



**NOTES OF THE MAIN GROUP MEETING ON:**

**Date: Monday 17 October 2022**

**Time: 16:30**

**Venue: New Build Meeting Room, Ebley Mill**

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

Jack Blakey (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)  
Katie Bray (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)  
Fin Smith **(BYC)** (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)  
Maxie Wells\* (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)  
Arlo Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)  
Megan Land **(EN)** (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)  
Brandon Watkins\*\* (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)  
Morgan Smith **(HWB)** (Rednock School)  
Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)  
Alice Standing **(BYC)** (Stroud High School)  
Cate James-Hodges **(L)** (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)  
Alyssa Pearce (Thomas Keble School)  
Lily Stothard (Wotton Youth Forum)

**DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Ap	Jacob Bray (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	Ap
Ap	Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
P	Alanah Williams (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Ap	Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	A
P	Barney Cookson (Thomas Keble School)	A
P	Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum)	A
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**EX-OFFICIO**

Tom Wickham-Bassett  
Lily Haines  
Ben Stone

**CO-OPTIONS**

**\*\* = Chairperson \* = Vice-Chairperson (L) = Leader**

**P = Present A = Absent Ap = Apology given # = present for part of meeting**

**Principal Members: (AB) = Anti-Bullying; (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing; (EN) = Environment; (LD) = Local Democracy**

**(BYC) = Representatives to the British Youth Council**

**Others Present**

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer (SDC)  
Seb Williams, Youth Work Officer (SDC)  
Jeff Neathway, Senior Neighbourhood Warden (SDC)  
Tony Dix, Neighbourhood Warden (SDC)

## **1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The Chairperson (Brandon) welcomed new and established members, plus guests (Jeff Neathway and Tony Dix) to the meeting. He confirmed that a quorum had been met. Apologies are listed on the record above, plus Cllr Nigel Prenter (SDC Community Services and Licensing Committee).

## **2. Minutes of the last Meeting on 26 September 2022**

Proposed by Fin Smith and Seconded by Megan Land. The minutes were approved, as being accurate following a vote (8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained).

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **a) Round 3 Nominations**

Nominations for the roles of Principal Member for Local Democracy and Principal Member for Anti-Bullying, will be open very soon – voting members were encouraged to consider standing as a nominee or nominating another member for these roles.

### **b) iDoc update and User Testing Opportunity – Clare Levy – Feedback**

Having considered Clare's offer during the period since the last meeting, there were no members who wished to pursue this opportunity.

### **c) Gloucestershire Cycling Forum – Feedback**

The invitation to become involved with this forum was declined by members on this occasion.

### **d) Young People & Educators COP27 Discussion – event date & outline plan**

Cate, Brandon and Megan fed back to other members, the content and outcome of their meeting on 27 September. The chance to host an event in early November relating to COP27 and the SDYC Manifesto commitment, was discussed in detail. Whilst many felt this was a good idea, the practicalities of coordinating it in a way that would successfully bring young people and educators together, were too challenging given the timescale between now and then. It was decided to postpone plans on this occasion with view to giving greater consideration in the future, with two events next year (Spring and Autumn) as a possible option. It was also suggested that a post-COP27 workshop with members of the 2030 Community Engagement Board, could be a good way of SDYC becoming more informed on the issues discussed and outcomes from COP27.

### **e) Creation of a Youth Voice Engagement Charter – form project team**

The following members agreed to form a project team in which to create a youth voice engagement charter: Alice, Cate, Fin, Brandon. It was suggested to invite Tom to join this group as an Ex-Officio member, because he would bring experience into this work.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **Retired Members**

It was noted that **Olivia Burke** (Nailsworth and Minchnhampton Youth Forum); and **Joel Clark** (Wotton Youth Forum) had both retired from their respective deputy representative roles.

### **The Eddystone Trust - World Aids Day**

The Eddystone Trust are looking to get the young people they work with involved in World Aids Day on 1 December. They are keen to involve youth voice representatives in the programme of activities – these included: baking and decorating ribbon shaped biscuits (cutters available) along with distributing red ribbons and World Aids Day information. Members agreed to consider more ahead of the next main group meeting.

### **National Youth Agency – National Youth Work Week 2022**

Members were asked to note that National Youth Work Week 2022 will be between 7 and 13 November. The theme is: 'A Festival of Youth Work'. It was agreed that coverage via social media would take place.

## **Power2 Charity**

Power2 is a charity that supports young people who are struggling to engage at school. They want to understand more about how all young people feel about school, socialising and how the pandemic changed things. Aimed at those aged 11-18, the survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and a chance to win £100 worth of Love2shop vouchers. Members were encouraged to complete the survey - link: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5017894>.

## **British Youth Council (BYC) – Annual Council Meeting (ACM) Feedback**

BYC Leadership & Membership Manager (Sarah Godfrey), is keen to discuss with SDYC the various matters raised informally regarding their recent ACM. A formal evaluation form is available here: <https://britishyouthcouncil.typeform.com/to/mYnGA2nF>

Members involved with Representing SDYC on the BYC, should complete the survey but also consider inviting Sarah to a meeting. It was agreed to discuss this more at the next meeting.

## **Maya Samuel (MYP Stroud & Cotswold)**

Maya sends a 'thank-you' for welcoming her to last meeting and helping her with work regarding her mental health campaign. She would like to keep in touch for the future.

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

Archway School – no representatives elected.

Berkeley Vale YF – the group are planning to meet with local youth work provider, Krunch in the coming weeks. They may also visit the youth club as well.

Cam & Dursley YF – the group held their first face-to-face meeting (since the summer break) recently and discussed progressing their Pedestrian Safety Project and giving feedback to Coaley Parish Council following their visit / tour of the village in the summer to explore facilities for young people.

Cainscross YF - no representatives elected.

Chalford Cubed YF – recent meetings have been difficult with members being ill. However, discussion on recruitment and more involvement with SDYC have been had.

Hardwicke YF – no representatives elected

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – no representatives elected.

Maidenhill School – no representatives elected

Marling School – no representatives elected

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – their next meeting is coming up soon, with a possible new member joining.

Rednock School – no representatives were present.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – no representatives present.

Stroud High School – Alice highlighted that the schools Wellbeing Week was held between 3-7 October, the programme included quiet time spaces, zumba and journaling.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – Cate highlighted that with the departure of now former members, recruitment to the group was an even greater priority.

Thomas Keble School – the new head teacher is very supportive of student voice and Alyssa is arranging a conversation regarding the need to increase this aspect of the school. They are also looking to elect additional representatives to SDYC.

Wotton YF – no representatives present.

## **Hardwicke Youth Provision**

Whilst Hardwicke Youth Forum group don't have an SDYC representative at present, a discussion was held on the outcome of their work done over the last few years in relation to the design and implementation of local youth work provision. This work included community consultation, presenting results to Hardwicke Parish Council to highlight the huge need for the provision of youth work in the locality. Reaching agreement with the parish council, that they would obtain funding to actively support the creation of a dedicated space for local youth work provision, became the biggest challenge. Whilst funding had been available via Section 106 development funding and community infrastructure levy funding via SDC, recent news had been received that the parish council had declined to prepare all necessary requirements for this funding to be used for its previously agreed, aforementioned purpose.

Members expressed that this was very disappointing news – Cate advocated that SDYC should advocate on behalf of Hardwicke Youth Forum in expressing the feelings of young people involved. It was agreed that the Leadership Team should prepare a statement for potentially making it public and / or sending to Hardwicke Parish Council.

## **6. Recruitment - Local Youth Forum Groups and Representation on SDYC from Schools**

Discussion was had on the need to recruit to all local youth forum groups and increase representation from schools to SDYC. Whilst visiting schools was agreed to be the favoured first option, in which to cover both aspects, it was noted that schools may not be organised enough. A refreshed approach would be taken, and follow-up emails sent, followed by phone calls. Good practice would be highlighted. It was noted that the creation of a youth voice engagement charter would help in such circumstances.

## **7. Flare App - Presentation from Jeff Neathway, SDC Senior Neighbourhood Warden**

Jeff was welcomed to the meeting to explain about the Flare App. He highlighted some aspects of the SDC Neighbourhood Warden Service and included their work to promote the app to adults and young people. Essentially the app is a way of reporting incidents, experiences and get advice really quickly when out and about. It is a Safer Gloucestershire app primarily created for women and girls to anonymously share experiences of how and where they've felt unsafe. It's free to download and use and it's quick. A range of examples of where and when this could be used. Members responded well to this, and promotion of the app would be made via youth voice social media.

Jeff outlined that he was also looking to work with SDYC in the future and generally be more preventative and less reactionary to community issues, including those regarding young people. Members were encouraged by this news.

The idea of creating a Domestic Violence Network was being explored by Jeff and his colleagues and again, would like to discuss this further with SDYC. Members agreed to working with Jeff.

## **8. British Youth Council (BYC) Report**

### **The ICO Youth Voice Consultancy**

This is an opportunity to join a group of young consultants aged 14 to 18 to share views and opinions in a face-to-face focus group that will be held in London on 3 December. Application deadline is 30 October. More details are available via Steve.

### **BYC Consultancy**

A new consultancy programme has been created by BYC to support the integration of youth voice into organisations. A social enterprise approach is being used and is complemented by a training programme accredited by ASDAN.

## **9. Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group (GYCG) – Update from Megan Land**

Megan updated members on the work of the group regarding a Youth Climate Assembly, which is looking to bring together a group from across the country in Manchester to do focused group work on themes. Resource packs are being created by Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership. Interviews with GFM radio are also being done.

## **10. Youth Voice Rep' Self-Assessment & Service Feedback – Online Portal**

Details on the biennial self-assessment for all youth voice representatives were shared, with more information to be sent out soon. It will be carried out via the same portal as the online voting.

## **11. GSCP Section 11 Audit Panel Event**

- a) **Date Confirmation - 14 November 2022** – further to some recent queries, the date was confirmed. It would be an 'all day' event and held face-to-face at Quayside House, Gloucester.
- b) **Panel Selection and Preparation** – Steve outlined that a youth panel of 4-6 SDYC members was being sought, with a few already expressing an interest. The panel work would be carried out with adult safeguarding professionals from the GSCP Business unit and an Independanc4 Chairperson who was involved with overseeing the whole process for the GSCP.

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

- a) **SDC Council Meeting – 20 October:** Presentation of Long Service Awards to Ex-SDYC Members
- b) **SDC Performance Monitoring Meetings** – 25 October (Housing); 26 October (CS&L);  
November (S&R)
- c) **2030 Community Engagement Board (Theory of Change)** – 17 November
- d) **SDYC Leadership Team Meeting** – TBC

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## **13. Any Other Business**

### **Youth Voice Website**

Cate had been working on the website ahead of its pending launch – these updates were highlighted to members.

**12. Date of the Next Meeting:** Monday 21 November 2022