



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 25th November 2013

Time : 16:30

Venue: Fresh Ground Cafe, Cainscross

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Bussage & Chalford Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Tom Meadley (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	P
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</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>)	A
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)*	P
Beth Monday (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Jai Aldridge (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Sahaya James (<i>Stroud College</i>)	P
Alex Rothnie (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A
Rubi Briia (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Kieran Chadwick	A
Kathryn White	A
Ryan Pilkington	A
Jess Fisher	A
Roxy Mould	A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Odette Machin (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lorena Davis (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
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>)	P
Megan Spill (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	A
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	P
Ben Maudsley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P
Mollie Fellows (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	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
 Simon Gillings, Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Jess Jenkins, Youth Support Worker, Youth and Community Services

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those new to the role. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes of the last meeting – 4th November 2013 (Annual General Meeting)

They were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting; Proposed by: Emily Osborne, Seconded by: Lily Clarke.

Matters Arising

a) **Meeting with SDC Safeguarding Team – new date to be agreed**

Unfortunately the suggested date of 18th November wasn't suitable - a new date was to be agreed soon.

b) **Members Autumn Training Event – update**

Steve explained that the youth work team were very conscious that a training programme was to be planned. However, dates and venues had not been available before Christmas. This would be worked upon and an update given at the next meeting.

c) **GP Training Event – report (Kirsty/Millie)**

Kirsty reported that her and Millie attended the event and gave an overview presentation of SDYC to the audience of GP's and other health professionals. They were received well and equally learnt about other services/organizations that were delivering work/services relating to health and well being.

d) **Family Info' Service/Early Help Offer – report on workshop (Libby/Jamie)**

This was an opportunity for young people to give their opinions on the County Council's advice website. The following points were highlighted by Kirsty and Lily; *It wasn't clear that the site was aimed at young people their age. Instead, it looked like it was aimed at younger infants. The helpline number wasn't open when it said it should be and the search engine had flaws.* Steve reported that a comprehensive report had been forwarded to the County Council and officers involved with the Family Info' Service were overwhelmed and delighted at the young people's feedback and will consider all points.

e) **Test Purchase Operation – report (Alex)**

Alex stated that the involvement of SDYC members has been postponed and a new date will be arranged by the Police.

d) **Ambitions Event – feedback (all)**

SDC held an Ambitions Event on 6th November at Stratford Park Leisure Centre which gave young people a chance to come and talk to employers of 50 different companies/organizations. Several SDYC members reported that they felt the programme was a little 'random' and was not as specific to the individual as expected. The workshops weren't always related to the career opportunity. However the evening event was much better organised and emphasised specific advice on careers and other course development. SDYC members who attended fed their thoughts in to the evaluation. Steve suggested that SDYC may be asked to give a formal response to the event. **Members did conclude that the event, overall, was better than anything done before at their schools.**

Correspondence

World Jungle / COCO Club Christmas Party

A promotional leaflet was circulated for the forthcoming COCO Club Christmas Party on 14th December at The Chantry Centre, Dursley – this is being organized by World Jungle.

NHS England

NHS England are creating a Youth Forum with support from the British Youth Council to help shape health services, with young people giving opinions on health care policies and provide ideas on how services can be improved and hold both commissioners and the NHS England Board to account for their decision making. They would meet three times per year. Kirsty, Lily and Toni expressed interest in being involved. Applications were due by 5th December.

Gloucestershire Young Carers – Big Lottery People’s Millions Project

Information was shared with members about Gloucestershire Young Carers being selected to feature on ITV with regards to its chance gain a Big Lottery’s People’s Millions grant. They are seeking votes for their project on Wednesday 27th November, so that they win the £50,000.

Update from Schools, College and Local Youth Forums

Katharine Lady Berkeley

£2000 was raised for Children in Need. £1,700 was also raised for the Philippines Typhoon Disaster. Tutor groups are being asked about issues of concern to young people, such as the environment and community. There was an idea to plant a tree each year.

Berkeley Vale Youth Forum

The Forum will be attending the Berkeley Fair on the 14th December. They will be carrying out a survey to develop the Skate Park.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

The Forum will be attending the Wotton Christmas Fair on 1st December to promote youth forum and raise money for local youth provision. They are also hosting an ‘Afternoon Tea’ to build relations between young people and local residents. Fundraising is a key priority at the moment.

Archway

There was a non-school uniform day to raise money for Children in Need and the Philippines Typhoon Disaster. There is also another plan to raise money for Cancer Research.

SGS College - Stroud Campus

The college’s three campuses are looking at the new structure of a joint Student Union. A food tasting event recently organized to raise awareness of health eating. A fund raising event for Children in Need has been organized. A Student Union Party has been organized for 7th December at the Imperial Hotel, Stroud to raise money for The Door Youth Project.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum

The Forum is planning promotional activities at Rednock School and will be developing a mental health project with Hannah Gorf, Health and Wellbeing Officer at SDC. They are also exploring the possible creation of an anonymous advice website.

Marling

An update was given on the building work at the school.

Thomas Keble

The Student Council is creating focus groups to work on different issues, with one being about ICT. The fundraising events raised money for Children in Need. A trip to Houses of Parliaments was a success for some of the group as they were involved in discussions with MP’s.

Bussage and Chalford Youth Forum (Chalford Cubed)

The forum has adopted a new name; they are to be referred to as ‘Chalford Cubed’, depicting the six sides to the village/parish community. They have been active since July and have now completed their six tasks they set themselves earlier. Members have met regularly at the Parish Council Offices. Flyers have been created and outreach work is being done to speak to more young people. They next meet on the 5th December.

Storehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)

SA4Y will be attending the Storehouse Goodwill evening on 30th November. A SA4Y Facebook page is being considered and a survey has now been launched (on 25th November) to ask the local youth community there opinions. An assembly at Maidenhill was being led by SA4Y to promote the youth forum and the new youth centre.

Election of Youth Cabinet Portfolio for Housing and Development

No nominations had been received in advance of the meeting. Toni nominated Sahaya James and Beth seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Sahaya accepted the role and was duly elected.

British Youth Council (BYC) – Update

Lily reported that a main BYC campaign for 2013/14 is Votes at 16 and that a day of workshops will be organised for February 2014 - Steve agreed to contact the BYC on behalf of the SDYC Votes for 16 Project Team to seek places. The Youth Select Committee has produced a strategy to improve PSHE in schools and a website has been created to improve SRE lessons in school. At the UK Youth Parliament annual sitting in the House of Commons it was agreed to support the campaign for Votes for 16.

Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups

Health Focus Group

The group met on 18th November. Hannah Gorf, Health and Wellbeing Officer for SDC joined the group to build links between SDC and the Focus Group.

Positive Tickets Scheme Project Team

This project was launched with the Police at Dursley Pool on 6th November, SDYC members gave a presentation. All project team members were presented with a Positive Ticket at the event for their work throughout. It was noted that SDYC will monitor the progress of the scheme. A post-launch meeting will be arranged between the SDYC and Police to write the content for the website.

Date for the Future meetings;

Votes at 16 Project Team – Monday 9th December 2013 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Health Focus Group – Monday 27th January 2014 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Youth Cabinet - Report from meeting on 20th November

Lily reported on the first Youth Cabinet meeting of the SDYC year and highlighted that whilst few members could attend, issues discussed included; an overview of the role of a youth cabinet members and future plans for the key projects and issues for the year. It was noted that SDC wants to meet and work with SDYC on local democracy and young people's involvement – this and other agenda items will be discussed at the next meeting on Tuesday 3rd December.

Youth Grant Funding Panel

It was agreed that the panel would next meet on Tuesday 10th December at 4pm to assess the latest applications.

Representation on other organisations

Neighbourhood Watch Association -The following members expressed an interest in being reps'; Lily, Toni, Alex, Tom, Lee, Kyle, Sam

Local Strategic Partnership – it was noted that two members from the Chair/Vice Chair/Youth Cabinet Leader/Deputy Leader undertake the representative role.

Any Other Business

Sahaya asked about creating an Environmental Focus Group – this will be discussed at Youth Cabinet. Lily reported on the bridge over the railway lines near Marling and suggested that she write to the Railway Company to feedback some positive comments. Steve reported on a meal for older people and suggested that SDYC family members can be invited. The work of former SDYC Chair and current ex-officio member Kieran Chadwick will be celebrated at SDC meeting on Thursday 28th November – members were invited to attend. Sahaya asked about the SDYC contributions to Stroud Life. Steve said this was being pursued.

Date of next meeting – Monday 16th December 2013 at the Museum in the Park.