



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

Date : Monday 16th March 2015

Time : 16:30

Venue: Wycliffe College, Stonehouse

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Libby Powell (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Ollie Catchpole (<i>Archway School</i>)	AP
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	AP
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	A
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
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>)	AP
James Lauchlan (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Zara Morgan-Glass (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	AP
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>)	AP
Sabita Burke (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	AP
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	AP
Gemma Goodship (<i>Archway School</i>)	AP
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Tom Rowland (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	AP
Lily Bryant (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Tiarna Crowther (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Oli King (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	A

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 P = present A = absent Ap = apology given**

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer (Hear by Right), Stroud District Council
 Jess Jenkins, Youth Support Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services

Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Wycliffe College being generous hosts. Apologies were received from Ollie Catchpole, Emily Osborne, Ceren Tüzün, Sophie Wilkins, Zara Morgan-Glass, Kyle Roberts, Sabita Burke, Gemma Goodship and Tom Rowland.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Charlotte presented the minutes of the previous meeting; there was one small typing error, on 'Sophie Wilkins Nailsworth and Minch Youth Forum' not being in brackets or italics. With the aforementioned changes, minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed by: Tom Schaffner; Seconded by: Lily Clarke.

Matters Arising

- a) Marling and Stroud High are increasing their number of students, potentially meaning there will be less students attending other schools who consequently may lose funding. This was felt to be unfair on students in other schools. It was understood that Marling and Stroud High cannot afford to teach the number of students they have with the funding they get per pupil, as schools are more efficient with more students; so they either need more funding or more students. It was thought that schools in South Gloucestershire are in one of the top worse funded areas for schools in the UK.

Correspondence

Sam Barnes Resignation

Sam Barnes deputy rep' for Katharine Lady Berkeley School has resigned. Whilst we've not seen Georgina Burt for a good number of months, it has been reported that elections have been held by the school and some new representatives will be joining the group alongside Emily Osborne.

Westonburt Arboretum Smart App'

Testing a smart phone app': In response to the general agreement that the youth council would be happy to help the Arboretum test the app, they are now looking to involve the youth council during the Easter holidays, or maybe the week after. They are looking at dates during April for young people to come together and do some testing with the app developers. Testing will involve the developers downloading the app onto respective users' devices - devices will be provided for users who do not wish to use their own. Alex, Tom S, James P, James L and Lily expressed interest in being involved.

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

Marling

George and Archie reported that they are meeting with the new Lead Tutor for student participation, to discuss electing two new SDYC deputy representatives which should happen by Easter.

Stroud High

A number of students stood in the recent UK Youth Parliament elections and Alysha Bodwin was elected as the Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud and Cotswolds.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

James reported that SA4Y were planning to do a coffee afternoon in Stonehouse. There will be various free things from Costa and will take place on Saturday 21 March in Stonehouse Community Centre. The main objective of this event is to build a relationship with the elderly people so as they understand what SA4Y is about. He also noted that recruitment of new members was a priority.

Maidenhill

Some Japanese overseas students have visited the school; 37 in total, 34 girls and 3 boys. They came into lessons and had a tour around the school. Some students took part in cake sales and a sponsored silence for red nose day. There

was no non-school uniform day, but other activities raised money.

Berkeley Vale Youth Forum

We have been informed that the new bus shelters have been confirmed and we are waiting for them to be installed. The youth forum is going to be working with the PCSO's to discuss an area in Berkeley to lower the speed limit. We are working with the neighborhood wardens to do something about drugs, and the 'gig' is still to be set.

Thomas Keble

It was reported that whilst there hasn't been any school council meetings, reps' were presented with the results from the student survey on homework and the results of the teacher survey. One big issue featured was more independent learning tasks rather than normal homework's. Feedback from the survey shows that more teachers should follow the timetable accurately; we are hoping the more independent leaning tasks will help this. From red nose day we had a bake off, there was also a teachers versus student's netball match which the teachers won. There will be a sponsored martial arts fight in the sports hall against two students to raise money.

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum

We met with Hazel, PCSO and Emma, PC for Chalford in relation to speed-gunning, which will now take place after Easter; a better location than previous id required with 100m straight road with no bends and perfect visibility without anything that may distract drivers. A meeting at Thomas Keble with local councilors and others is looking less likely; the date they have given us is the 7th May, (General Election Day). We are designing a forum logo with Emma Grove Designs. We are also looking at doing another Drugs with Dom type event focusing on anti social behavior. Research is still on going, looking at twinning with France, an email has been sent to the Mayor of the twin town/village in France. We are also looking at continuing our work with the management committee; we have another meeting with them on 1st April. We have been working on our fair, which will be called 'party in the park'. We will be contacting local charities and inviting them to come along.

Nailsworth & Minch' Youth Forum

We are having an event on 7th April called Easter Horses Play, in the 'horses field' at the top of Forest Green, to consult with local young people about the changes they think should be made to the field because they are the people that use it mostly. There is some money to make changes; there will be circus activities and refreshments. We are also looking at building a relationship with Forest Green Rovers, which will hopefully be useful.

Stroud Town Youth Forum

A few weekends ago we hosted an event called 'Why Bother?' in Stroud. It was widely publicized and there were talks in Archway about attending but we had a lower than expected attendance. A drama group performed a piece about issues that affect young people, followed by a group discussion. Forum group meetings are every Tuesday in the Sub Rooms.

Election of Vice Chair – Nomination Deadline – Monday 9th March 2015

No nominations have been received; therefore the election will be opened again. Nomination forms will be sent out to all voting members again. Steve highlighted the election process for the benefit of new members, as follows: all nominee's require someone else to propose and second them as a nomination; all voting members have the opportunity to propose or second a nomination; voting members can stand as a vice chair, providing there not already elected as the chair or principle member; nominee's should submit their name, their nominators names, and manifesto statement saying why they are standing as vice chair, what you want to achieve and why you are suitable to be the role. This should be submitted by the stated deadline.

Elections will take place at the next meeting on 20th April, everyone will see who has been nominated and what the manifesto statement(s) will be.

Report from Project Teams and Focus Groups

Local Democracy Focus Group meetings on 25 February / 2nd March / 13th March 2015, presented by George Gooch, Tom Schaffner and Holly Abbott.

Members of the Focus Group have held respective meetings with representatives of the Green Party group, Labour Party group and the Liberal Democrats; Representatives from the Conservative Party group were unable to attend. Among the issues discussed was the potential of holding a 'question time' style event for young people. Whilst it was noted that there are quite a lot of events of this nature leading up to the general and local elections, it was felt by all party group representatives that this would be unique and worthwhile. During discussions it was noted that a venue for an event may prove difficult. The publicity for such an event would also be important.

Decision: *Whilst members agreed that an event should be coordinated, a date was not set due to the aforementioned practical issues needing to be resolved first.*

The Focus Group has met with SDC Elections Officer (Olivia Maybank) to discuss Voter Registration. Members were updated on changes to the process of registration. The opportunity to promote the new system was shared and in the short term it was felt this could be encouraged amongst all SDYC members. The focus group also discussed the potential of signing up as an Electoral Commission Partner which could lead to further resources being made available.

Decision: *members agreed to note the discussions and resources available with further consideration by the focus group to emerge.*

The Focus Group has met with Baroness Royall of Blaisdon and David Drew. Open discussions took place on a wide range of issues and functions of SDYC. She suggested that the group looked at a publication called 'Wasted' by Camden Council.

Decision: *It was noted that a copy of the publication would be obtained.*

Baroness Royall was felt to be very encouraged by the work of SDYC, particularly on consulting young people on the lowering the voting age to 16 and that of political education in a wider context. She highlighted the Safe Haven initiative which followed the death of Jimmy Mizen in Lewisham.

Decision: *Members noted the commitment of Baroness Royall to being officially 'adopted' by SDYC through the Adopt a Lord programme led by the British Youth Council. Members agreed this should now be formalized.*

Report proposed by; George Gooch; seconded by: Libby Powell.

Perspectives Photography Project Team meeting, 19th February 2015, presented by James Lauchlan (update only)

The last photography meeting was only 2 people as Holly and Kyle attended Simons meeting. We discussed what needed to be done next, and there was a face book meeting to figure out what the next step in the photography project plans was. We decided that we need to rethink how much we are going to try to accomplish in this short amount of time we have.

Health Focus Group, 3rd March 2015, presented by James Lauchlan (update only)

We were asked to provide information about the Chlamydia screenings and discuss packages and whether it should be colored and how it's obvious. They are really bright purple and shiny. We need to look at Sexual Relationship educations and make testing more normalized so people can see it as a normal thing to do. Rather than having drop off points in public areas such as reception that they should actually be in toilets, like at Stroud hospital so as people can do a test then drop them off, so as people would not have to be seen carrying them if they do not want to.

The PowerPoint slide for doctor's surgeries which was talked about last meeting, we will ask Alex to redesign what we have already or re look at it. Some doctors do not have a large screen, so a leaflet should be printed off for places that cannot use the PowerPoint slide and people who do not have that facility. There is a Sexual Health Training with Simon on the 24th March. It is urgent that we work with Facts4Life as soon as possible.

Oli Catchpole, Holly Abbott, George Gooch, Isabelle Llewellyn, Tom Brady, Gemma Goodship, Nyima Trawally and Tiarna Crowther all put their names down to be part of the Health Group.

Any Other Business

Train Station Project – An issue raised by Stonehouse Action 4 Youth through the developing relationship between Wycliffe College young people and the young people in Stonehouse, related to the local train station. A joint project

may emerge to 'do up' Stonehouse train station. It was noted this would link to the project regarding Stroud train station. This would develop in the near future.

Buses - An issue with the busses was raised regarding the Archway service. All the busses stop by Marling and High School but seem to exclude Archway in a morning. More information was required on this issue for it to be fully understood.

A list of all the surgeries in the district - Members were asked to visit their local doctors surgery to find out whether each local surgery was stating via a sign etc, whether they were a 'welcoming and young person friendly' surgery.

Youth Grant Funding Panel - The youth grant funding panel will need to meet in the not too distant future to assess the round three applications in early April. It is a panel that assesses grant funding applications, for a large amount of money which we manage. And the grant funding is a pot of money around £50,000 which we are given by the county council in which to support local youth projects and organizations, they apply to this grant fund for various bits of money for their projects.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum Self Harm campaign - Since launching their self harm campaign five weeks ago at Rednock School, they have attracted interest from the media and BBC Radio Gloucestershire are looking to come and do a piece with them and to broadcast on it.

Fixers – At the next meeting we will be welcoming someone from Fixers, a media based charity organization that do projects with young people around making changes influencing adult decision making and supporting the kind of work we do through the medium of media. They will come and do a presentation and discuss how they could work with Stroud District Youth Council in the future. This will take place at the Sub Rooms in Stroud.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 20th April 2015