



Draft NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

Date : Monday 7th September 2015

Time : 16:30

Venue: Restaurant, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Libby Powell (L) (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (ET) (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Lily Clarke (H) (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Ollie Catchpole* (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Ella Turney (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Archie Holley (E) (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
George Gooch (D) (LD) (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
James Pain (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Charlotte Bignell** (<i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i>)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
James Preece (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Ceren Tüzün (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
James Lauchlan (HWB) (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Zara Morgan-Glass (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	A
Tom Brady (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Sophie Wilkins, (<i>Nailsworth & Minch Youth Forum</i>)	Ap

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Kyle Roberts (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Sabita Burke (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Gemma Goodship (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Tom Rowland (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
Lily Bryant (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	A
Tiarna Crowther (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Ollie King (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Precious Kennedy-Haulton (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Richard Harper (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Jesse Winter (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap

EX-OFFICIO

Kate Jones	A
Kirsty Driver	A
Millie Jotham	A
Sahaya James	A

CO-OPTIONS

Alex Lin-Vines	P
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**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair (L) = Leader (D) = Deputy Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given**

Principal Members: (ET) = Employment & Training, (H) = Housing, (E) = Environment, (LD) = Local Democracy, (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer (Hear by Right), Stroud District Council
 Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Martin Surl, Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner

Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Martin Surl the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner. Apologies for absence were noted and are listed on the membership register above.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – Monday 20th July 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: Libby; Seconded by: James L*

Matters Arising

a) UKYP Make Your Mark Campaign and Champions – SDYC Support (All)

As a follow up to presentation by Alysha Bodman (MYP for Cotswold & Stroud) at previous meeting, members were encouraged to support the Make Your Mark (MYM) campaign and become MYM Champions – those interested should let Steve know.

b) NHS CCG Youth Engagement Event – Review/Feedback (All)

SDYC were well represented at the event, which gave the chance to young people from across the county to discuss health and wellbeing and mental health issues and the services delivered. This consultation would influence the five year CCG Transformation Plan. Feedback on the information collated is expected in the autumn.

c) Arch to Uni Scheme – Update (Ollie C)

Ollie C is meeting with SDC Policy Officers in a few weeks to discuss this scheme.

Correspondence

GCSE and A Level Reform - Consultation Response

Alysha Bodman (MYP Cotswold and Stroud) has had some input into current work on GCSE and A Level Reform being undertaken by Central Government. An information document will be sent to member to comment on. It was agreed Alysha would be invited to a future SDYC Main meeting before the UKYP Sitting in the Houses of Parliament takes place to explain more about the reforms and her work on this subject.

Policing and Youth Radicalisation (Prevent) – Martin Surl, Police and Crime Commissioner

Policing in Gloucestershire

Martin Surl thanked members for inviting him to the meeting and gave an overview of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) role. He explained that the Police were previously overseen by the government through local Police Authorities – however this changed following the 2010 General Election, to the current position whereby a single person role was introduced and became a public elected position. The PCC can not tell the Chief Constable to arrest people etc but he can hold them to account over what they have done. The PCC has to write the Policing Plan which includes the Policing Priorities – in Gloucestershire, they are: *Accessibility and Accountability; Older but not Overlooked; Young People becoming Adults; Safe and Social Driving; Safer Days and Nights; and Safer Cyber*. Martin also highlighted that Gloucestershire Police will have another £20 million cut from its budget over the next few years, meaning there will be less Police Officers and PCSO's in four years time as staff are the biggest revenue cost.

A Police open day on Saturday 12th September between 10am-2pm, SDYC are more than welcome to attend.

Youth Radicalisation & Prevent

Martin explained that from 2007 to 2012 he worked in London where the Prevent Strategy was written - there are four elements: *Pursue; Protect; Prepare; and Prevent*. There is a lot of debate on how you can actually prevent terrorist attacks. The Prevent strategy is not just for Police it is for the Local Government as well, Gloucestershire is very low for radicalisation, but it is very much asking the community to look out for people who they think may have been radicalised. The biggest source of information is through electronics and smart phone applications.

Members put a high number of questions to Martin with regards to policing and radicalisation including how young people's voice was heard in relation to policing matters. Members were encouraged by the offer from Martin to continue a dialogue between SDYC and him on a range of subjects and he would welcome any ideas to make communities a better place to live.

It was agreed that some detailed questions would be submitted in writing to Martin after the meeting.

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

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum – Radio project equipment has been purchased and it should be up and running shortly. Members will be ‘speed gunning’ with the Police again soon. Party After Dark will be happening on the 24th October, license permission has been granted, flyers are being made, live bands lined up and tickets are being printed.

Marling – The building work will be finished in two weeks.

Stroud High – Doing interviews for the social committee. This year will be the last year Stroud High only takes 120 girls, next year they will be increasing the amount of girls taken in.

Maidenhill – The grades on average have increased for the 7th year running.

Stroud Town Youth Forum – Members did some publicity for the Fringe Festival, they will be now meeting fortnightly on a Wednesday.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – Members have met the new youth worker who replaces Becky (who has gone on maturity leave).

SDYC Leadership Team Report – Wednesday 2nd September meeting – (presented by Libby Powell)

Constitution Review: Year End Date

Proposal – ‘The SDYC year should run from April to March and that election of representatives to SDYC (from schools, colleges and local youth forum groups) should take place during January and February each year’.

The current system of Electorate Groups will in principal, remain the same for the respective member bodies (schools, colleges and local youth forum groups). However, the start and finish dates will change, as follows;

- Electorate Group 1 (EG1) – Elections will take place in January/February 2016 for representatives to serve from April 2016 to March 2018 with future elections biennially thereafter.
- Electorate Group 2 (EG2) – Elections will take place in January/February 2017 for representatives to serve from April 2017 to March 2019 with future elections held biennially thereafter.

Proposed by: Libby Powell; Seconded by: Lily Clarke

Decision - This was unanimously agreed, by those voting members present. It will be presented at the AGM for endorsement.

It was subsequently noted if the above decision was endorsed at the AGM, the process for officer elections (including that of principal members) would need to be adjusted accordingly.

Constitution Review: Frequency of Main Meetings

Proposal – ‘The SDYC Main Meetings should take place (on average) every four weeks / approx 11 meetings a year’.

There were two initial options considered by the Leadership Team, however only one was viable and favoured unanimously by the team.

Proposed by: Libby Powell; Seconded by: Lily Clarke

Decision - This was unanimously agreed, by those voting members present. This will take effect from November 2015 but will be noted at the AGM.

Member Involvement

The Leadership Team had discussed the matter of member involvement at main meetings and will consider this matter at future team meetings.

British Youth Council Report inc Annual Council Meeting Report (presented by Charlotte and Lily)

Charlotte, Lily, Libby and Ollie C, attended the BYC ACM recently. Policy issues and motions were debated and decisions were made on the following;

- Protect the rights of girls and young women internationally proposed by Girl Guiding - Passed.
- The second was for voting rights for 16 and 17 years olds in the EU referendum - Passed.
- The third outlaw conversion reparative therapy for gender and sexuality throughout the UK - Passed.
- Teach first aid in primary and secondary schools - Passed
- Youth Services National Union of Students - Passed
- Reinstate University Maintenance Grants - Passed
- Mental health Awareness - Passed
- Amendments to the Existing Policy, Girl Guiding - Passed
- Recognition of non-formal education awards by the HE and FE institutions - Passed
- The importance of engaging young people in devolved politics – Passed

The following were not debated due to time restrictions but will be considered by the Trustee Board.

- Introduction of Audio-visual information systems to all local bus services throughout the UK.
- To ensure that agricultural and countryside career options are presented within school careers guidance information.
- To raise awareness of workplace safety in particular in the farming and agriculture industry.

The above policy motions and decisions, including how SDYC reps' voted will be detailed on the SDYC Website.

Reports from Focus Groups

a) Local Democracy:

The last scheduled meeting was postponed and will now take place on 15th September.

b) Employment and Training:

Fiona Hammond, SDC Learning and Development Officer, attended to discuss and present on the history and development of work experience in SDC and the Work Experience Charter.

Two main strands for the standard – measuring outcomes based upon the above elements from a business perspective and measuring those outcomes from a school/college perspective.

Now looking at a third strand focusing on the third sector, voluntary or transitional organisations.

c) Health:

Next meeting scheduled for 8th September.

Reports from SDC Committee Meetings

Community Services and Licensing Committee (3rd September):

SDYC were in attendance to observe the meeting. Reference was made to the progress of work being undertaken by the Youth Services Task and Finish Group and a refresh of the current youth work strategy would be in place for 2016-17. A new strategy will feature for April 2017 onwards. Other matters covered included, a presentation by Martin Surl the Police and Crime Commissioner, and the committee member representation on external bodies. □

SDYC Calendar Dates 2015/16 – draft document

Copies of the draft document were circulated. There are twelve dates based on the proposed new meeting frequency of every 4 weeks. Venues were yet to be confirmed.

Any Other Business

Local Strategic Partnership meeting will be held on Friday 11th September 2015 – SDYC reps invited to attend.

Apologies were conveyed to the Neighbourhood Wardens for this meeting over running.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 28th September 2015 (Annual Review)