



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 28th April 2014

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	A
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Kirsty Driver (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>) **	Ap
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Millie Jotham (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)*	P
Jai Aldridge (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Sahaya James (<i>Stroud College</i>)	Ap
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

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Lorena Davis (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
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
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Joss Beeley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Keller Philpot (<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

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, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
- Anna Bonallack, Director, Creative Sustainability CIC
- Emily Holder, Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (*Observer*)
- Missy Warren-Hartley, Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (*Observer*)
- Peter Bell, Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (*Observer*)
- Cllr June Cordwell, Stroud District Council

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and highlighted that three extra members of Stonehouse Action 4 Youth Forum were present at the meeting acting as observers and Anna Bonallack would be joining the meeting later to give a presentation on Creative Sustainability, My World Project. Apologies were received from Georgina, Kirsty, Toni, Sahaya, Mollie, Kyle, George, Jamie, Lee, Lucy, Sam and Joss. Members introduced themselves and stated where they represent and any additional role they have with SDYC.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting; Proposed by: James Lauchlan; Seconded by: Tom Schaffner

Matters Arising

a) Stroud Council Housing Bus Tour – Update

A few members recently went on the Bus Tour around the District with members of the Housing Forum and visited specific venues including a play area, an eco show home, a property with damp and mould, Lower Kingshill Management Cooperative and a graffiti project. A questionnaire was completed at the end of the tour – feedback was generally positive and members would recommend taking up future opportunities.

b) SDYC Facebook/Social Media – agree meeting date & note attendee’s

The Chair highlighted a recent discussion about SDYC’s Facebook page and how it was not up to date. The suggestion to hold a meeting was agreed - Tuesday 6th May was set and the following members wished to attend; Millie, Libby, Lily, James, Archie, Kyle, Jamie, Alex and possibly Sahaya.

c) Stroud Sub Rooms Arts Ambassador – discuss role & way forward (All)

The Chair explained the background to this item. Paul McLaughlin, the Stroud Sub Rooms General Manager would like a representative for young people. This would be a chance to discuss things the Sub Rooms could change or do from a young person’s point of view and would entail attending a meeting once or twice every one or two months. Steve would speak to Paul to clarify the role. Mollie, Holly, James, Tom and Lorena showed interest in being involved in this.

Correspondence

Change for Stroud District Council Elections from 2016

Members were informed that currently, a third of the 51 District Councilors who represent 30 District wards are elected each year for a four year term, with no scheduled district elections held in the fourth year. However from 2016, all Councilors would be up for election at the same time once every four years. Parish and Town councils will also move to the new timetable. This was predominantly agreed, in which to save the Council money.

Westonbirt Arboretum Youth Participation Project

Steve and fellow SDC colleagues recently met with staff from the Arboretum. Having received Heritage Lottery Funding, the Arboretum would like to do more work with young people. A pilot program is being offered to SDYC trial some activities at the Arboretum. There aren’t any set dates and they would like some feedback to further development. All members felt this would be a positive opportunity.

Retiring SDYC Members

Steve reported that George Eldridge (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum) and Lucy Curtis (Stonehouse Action for Youth) will be standing down from their representative roles with SDYC due to other commitments.

Princes Trust Music Course

Due to the success of the last program, the Prince’s Trust has decided to run another course in Cheltenham. This will give people the chance to work with professional musicians, visit a professional recording studio and meet a recording artist, produce a CD and music video, improve teamwork, communication skills and confidence, receive three months support after the program. There will be a Taster Day on 13th May in Cheltenham and the course itself will run from the 19th May until the 24th May 2014. It is entirely free and travel costs and lunch will be provided.

This course is available for people who are between the ages of 16-25 and who are currently not in employment, education or training.

G3 – Supported Housing for Homeless Young People in Gloucestershire

Steve circulated a document in relation to this. It gives advice and assistance around homelessness and they promote drop in sessions. They support 15-19 year olds who have no home. Steve added he could send out some more information in relation to their work going on in Stroud District.

Presentation on My World Project – Anna Bonallack from Creative Sustainability CIC

Anna introduced herself and spoke about the project 'My World'. It has now changed to 'Our World' and is youth led. She circulated the project details to the members. Having met with a few youth organizations in Stroud Town i.e. Open House Project and The Door Project, she explained about a publication written by young people for young people on how to live more sustainably. An exhibition of paintings entitled 'Paint Our Planet' will be auctioned to raise money. She also added they have a Facebook page and the next meeting is on Tuesday 13th May – members were welcome to attend this meeting at the Waldorf Centre in Stroud, opposite the Library. Travel support is available.

Anna also explained another project entitled 'Of Course We Can'; which gives opportunities for disabled children and young people in Gloucestershire to do things that everybody else is entitled to do, whilst also helping to break down the barrier between disabled and non disabled people. She circulated a document about the projects. Members could either volunteer or participate in this project. Costs vary depending on activities and donations can be made.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums – (All)

Berkeley Youth Forum

Nothing to update.

Marling

Nothing to update.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum

Contractors have started building work on the Youth Centre for Dursley.

Chalford Cubed

In Easter, there was an event with Neighbourhood Warden, Dominic Everiss and the Police about tackling anti-social behaviour. Unfortunately not as many people turned up as was hoped for. The youth forum have also spoken to some people who had tried to do Youth Projects a couple of years ago. This was interesting in finding out the problems they faced. The hoodies have been ordered and the World War 1 discussions are going to be in progress shortly.

Stroud High School

Rumors are that there will be no 'leaver's hoodies' this year which has had a negative reaction. There are also changes in Downfield Sixth Form in relation to uniform and dressing more smartly. This will be reviewed next year. There was also a fashion catwalk recently.

Archway

There is now International Ambassadors who represent the school and deal with visitors who are from overseas. Project Week which is at the end of the year is being scrapped due to the lack of money. There are currently French people visiting the school. The School Show took place recently.

Thomas Keble

There is going to be a meeting soon so there is not much to report.

Maidenhill

Nothing to report apart from a meeting that is coming up to discuss the trip to Parliament.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

Members attended the recent residential organized for local youth forums. The meeting beforehand had a discussion about this. Plans and arrangements have been made for the Youth Centre and Skate Park launch on Saturday 3rd May. Concern had been expressed that SA4Y profile for this event has been excluded – it was suggested members made their involvement known beforehand and having ensure they continued to have a voice. There was also a visit from the Mayor to talk about vandalism - this received positive feedback.

Katharine Lady Berkeley

New flooring has been put down at Katharine Lady Berkeley.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

Three members of the Youth Forum attended the residential event. This was learning about the way the Youth Forums work and learning and applying different techniques. This received positive feedback.

British Youth Council Report – (Lily/Charlotte)

BYC Board of Trustees Report

The League of Young Voters was again discussed and it was felt this was a task for the Local Democracy Focus Group to consider. The Youth Leadership Development Residential Weekend took place on 11th-13th April with 400 young people attending. It was agreed this was a good chance to learn new skills and make new friends. The new Youth Select Committee has met for their induction at the Houses of Parliament and will be looking at how to implement Votes at 16. Chris Neal, BYC trustee and a representative to the European Youth Forum gave evidence to the House of Lords Committee on the European Union. This has now been published as part of the Committees Official Report. This was evidence on behalf of the BYC about access to opportunities for education and employment offered by the European Union. BYC Co-hosted an event as part of the recent visit of Michael D Higgins, President of Ireland.

BYC's Annual Council Meeting – Saturday 6th September

There are four places provisionally booked for SDYC members - the event is in Sheffield. Steve highlighted that this meeting sets the priorities for the BYC for the year ahead.

Become a BYC Trustee

BYC are looking for people aged 16-25 who are motivated by a belief in the work of BYC to achieve our vision of a world where all young people are respected and able to influence and inform decisions that affect their lives or on which they have strong opinions. The deadline for applications is **Friday 16th May 2014 at 11:59pm**.

For further information please contact them at search.group@byc.org.uk.

Positive Stories

This is where youth representatives share their stories of the positive activities they have been engaging in each month. There was a suggestion to add the link to the SDYC website and on any Social Media page. Steve also suggested having an input into these stories and writing articles. Members were reminded that Gloucestershire Media Editor also showed interest in the SDYC having a regular article in the Stroud Life.

The Journeys of Young People Who Run Away: Worker Survey

The Railway Children are carrying out research on the journey young people take when they run away from home or care, to understand patterns of behaviour better and increase young people's chances of finding a safe place instead of an unsafe one. They have created a short Safe Places Survey: www.survey.monkey.com/s/LYYLW8C

BYC European Youth Representatives to attend European Youth Forum Members meeting

BYC representatives Chris Neal and Nikita Harkin will be attending the Council of Members/Extraordinary General Assembly in Brussels where the following discussions will be had about:

- What youth want by 2030
- The future of youth work in the EU
- Whether there should be a permanent UN youth forum
- Language challenges for EU youth

SDYC Focus Group and Project Team Reports

a) *Employment and Training Focus Group- survey end date & response statistics (Emily)*

All hard copy survey responses will get put into the system and there is a meeting on 7th May.

b) *Health Focus Group – report from meeting on 23rd April (enclosed/attached) (Lily)*

Officers from Healthwatch Gloucestershire attended the meeting to talk about exploring issues affecting young people particularly the Focus Groups Priorities sexual health and mental wellbeing. She also explained there will be a Healthwatch Online Database which will be launched enabling users to search for services by location. An action from this meeting was to promote the website at the next full council meeting and for Healthwatch to try and work with schools to promote their work wider. Barbara Piranty, Chief Exec of H'Watch also circulated a draft promotional leaflet aimed at young people - members thought it was quite patronising and agreed to share better examples. It was also stated that there were two adult Champions for Healthwatch and they would also like a young person representative – it was suggested that one should be a School/College rep' and one should be a Youth Forum rep'. This will be discussed at the next Health Focus Group meeting and also get more information from Healthwatch. The Focus Group will also explore the questions on the Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey and report back to Barbara. Stroud District Council's Health and Wellbeing Co-coordinator Hannah Gorf also attended the meeting. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 21st May at Ebley Mill, 4pm.

c) *Positive Ticket Project Team – to note next meeting on 29th April*

Due to few people being able to attend, this meeting will be postponed.

d) *Local Democracy Focus Group – to agree date of next meeting*

It was agreed to provisionally book the 27th May – confirmation would follow in due course.

Any Other Business

Discussions were had about the location of the new Youth Centre in Stonehouse and the dangers of people crossing the road. Steve suggested the Stonehouse Action 4 Youth picked this up and spoke to Gloucestershire Road Safety.

Alex suggested having something on 'Linkedin' as well in relation to SDYC. Steve suggested taking this to the Social Media meeting. It was also asked about using local radio and Steve reported there may be an opportunity to go on Stroud FM to have discussions or to promote something. Steve will provide more information in due course.

Steve explained that he and Jess Jenkins (YCS Youth Worker) had wondered if members were interested in doing a photographic project to promote themes or projects around the district. This may result in a chance of arranging a gallery to present these photos – initial responses were very positive and members wished to discuss this at the next meeting.

Steve also reported that SDC Community Safety Service had produced SDYC Membership badges. There is a badge for a 1 year serving or a badge for 3 year serving on the SDYC. It is important schools are notified if they are to be worn on school uniform. These will be presented in due course.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 19th May 2014, 4:30pm, Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross.