



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

Date : Monday 18th May 2015

Time : 16:30

Venue: Museum in the Park, Stroud

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>)	AP
Ollie Catchpole* (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Ella Turney (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	AP
Archie Holley (E) (<i>Marling School</i>)	AP
George Gooch (D) (LD) (<i>Marling School</i>)	AP
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	AP
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	AP
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Charlotte Bignell** (<i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i>)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	AP
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 (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>)	P

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>)	A
Gemma Goodship (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Tom Rowland (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Lily Bryant (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Tiarna Crowther (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Oli King (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

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

CO-OPTIONS

Alex Lin-Vines	AP
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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
Ann Taylor, Museum Learning Programmes Officer, Stroud District Council

Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made to attendees and guests. Apologies were received from Tom Schaffner, Lily Clarke, Ella Turney (new member rep' for Stroud High School), Archie Holley, George Gooch, Emily Osborne, Toni McNee, Isabelle Llewellyn, Ceren Tüzün, Kyle Roberts, Sabita Burke, Alex Lin-Vines and Kate Jones.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – 20th April 2015

Minutes of the Last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record; *Proposed by, Libby Powell; Seconded by, James Lauchlan.*

Matters Arising

Stroud Tenant Voice (All)

Through correspondence at the last meeting, an opportunity to discuss youth related issues with SDC's Tenant Services had arisen. It was agreed to discuss how young people should have more to say about the services that Stroud Tenant Voice delivers - an invite for them to attend the next SDYC meeting (1st June) had been sent. The topics would likely be more about the community people live in, not just the houses.

Men and Mental Health Conference, 26th June – Attendance: is anyone interested? (All)

This was spoken about last meeting. 9am to 4:30pm in Churchdown. Although it is mainly adults who attend, it is encouraged that young people also attend and give their input. This event provides young people with the chance to speak to an audience about the Men and Mental Health issues, so as their opinions are considered. *Members interested in coming along, can do so – just contact Steve.*

UKYP Elections – Invite to MYP/DMYP to present at future SDYC meeting (All)

The minutes of the last meeting introduce this, the question today is raised as to do we want to invite our MYP/DMYP to a meeting? Their aim is to influence adult decision making, similar to the aims of SDYC but act at a regional and national level. *It was agreed that members would be invited to a SDYC meeting.*

Highlighting Leadership Teams on Minutes – To note any further changes (All)

As a result of the discussion that took place in the last meeting, we have created a code system in order to highlight the Leadership Team and Principal Member roles on the minutes of each meeting. *It was agreed that the deputy leader should also be highlighted.*

SDYC Facebook – Update (Charlotte)

There is already an existing Facebook page for SDYC members however, it needs to be updated and new members should be added. The Facebook page will be refreshed and those who are on Facebook should expect an invitation to a 'Members Only' SDYC Facebook group.

SDYC Website Development - A question on a new SDYC website was asked; last year SDC ICT service confirmed we would have a new website developed in the next year. Steve agreed to enquire as to how this could be developed.

Introduction to the new Pavilion & Walled Garden at the Museum - Ann Taylor

Ann Taylor, Learning Programmes Officer for the Museum welcomed everyone to the venue highlighting that whilst the space wasn't fully functional to external groups, SDYC were the first youth group to use the building. She gave an overview of the history of the walled garden and how it have been more recently developed, explaining how the pavilion operated as a sustainable meeting and function venue with its 'green' features. Members also explored the garden area and shared their views and ideas about the site and future development plans. Ann was thanked for her presentation and tour, as well as for hosting the SDYC meeting.

Correspondence

General and Local Elections Results

Elections for both parliament and local elections took place on 7th May, with a 76% turnout of people who were registered to vote, actually done so - one of the highest in the Country; the UK average is 66%. There are two parliamentary constituencies that cover the Stroud district; both previous MP's were re-elected.

In terms of local elections for Stroud District Council, they were held in 18 areas of the district and the overall result is that Conservatives gained 2 seats from Labour. Meaning that SDC now comprises of 18 Labour Councillors, 6 Green Councillors, 3 Liberal Democrat Councillors, 23 Conservatives and 1 Conservative No Group. There has been no change in administration, so the same parties are in control of the Council.

Allsorts invitation

Allsorts have invited us to their event on Thursday 4th June from 9:30am until 3pm, lunch will be provided and it will take place at the National Star College, Ullenwood Manor, Cheltenham. No commitment from members was able to be made at this time due to the timing of this event. Allsorts were thanked.

Local Healthwatch

The Kings Fund have recently evaluated Local Healthwatch to see how it has been progressing and what it has been doing, whether it has achieved what it should have done. It was noted that SDYC's relationship with Healthwatch Gloucestershire is developing – some members stated that emails have been received, inviting them to their Annual General Meeting. These emails should be forwarded on to Steve, to enable a co-ordinated approach to be made.

Youth Online Understanding Radicalisation Survey

Members of SDYC were asked to take part in an online survey, called Youth Online Understanding Radicalisation (YOUR) to find out how they are affected by serious issues of radicalisation. The police are encouraging young people to share their views and opinions on this important issue, to enable them to communicate more effectively and give young people a chance to influence change and help improve access to information.

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

Thomas Keble

Tomorrow, a few students are going to a local care hospice - the school carried out a fundraiser and all money raised is being donated to the hospice so a few students are taking a trip to give the money to them. The care hospice wanted to show students what they do. Some newspaper coverage has occurred reflecting this work. The new school buildings have been completed.

Stroud High

Before the general/local elections, the school carried out a mock election. The Green Party came out on top for policies relating to schools and young people and Labour Party came out on top for overall party based vote.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

Meetings have been held recently with a focus on Stonehouse in Bloom – interaction with an all women's group, has also taken place.

Archway

The student council met last week. They are helping to build a school in Nepal, following the recent earthquakes with students having been made orphans. Recent fund raisers include; a non school uniform day, a talent show and an 'expensive' relay run. There will also be a bake-off this Friday. The sixth form carried out a mock election and had similar results to Stroud High.

Maidenhill

Year 7s went to France for a day on Saturday; they left at 4am and returned at midnight, this was a trip with MFL. Uniform has been discussed; cardigans are now being introduced to the Maidenhill uniform, for both male and female students. Year 11s have started their GCSE exams and year 9s will be starting their exams soon. The Prom for year 11 students is scheduled for June, with discussions on whether year 11s should have alcoholic drink tokens.

Nailsworth & Minch' Youth Forum

A recent meeting welcomed a new member to the group. In Minchinhampton, members are looking to paint the bus shelter in the half term. It is hoped that a graffiti artist will come in and do some work thereafter. A local youth consultation event will be happening on the Tuesday 26th May in the Forest Green area; all who live around the area are welcome to come along. This is in relation to a particular recreational field at the top of Forest Green.

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum

Work is still being carried out on the event 'Party in the Park' which will now take place on July 11th, with support from the Parish Council. Progress includes; waiting for quotes to come back for inflatables: Gladiator Rings, Giant Table Football, Star slide, Bungee Run, Sumo suits and Gladiator Jewels. The forum will also invite local groups to do usual things such as tombola etc. Speed gunning will be taking place around the area with the Police, it is not yet decided when and where this will take place. The Mayor of the French twin town has been emailed, with a reply indicating that the building of a relationship with the youth workers in the twin town is possible.

Berkley Vale Youth Forum

The festival event date is being revised. The lack of bus shelters in the area has been an issue for some time, the forum have been campaigning to have a bus shelter installed near the Canon Park are, installation is due to take place on May 22nd. The Forum attended the local neighbourhood management panel and helped agree Police priorities. The priorities include; vehicle speeding (which the forum will be assisting with) drugs, and dog fouling are all an issue. Legal Highs were raised as an issue by the Forum reps' but wasn't prioritized on this occasion. There was a big input from youth forum reps' at that panel meeting; this shows the importance of young people having a voice when it comes to Policing.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

Three particular projects are ongoing. One is the self harm campaign, with the title of 'In need of...'. BBC Gloucestershire is going to be doing coverage on this soon. A potential new project called the 'Bridges' will consider looking at building bridges between young people and older people in the community, linking up and doing a multi-generational café event. Local grant funding that they have obtained recently will help this. Consultation work with Dursley Pool will also be carried out soon.

Cainscross Youth Forum

There has not been a meeting recently, but designs of logos have been spoken about amongst those involved.

Stroud Town Youth Forum

There hasn't had a meeting in the last few weeks but plans are now under way.

British Youth Council Report

"Keep your promises" say young voters as turnout increases – The British youth council will be reminding politicians to keep their promises to young people.

Over 200,000 people sign new Member of Youth Parliament's petition calling for a fairer and representative voting system – their aim is to get 300,000 people to sign a petition created by MYP, Owen Winter from Cornwall, which is arguing for reform to change the voting system. This petition can be joined at www.change.org

The Youth Select Committee calls for evidence on Mental Health – The youth select committee announces a new enquiry into mental health to explore issues around awareness, education and services for young people. It is calling for evidence from a wider range of witnesses, including young campaigners. It is a British Youth Council initiative supported by the House of Commons. 11 committee members are aged 13-18 and include key members of the BYP. The committee call for evidence closes at noon on 22nd May 2015. *The health focus group should have a discussion on this.*

Youth Friendly Doctors Surgeries

Further to recent conversations, some concern had been raised regarding 'Youth Friendly' Doctors Surgeries. A scheme set up a few years ago to improve the experience of young people at doctors surgeries, culminated in a symbol/sticker being placed prominently on the premises to let young people know that certain Doctors Surgeries are young people friendly. A list of doctor's surgeries in the district has been drafted; members agreed to look out for these stickers. Initial efforts have found very little evidence, e.g. there are three surgeries in Stonehouse and not one of them has the sign. *It was agreed that the Health focus group should look into this at their next meeting. An email should be sent or a phone call made to all surgeries to find out if they are youth friendly. There should be a list distributed of all surgeries to check.*

Dates of Future Project Teams & Focus Groups - Confirmation

Apologies from Steve, no dates for the Project teams and focus groups yet. Once the dates and venues are set, emails will be sent and all appropriate members will be notified of the information. *The Leadership Team will be added to this list.*

Any Other Business

Youth Grant Funding Panel – a reminder to members involved: meeting will take place tomorrow at 4.30pm until 6:30pm (19th May) this involves Libby, Charlotte, Ollie C, Holly and James.

Members Emails & Phone Numbers - Steve requested that members, who have changed their mobile phone in the last few months or changed an email address, send the up to date email addresses and phone numbers to him urgently.

BYC/UKYP South West Youth Voice Convention - There is a south west youth voice event coming up; there will be a report from this at the next main meeting. Members from SDYC will be attending and meeting other youth council members from around the South West region as well as the UK Youth Parliament.

SDYC work with Fixers – following the presentation from Fixers at the last meeting, it was confirmed that the Focus groups, in particular Local Democracy, would consider how we could work with them in the future.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 1st June 2015 in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill