The SDC Annual Youth Consultation was held back in October and it is the third year running it has occurred. Feedback after the event was very positive and a report has been created since then outlining the findings of the consultation. It was generally discovered that schools do not offer enough advice with careers and work experience and what options are available to young people. The district council wish to change this outlook so events such as career days and open evenings will hopefully be put in place to communicate with students and parents. The report was circulated to all members previously.

Members agree that once the next steps have been agreed within the district council, SDYC would like to be informed – a presentation by an officer or executive member would be a positive way of communicating this across.

SDC Youth Work Strategy Update - Steve

The Youth Strategy was approved back in September by SDC, and as part of decision making there is a scrutiny committee of the council which is made up of all the different political parties; they scrutinise, assess, enquiry, particular pieces of work and the Youth Work Strategy is under scrutiny at the next meeting in March. Therefore Steve will present a report to them which he has produced with information gained from members, other officers, etc. There is an opportunity to have a member of SDYC present at the meeting to help present; Kirsty has agreed to do this as her personal experiences in Berkeley are very relevant to the strategy.

Any Other Business

Ryan Davis expressed an interest in joining the Health Focus Group; Steve will be in contact regarding dates of next meetings etc.

Alex promoted his internet radio show and suggested that members may like to feature on it in the future. He would forward the details to Steve in which to pass onto members via email.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 18th March 2013, 4:30pm at Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross.