



## NOTES OF A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

**Date : Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Council Offices, Ebley Mill**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

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

#### **Others Present**

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council  
 Simon Gillings, Director, Youth and Community Services Ltd  
 Adam (?), youth work apprentice, Youth and Community Services Ltd

#### **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>Maidenhill</i> )	A

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

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

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

### **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Simon Gillings, Director, Youth and Community Services Ltd and his apprentice, Adam as well as new members. Apologies were received from Esme Freedman (Stroud High School) and Charlotte Bignall (Thomas Keble), as well as Cllr Geoff Wheeler (Leader of SDC) and Cllr June Cordwell (Executive Policy Lead for Community Services for SDC).

### **Minutes of Last Meeting (post Annual Review business) – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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

### **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

### **SDYC Corporate Budget Consultation Event – Members feedback**

Members felt the event overall, was very good and well organised. Whilst there was much discussion on unemployment, work experience and apprenticeships, some noted the questions that were asked by adult facilitators were very similar on each workshop discussion, leading to similar conversations to previous conversations. The finance/budget workshop was good, but not enough time for extended discussion. Members added that the National Careers Service (who attended as observers), often didn't agree with the opinions of young people, which caused some controversy within the groups.

Jackie Godwin (SDC Policy Officer) conveyed her thanks to everyone who attended last week, both herself, Petula Davies (SDC Policy Officer) and Steve were grateful for the time and support given. They hope to keep the momentum going in the future. A draft report will be produced and circulated shortly but in the meantime members were asked to complete the evaluation feedback form which was circulated and emailed.

### **Members Autumn Training Event – to note postponement & future plan**

Unfortunately the dates did not suit the majority of members and therefore numbers were low. A decision was made to postpone the training until a later date – it was hoped this would occur before Christmas.

### **Correspondence**

#### ***NHS Gloucestershire***

They are currently undertaking consultation around the county on their Health & Wellbeing Strategy and have invited SDYC to attend one of their meetings to hear what they have to say. They will be running a number of focus groups around the county and would be delighted if SDYC could give us some feedback. Interactive exercises will also be used during the focus groups. It was agreed this would be passed to the SDYC Health Focus Group.

#### ***Amnesty International Young Human Rights Reporter Competition***

An email received from Frida Agren, Press Office Volunteer for Amnesty regarding their annual competition that aims to inspire young people to become human rights reporters, to investigate what's going on in the world and bring human right abuses to light. Last year pupils in over 130 schools across the UK entered the Journalism category, writing compelling new stories on human rights issues. This year Amnesty has launched a new Photojournalism category and is looking for powerful photos on a human rights theme. The competition is open to students in the UK aged 7 to 18. To find out further information go to [www.amnesty.org.uk/youngreporter](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/youngreporter)

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

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) . Members felt the start time was too early for most young people in education, to attend.

### **SDYC Constitution Amendments**

On behalf of the 2011/12 Youth Cabinet, Kathryn White, 2011/12 Deputy Cabinet Leader proposed that a number of amendments should be made to the SDYC Constitution. They are, as follows;

“The 2011/12 Youth Cabinet proposes that the SDYC Constitution, Part 3, Item 9 Composition, is amended to read (actual changes highlighted in red);

**‘The Youth Council will comprise of two voting and two deputy representatives from each secondary school and college of further education in the Stroud district, as well as two voting and two deputy representatives from each local youth forum under the remit of, or with the support of **Stroud District Council**’.**

And in addition, Part 3, Item 10 Eligibility, is amended to read (actual changes highlighted in red);

**‘Youth Councillors may be any age between 11 and 18 years when elected. However 19 year olds can stand for election if no 11-18 year olds wish to stand at the time of election; however, their term in office is limited to one year (and) ....Be members of any of the following local youth forums under the remit, or with the support, of **Stroud District Council**.’**

**Furthermore, in noting the closure of Vale of Berkeley College in September 2011, the text ‘**Vale of Berkeley College**’ is removed from the Constitution”**

This motion was seconded by Kieran Chadwick, 2011/12 Youth Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture.

#### **SDYC Logo Change**

On behalf of the 2011/12 Youth Cabinet, Millie Gardiner, 2011/12 Youth Cabinet Member for Housing proposed that an amendment should be made to the SDYC Logo, as follows;

From;



To;



This motion was seconded by Kirsty Driver, 2011/12 Voting Member for Berkeley.

#### **Youth Cabinet Portfolios – to note changes by 2011/12 Youth Cabinet;**

Portfolio Positions for 2012/13 will be; Leader, Housing, Health and Wellbeing, Sustainable Development, Employment and Training, Community Cohesion and Environment.

#### **Chairpersons Report for 2011/12 Year – Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, Chairperson for 2011/12**

Robin gave his chair report for 2011-12; the full report will be noted in the bi-annual review although the main points of the report included a re-cap of the year’s events including members training and the SDC Corporate Consultation. He also highlighted the development of local youth forums and the SDC youth work strategy as key pieces of work involving members. He noted that the youth grant funding panel have also managed to assign nearly £30,000 to youth work projects across the district. He added that projects such as the, Eat Well Waste Less, have continued with their progress whilst not necessarily complete. Robin’s highlight of the year came from his personal experience of running a meeting in The House of Commons, London involving members of the Employment Working Group (sub group of Stroud District’s Local Strategic Partnership) and the respective Stroud and Cotswold MP’s.

Steve asked members to note the commitment, dedication and leadership that Robin has shown to SDYC over the last 2-3 years. He also highlighted the gratitude Robin was due from everyone for the work and effort made in getting young peoples voice heard at many other meetings and input into projects, particularly with the evolving

changes to youth work. On behalf of SDYC a big 'thank you' was given to Robin.

### **Election and Voting Procedure**

Steve explained how the Election and Voting Procedure works and highlighted the voting slips provided for each voting member present at the AGM. He reminded members that due to receiving pre-nominations and respective manifesto's being submitted, (in line with the constitution) additional nominations for the position of Chair, Vice Chair and Leader would not be taken. The remaining positions were highlighted on the agenda. Steve explained that voting slips would be collected and counted by him and Simon Gillings, acting as tellers.

Robin highlighted that the position of Deputy Leader will be elected at the next Youth Cabinet meeting from within the Youth Cabinet. If positions are not filled at the meeting today they will be put onto the agenda for the next youth council meeting.

### **Election of Chairperson**

The following member was pre-nominated;

*Kieran Chadwick, member for Archway School*

Proposed by: *Kirsty Driver*

Seconded by: *Kathryn White*

Kieran read out his manifesto and Kirsty gives her reasons as to why she was proposing Kieran to be elected as Chairperson. Kathryn gave her reasons as to why she seconded this proposal.

In a unanimous vote, Kieran was elected as Chairperson for 2012/13.

### **Election of Vice Chairperson**

The following member was pre-nominated:

*Kirsty Driver, member for Katharine Lady Berkeley School*

Proposed by: *Kieran Chadwick*

Seconded by: *Kathryn White*

Kirsty read out her manifesto and Kieran gave reasons as to why he was proposing Kirsty to be elected as Vice Chairperson. Kathryn gave her reasons as to why she seconded this proposal.

In a unanimous vote, Kirsty was elected as Vice Chairperson for 2012/13.

### **Election of Youth Cabinet**

#### **Nomination for Leader:**

The following member was pre-nominated:

*Kathryn White, member for Rednock School*

Proposed by: *Kirsty Driver*

Seconded by: *Millie Gardiner*

Kathryn read out her manifesto and Kirsty gave her reasons as to why she was proposing Kathryn to be elected as the Leader of the Youth Cabinet. Millie gave her reasons as to why she seconded this proposal.

In a unanimous vote, Kathryn was elected as the Leader of the Youth Cabinet.

#### **Nomination for Housing Portfolio:**

No nominations were received for the Housing Portfolio. To be nominated at the next meeting.

**Nomination for Health and Wellbeing Portfolio:**

The following member was nominated: *Emily Osborne, member for Katharine Lady Berkeley School*

Proposed by: *Kirsty Driver*  
Seconded by: *Kathryn White*

The following member was nominated: *Kate Jones, member for Bussage and Chalford*

Proposed by: *Millie Gardiner*  
Seconded by: *Robin Ellis-Cockcroft*

Emily and Kate both addressed the meeting separately and explained why they would like to be elected for this position. Kirsty and Kathryn and Millie and Robin also explained why they have proposed and seconded the above members.

Following a balloted vote, *Kate Jones was elected as Youth Cabinet member for the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio.*

**Nomination for Sustainable Development Portfolio:**

*No nominations were received for the Sustainable Development Portfolio. To be nominated at the next meeting.*

**Nomination for Environment Portfolio:**

The following member was nominated: *Tom Meadley, member for Marling School*

Proposed by: *Millie Gardiner*  
Seconded by: *Kieran Chadwick*

Tom addressed the meeting and explained why he would like to be elected for this position. Millie and Kieran explained why they have proposed and seconded the above member.

In a unanimous vote, Tom was elected as Youth Cabinet member for the Environment Portfolio.

**Nomination for Community Cohesion Portfolio:**

The following member was nominated: *Roxy Mould, member for Berkeley Youth Forum*

Proposed by: *Millie Gardiner*  
Seconded by: *Courtney Chapman*

Roxy addressed the meeting and explained why she would like to be elected for this position. Millie and Courtney explained why they have proposed and seconded the above member.

In a unanimous vote, Roxy was elected as Youth Cabinet member for the Community Cohesion Portfolio.

**Nomination for Employment and Training Portfolio:**

The following member was nominated: *Millie Gardiner, member for Maidenhill School*

Proposed by: *Roxy Mould*  
Seconded by: *Courtney Chapman*

The following member was nominated: *Susannah Gooch, member for Stroud High School*

Proposed by: *Kathryn White*

Seconded by: *Kirsty Driver*

Millie and Susannah both addressed the meeting separately and explained why they would like to be elected for this position. Roxy & Courtney and Kathryn & Kirsty explained why they proposed and seconded the above members.

In a unanimous vote, Millie Gardiner was elected as Youth Cabinet member for Employment and Training Portfolio.

### **Election of Co-options**

Up to 5 nominations can be taken now or at any time during the year for co-options; these can be individuals outside of the school/college/youth forum electorate who have a special skill or knowledge in a specific area that SDYC feel would be a positive benefit to membership. Young Carers was suggested and it was agreed to offer them a Co-option role for 2012/13. Steve would contact them ASAP.

### **Ex-Officio members for 2012/13**

To be carried over to the next meeting.

### **Key Issues/Projects for 2012/12**

#### **Eat Well, Waste Less**

Kieran explained the work of this project. The following members were nominated for this project team; Roxy, Kieran, Tom, Susannah, Courtney, Chelsea, Holly and Robin.

#### **Health Focus Group**

Kate explained the work of the Health Focus Group and how members can make a difference; there is a mass amount of work that will be developed over the next year. The following members were nominated for this project team; Kate, Millie, Roxy, Tom, Emily, Kirsty and Robin.

#### **LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) Employment Working Group**

Robin explained how the LSP operates and what type of work they get involved in. Last year there was a substantial amount of work done around the employment issues with young people in the district and this was taken to London and presented to the MP's – this has resulted in an increase in careers days, information fairs, etc. Robin and Millie are going to be involved within this group, supported by Courtney and Roxy.

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

This Panel was already set up in June of this year and act as the decision makers on the youth grant funding programme entitled Stroud Youth Development Fund and Stroud Youth Activity Fund. The following members form this group; Kieran, Kirsty, Kate, Kathryn, Holly, Charlotte and Robin.

### **Project Team Members for 2012/13**

To be carried over to the next meeting.

### **Calendar Dates for 2012/13**

All members were handed the Calendar Dates for the year ahead.

### **Any Other Business**

There was no further business.

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

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 4.30pm, Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross