



## NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

**Date : Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Fresh Ground Cafe, Cainscross**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Kate Jones ( <i>Bussage &amp; Chalford</i> )	Ap
Kit Powell ( <i>Bussage &amp; Chalford</i> )	A
Kieran Chadwick ( <i>Archway</i> )**	P
Lily Clarke ( <i>Archway</i> )	P
Kathryn White ( <i>Rednock</i> )	P
Susannah Gooch ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	Ap
Esme Freedman ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	P
Kirsty Driver ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i> )*	P
Emily Osborne ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i> )	P
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft ( <i>Stroud Town</i> )	P
Roxy Mould ( <i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i> )	P
Courtney Chapman ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	Ap
Lydia Stephens ( <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 ( <i>Maidenhill</i> )	P
Charlotte Bignall ( <i>Thomas Keble</i> )	P
Tom Meadley ( <i>Marling</i> )	P

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Holly Abbott ( <i>Stroud High</i> )	P
Odette Machin ( <i>Stroud High</i> )	P
Chelsey Peck ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	P
Keelan Spence ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	P
Rhys Carter ( <i>Archway</i> )	Ap
Riet Ihara ( <i>Archway</i> )	Ap

#### **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

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

#### **Others Present**

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council  
 Cllr June Cordwell, Executive Member for Community Cohesion, Stroud District Council

**\*\* = 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 Kate Jones, Susannah Gooch, Courtney Chapman, Rhys Carter, Riet Ihara and Lydia Stephens. As there were a number of new members to the meeting, everyone introduced themselves in turn and explained what school/college/local youth forum they were representing and what their position is within Stroud District Youth Council.

### Minutes of Last Meeting (AGM) – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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

### Matters Arising

#### **a) Election of Youth Cabinet: Housing & Sustainable Development Portfolio's:**

There were no proposals for the Housing and Sustainable Development Portfolio's and therefore this will be carried over to the next meeting.

#### **b) Nomination of Project Team members:**

1. Youth Grant Funding Panel: To note members nominated in June 2012  
Members who were nominated to be on the youth grant funding panel include; Kieran Chadwick, Kirsty, Kathryn, Kate, Holly, Charlotte and Robin. In April/May 2013, the Youth Council will be looking to re-elect a new panel.
2. Votes at 16 project: nominate 6-8 members inc a team leader  
Millie, Charlotte, Kathryn, Lily, Robin, Holly, Kirsty, Emily, Odette and Tom would all like to be involved with Votes at 16 project, they will decide on a team leader at a later date.

#### **b) Nomination to Other Organisations:**

1. Neighbourhood Watch Association – To note Roxy, plus nomination of 2 more  
Roxy is the Community Cohesion Portfolio holder and therefore will be involved with Neighbourhood Watch; Steve explained what the Neighbourhood Watch is and what they do, they meet approximately every 2 months. Charlotte and Millie were also nominated as SDYC representatives to this group.
2. Local Strategic Partnership (LSP): To note Kathryn & Kirsty pre-nominated  
Kathryn and Kirsty respective role's enable them to be SDYC representatives on the LSP group; as the retiring representative, Robin explained the work of the LSP.
3. Youth Exploring Sustainability (YES) Management Board – To note Tom, plus nomination of 1 more  
Tom is the Environmental Portfolio holder and therefore will be involved with the YES project. Esme was also nominated to be involved.
4. Health & Wellbeing Partnership (HWB): To note Kate plus nomination of 1 more  
Kate is the Health & Wellbeing Portfolio holder and therefore will be involved with the partnership. Emily was also nominated as a SDYC representative on the Health & Wellbeing Partnership.
5. Stroud Access Group: Nomination of 3  
As a previous representative on this group, Millie explained what the Stroud Access Group is about and expressed she would like to be part of the group. Lily and Charlotte were also nominated.
6. British Youth Council (BYC): To note Kirsty & Kathryn nominated in July 2012  
Kirsty and Kathryn were both nominated in July to be representatives of SDYC on the British Youth Council, acting as online voting members.

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

### **Thomas Keble**

Charlotte explained the new Head Teacher began at the beginning of the current school year and therefore is a lot of discussion around changing the school uniform. The sponsored walk was recently postponed until March due to the poor weather conditions. There was also a firework display recently at the school.

### **Stroud High School**

Esme is currently involved in a project that is trying to improve the awareness of fair trade within the school and sixth form.

### **Marling School**

Tom noted that they have elected three new members from Marling who will hopefully be on board as soon as possible. Steve asked for names and contact details to be sent urgently.

### **Archway**

Kieran gave an update; currently the Head Teacher and Governors are investing in the toilet facilities at the school. He also highlighted the new representatives to SDYC, who would hopefully attend the next meeting.

### **Rednock**

Kathryn reported that Rednock are planning to reform the reward system – many students feel there are a number of aspects that are unfair about the current system (you can earn points throughout the year and the winning house gets to go on a trip to Alton Towers). They are also trying to come up with a sustainability project, although this has yet to be decided.

### **Katharine Lady Berkeley**

Kirsty reported that there was a meeting a few weeks ago where Emily was elected as rep' to SDYC, however there have been no further meetings since in which to elect deputies.

### **Stroud Town**

Rob explained that whilst there were no moves as yet to recreate a Youth Forum for Stroud Town, it is featured in the SDC Youth Work Strategy.

### **Berkeley Youth Forum**

Roxy explained that youth forum members recently attended a team building event at Breakheart Quarry in Dursley to get to know people and build upon everyone's team working skills. There was also a meeting held the week before last; members are involved with supporting the work to create a skate park in Berkeley. They will elect additional reps' to SDYC soon.

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

Keelan highlighted that SA4Y have a stall at the Goodwill Fest in Stonehouse, where they hope to raise awareness of the forum's work. Millie added that recent attendance at the meetings has been poor although she hoped to encourage better attendance. Chelsea added that the plans for a new Youth Centre in Oldends Lane are currently being worked upon and decisions are being made with the architect, to the final design.

### **Wotton under Edge Youth Forum**

Ryan explained they had the new Youth Centre opening on Saturday morning which all the work from the past year has gone into; meeting with the architect every week, making decisions, designing and consultations, etc. He added that Cllr June Cordwell was also in attendance at the opening.

### **Maidenhill**

Millie reported that there hadn't been a student council meeting at Maidenhill for a while; although they are due to meet tomorrow. The building work is still ongoing.

## **Correspondence**

### ***Younger Driver Experiences***

Steve highlighted a new driving course that has been recently launched for 12 – 16 year olds to learn the skills and safety of driving – the course teaches basic manoeuvring skills including car control, road positioning, use of pedals and gears, driving co-ordination, car maintenance, road safety, etc. He added that the issues of driving on rural roads had become a concern, particularly in light of a recent fatal accident involving two teenagers between North Nibley and Tortworth. The National Federation of Young Farmers Club's had also recently launched a national campaign, with respect to the increase number of accidents on rural roads involving young people.

### ***Local Strategic Partnership***

It was noted that there is an up and coming meeting next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, although Kathryn and Kirsty were unlikely to be in attendance due to other commitments.

### ***Back to Work Tour 2012***

A reminder to the group: that on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012, Stroud District Council will be hosting a 'Back to Work' workshop in the Council Chamber from 2pm – 5pm, which will help people get their next job. If you are interested in attending, please visit [www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/hr/backtowork.asp](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/hr/backtowork.asp).

### ***SDYC Consent Forms***

Steve reminded members (that have not yet done so), to return their consent forms urgently as it is a required document. Members include; Kit, Ryan, Jess, Kieran, Odette and Lydia. Any new members also need to fill out the forms which are included within the welcome pack.

### **SDYC Member Training Winter/Spring 2013**

Kieran explained that the members training still needs to go ahead as it is important and vital to carrying out SDYC duties; originally this was meant to take place in October half term although unfortunately for a number of reasons this did not happen. Steve subsequently tried to organise a suitable date for a weekend before Christmas although this has also been unsuccessful. Following discussion, it is now hoped that arrangements can be made for February half term instead; between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, it is likely to be a 3 day event.

### **British Youth Council (BYC) Report**

Kathryn and Kirsty explained that they both attended (along with other SDYC members) the BYC annual meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September in Cardiff where a number of decisions were made including election of BYC Trustees, Chair and Vice Chairpersons. There is also an annual parliamentary reception on 17<sup>th</sup> December; however this clashes with the next SDYC meeting. On 9<sup>th</sup> February there is also another event for their Equality 4 You campaign. The UK Young Ambassadors are also recruiting; the BYC are looking to recruit a new UK Young Ambassador for Europe for January 2013 – June 2014.

### **Youth Cabinet Report**

Prior to Kathryn's report, Cllr June Cordwell explained that the adult Executive Policy holders are no longer known as Cabinet members, and as of May 2013 they are likely to be moving to a committee system where there could be as little as four committees in operation. Some discussion was held on how this could affect SDYC.

Kathryn highlighted she would like to arrange a Youth Cabinet meeting in the next couple of weeks to get all elected members together, to discuss the key issues and projects for the year ahead.

### **SDC Youth Work Strategy Update**

Steve reminded members that Stroud District Council now have a three year youth work strategy in place – the main thread running through it, is youth participation. The core of the strategy is to create 8 local youth forums across the district, which will be ongoing work. Currently, the adult council would like to know how progress is going with the

strategy and have requested a progress report for the Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Steve has prepared a formal report which will be presented on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013; it may be possible for SDYC members to attend and assist with co- presenting the report.

### **Dates for Project Teams**

Kieran went through the different project teams and those members who are part of them. An update is as follows;

#### **Eat Well, Waste Less (Intergenerational Project)**

Roxy Mould, Kieran Chadwick, Tom Meadley, Susannah Gooch, Chelsey Peck, Holly Abbott, Courtney Chapman and Robin Ellis-Cockcroft

#### **Health Focus Group**

Kate Jones, Millie Gardiner, Roxy Mould, Tom Meadley, Emily Osborne, Kirsty Driver and Robin Ellis-Cockcroft

#### **LSP Employment Working Group**

Millie Gardiner, Courtney Chapman, Roxy Mould, Robin Ellis Cockcroft, (plus Kathryn White & Kirsty Driver as LSP Reps)

#### **Youth Grant Funding Panel**

Kieran Chadwick, Kirsty Driver, Kathryn White, Kate Jones, Holly Abbott, Charlotte Bignall and Robin Ellis-Cockcroft

All project teams need to meet soon, Kieran and Steve gathered dates from members present of when they could meet over the next few months. A list of dates will be drafted and confirmed at the next meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

No other business.

### **Date of the next meeting**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 4:30pm, Museum in the Park, Stroud