



## NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

**Date : Monday 16 December 2019**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Stroud Fire Station**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Catherine James-Hodges (Archway School)	P
Helen March** (Archway School)	P
Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Claire Gee (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Shannon Griffin (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Annabel Broderson (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	AP
Miki Bailey (AB) (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Ben Stone (HWB) (Marling School)	P
Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	A
Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	P
Morgan Smith (Rednock School)	P
Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)	P
Lotty Trunks (Stroud High School)	AP
Alice Standing (Stroud High School)	P
Lily Haines* (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP
Hannah Macadam (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP
Frankie Fry (Thomas Keble School)	A

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Denicia Blake (Archway School)	A
Jasmine Beese (Cainscross Youth Forum)	AP
Ryan Rumble (Cainscross Youth Forum)	A
Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Amber Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	P
Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	AP
Finlay Smith (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Millie Radford (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	A

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Lauren Davies	A
Holly Hughes	A
Luna Stephens	A
Rebecca Hunt	A
Issy Llewellyn	A
Marcus Fuller-Watts	P
Jonty Fuller	A
Amy Jones	A
Katie Pugh	A
Thomas Haynes	P

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

Amie Radford (Gloucestershire Young Carers)	A
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\*\* = Chair \* = Vice-Chair (L) = Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given # = present for part of the meeting

Principal Members: (AB) = Anti-Bullying, (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing, (E) = Environment, (LD) = Local Democracy,

#### **Others Present**

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer and Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer, both Stroud District Council  
 Coban McGee, Cam and Dursley Youth Forum (Observer)  
 Saul Traquino, Berkeley Vale Youth Forum (Observer)

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Acknowledgment was given to those attending for the first time including those observing from Cam and Dursley Youth Forum & Berkeley Vale Youth Forum. Apologies are listed on the record above, with the addition of Cllr Miranda Clifton.

## **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The minutes of the last main meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: Lily Haines. Seconded by: Ben Stone.*

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **a) Sexting / Online Safety for Parents – feedback from event on 23 November**

Whilst there were not any members able to attend the event, some did feature in the voices presented in one of the workshops to reflect young people's experiences and subsequent advice to parents. Overall, members felt it should have been better advertised. Those doing the recorded voices, felt that aspect was positive.

### **b) SDC Youth Work Strategy – report from CS&L Committee Meeting, 28 November**

Helen and Miki assisted with the presentation of the formal report, alongside Steve. Subsequently, the report was resolved and the strategy was approved by District Councilors (committee members) present. All youth voice representatives who attend in support of the proposal, were thanked for their attendance. It was highlighted that Helen and Miki did an outstanding job in helping present the report including answering subsequent questions from committee members. Unfortunately, the meeting was not webcast due to an IT system failure that day. However, the overall outcome is that the Council will continue delivery of youth work through the current system and structure, with an enhanced focus on young people having a greater involvement with adult decision-making with the Council.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **Health Visiting and School Nursing Services Survey**

Public Health Gloucestershire's health commissioning team are currently consulting families, professionals and children and young people about their health visiting and school nursing service. Information would be placed on social media and sent via email including the link to the online survey. Members were encouraged to view and complete this, particularly as this issue/service is in the SDYC manifesto. It was agreed that the Health Focus Group would consider this in more detail.

### **Festive Wishes**

Further to the apologies from Cllr Miranda Clifton, she also gave written thanks to all members (and youth workers) for their hard work over the last year and wished us a very merry Christmas. She was looking forward to attending meetings during 2020.

## **5. Updates from School & College Councils and Local Youth Forum Groups**

Archway School – The merged school council and the eco council have now met. Catering matters are progressing well, but recycling is not. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form are carrying out a food bank collection.

Berkeley Vale YF – The group have recently learnt that a local metal recycling company (EMR) has money available to support local young peoples projects and wish to work with the forum group. Work with the town council on the play park is ongoing. Representatives from the group recently attended the local Police Panel. There is also an opportunity for the group to be involved with consultation on the local plan for housing development.

Cainscross YF – The recent meeting focused on positive thinking and applying it to ideas for projects, recruitment of members and general advertising.

Cam & Dursley YF – Following the recent Festive Dursley Event, whereby the group helped with running some stalls in addition to judging the themed window competition, they have written a letter to give their feedback on their experience and highlight how the event could be improved for next year. They will focus on recruitment and

connecting with young people who have expressed an interest in joining.

Chalford Cubed YF – the group have focused on developing an online survey aimed at local young people. It is hoped this will be ‘live’ early next year.

Hardwicke YF – the group met with the parish council Chair and Clerk regarding the next steps of developing local provision – unfortunately this didn’t go as well as hoped and alternative ways to encourage the parish council to engage is being considered. They are also creating a leaflet to promote the outcomes of their survey to the community, this will go into the parish news.

Marling School – The school held a mock election (in light of the recent general election) involving the whole school; Labour gained 41% of the votes, and Conservatives 28%. The school council were due to meet on 17 December.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – The group welcomed a new member and were introducing him to how they function. They were currently updating their promotional poster. They were also reviewing previous contact made through ‘expressions of interest’ forms and their survey.

Rednock School – The first school council meeting was successful and at the next one on 4 February, they would be looking to carry out elections for representatives to SDYC as well as electing lead students for the council. The council would be looking to support the various key issues and projects determined by SDYC, in which to give a local / school community perspective on them - National Condom Day (14 Feb) was discussed in light of this and the issue of sexual health services.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – The group ran a stall at the Stonehouse Goodwill Festival where they sold the ‘scrunches’ made by them. They also promoted their youth survey and helped the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Stroud High School – The school held a mock election (in light of the general election) involving the whole school. The best turn-out at the ballot came from Year 10s. The Head Girls have been interviewed and the result is due soon.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – the group are drafting their report from the survey results and are analyzing the data accordingly.

Wotton YF – whilst no representatives to SDYC have been elected yet, Jemma reported that the group met a few weeks ago at the local youth centre. It is planned this will be the venue for future meetings. The group would next meet in January.

## **6. Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups**

- a) Anti-Bullying Project Team – 2 December 2019:** the following was reported by Miki Bailey;

### Reflection on Purpose of the Project

Members were asked to note; that new members to the group were introduced to the purpose of the project and established members were able to remind each other of why and where the work started.

### Progress so far & update on survey results

Members were shown the online portal that hosts the survey. The group looked at various results so far and found certain outcomes emerging from the data received so far. To-date there were 562 responses.

It was recommended; that whilst members felt that 750 responses would reflect a very good response to this survey an update on this should be given at the next main meeting, with discussion as to how all members have promoted the survey and therefore consider if a further extension should be made.

Subsequent discussion was had and members agreed; that to enable certain school to participate in supporting this survey, the survey should remain open on the portal until 31 January.

### Planning & Next Steps

It was recommended; that analysis of the data should be done once the survey has closed, with a formal report and presentation for stakeholders created thereafter.

Report proposed by: Miki Bailey; Seconded by: Conner Roberts. Following a vote, the report was approved.

- b) Health Focus Group – 8 December 2019:** the following was reported by Ben Stone;

### Youth friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Update:

Members were asked to note; that the health focus group began working on a logo and passed on the report to May Lane Surgery following their recent assessment.

### PPG Cluster Presentation:

Members were asked to note; that the health focus group had begun creating a presentation for the PPG Cluster.

The next group meeting is scheduled for 13 January 2020.

Report proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Maxie Wells. Following a vote, the report was approved.

## **8. SDYC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update**

Steve reminded members of the anniversary approaching next year and gave an update on the search for a venue. Other than the Stroud Sub Rooms, the following were suggested by members: Lansdown Hall in Stroud; the Chantry Centre in Dursley; and the British School in Stroud. A discussion on the programme was had, with members suggesting live music (inc rap) coming from some current members.

## **8. British Youth Council Report**

Maxie gave an overview and round-up of various news items and opportunities from the BYC. These included: news on the outcomes of the BYC's general election manifesto vote, stating the following as the top issues; tackling climate change, achieving zero net emissions, improve access to and quality of mental health services, reduce voting age to 16, ensure no child or young person lives in poverty. Details of the programme for the next regional convention were shared and included the annual youth voice star awards.

## **9. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events**

Members were asked to note the following dates and confirm attendance at those invited to attend;

- a) Stroud Youth Voice Christmas Event – Tuesday 17 December 2019
- b) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 13 January 2020
- c) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – TBC

## **10. General Election Result – Comments**

Various comments were shared amongst members. It was noted that a 78% turn-out was seen in the Stroud constituency, whereby Shobhan Baillie (Conservative) was elected as a new MP for Stroud. Geoffrey Clifton-Brown was reelected as MP for Cotswold. Members agreed that a letter/email should be written to the aforementioned respective people. A meeting with the two MPs would be requested. There was a feeling that an increase in young people voting was evident, however this couldn't be ratified. Question Time style debates in schools was again a feature ahead of polling day.

## **11. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **17. Date of the next meeting**

Monday 20 January 2020 at Ebley Mill.