



## NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

**Date : Monday 20 January 2020**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Catherine James-Hodges (Archway School)	P
Helen March** (Archway School)	P
Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Saul Traquino (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Claire Gee (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Shannon Griffin (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Annabel Broderson (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	AP
Miki Bailey (AB) (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Ben Stone (HWB) (Marling School)	P
Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	AP
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)	P
Hannah Macadam (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP
Frankie Fry (Thomas Keble School)	A

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Denicia Blake (Archway School)	AP
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)	P
Finlay Smith (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP
Millie Radford (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP

#### **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	A

#### **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  
 Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council  
 Cllr Doina Cornell, Leader of Stroud District Council

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Apologies are listed on the record above. The Chair announced that SDYC had been awarded the South West Youth Voice Award for Youth Led Organisation of the Year in the BYC Youth Voice Star Awards.

## **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: Claire Gee.*

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **a) Stroud Youth Voice Christmas Event on 17 December - Feedback**

Members generally felt it was a very good event and were pleased it was similar to previous year. Apologies came from Tom regarding the music production in that it was too quiet.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **Safe and Social Driving: What If...? Roadshow**

A roadshow style event is being coordinated to reach out to young people aged 16 to 24, who are most at risk of becoming a casualty from a road traffic collision. Hosted jointly by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gloucestershire Constabulary, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service and supported by South West Ambulance Service and University of Gloucestershire. A series of dates and times are available during February and March for the 60 minute event at Cirencester College, Cheltenham Ladies College and EDF Energy, Barnwood. It was noted that due to the timing of the events (mostly during a morning or lunchtime) SDYC could not arrange for members to attend. However those over 16 were encouraged to check if their school / college would allow them to access this opportunity.

### **Members Retirement**

It was noted that the following members had given their intention to officially retire from their representative roles: Hannah Macadam (Stroud Town & Five Valleys Youth Forum); Denicia Blake (Archway School); Ryan Rumble (Cainscross Youth Forum).

### **New Representative**

It was confirmed by Berkeley Vale Youth Forum, that Saul Traquino had been nominated as a voting member.

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

Archway School – There had been no student council meeting since the festive break. The recycling of plastic bags had been given a higher profile through a project which sees them melted down and turned into benches.

Berkeley Vale YF – Progress with the local metal recycling company (EMR) has yet to be made, but members have been planning some potential ways in which to work with them.

Cainscross YF – Plans are being made to tour the area with Bev Owen, SDC Neighbourhood Warden to consider the lighting in dark areas of the community and other aspects of community safety. The group had noted that the Cainscross Parish Council had recently become a 'Town Council'.

Cam & Dursley YF – The group have been planning for the next six months; including reflecting on their local survey and promoting the work of the group.

Chalford Cubed YF – work on the groups online survey has been completed, a QR code will be created for easier access. They will be welcoming Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust in March, to redevelop their relationship with them which began last year

Hardwicke YF – plans to undertake a joint tour of youth clubs/centres across the district were being made with

parish councilors. It was hoped this would enable progress to be made with the next steps of developing local provision for Hardwicke, by enabling the councilors to see first-hand what provision exists elsewhere.

Marling School – the student council meeting in December took place and had a focus on the SDYC Anti-Bullying Survey, as a result it was due to be placed on the homework portal.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – The group visited the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Lawnside to view the site in relation to the work of the community project team. Members attended the recent Wassail Festival and tree planting event.

Rednock School – whilst the student council had not met since the festive break, it was felt that the lack of discussion with students and parents on the issue of mobile phone use in school was poor. It is now being enforced that the use of mobile phones was no longer not permitted in school. The next student council meeting will be on 4 February, they would be looking to carry out elections for representatives to SDYC as well as electing lead students for the council.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – The group had been busy planning their work for the near future, this included community projects, a visit from Katie, the new SDC Neighbourhood Warden and a litter pick.

Stroud High School – A new head girl has been elected. A fund raiser for their adopted Africa project was underway.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – a recent visit to the group came from Pete Tiley, SDC Neighbourhood Warden, the local PCSO and the local Police officer in which to discuss the potential of doing some consultation about graffiti in and around the town. Damage to trees in Stratford Park were noted along with other areas. Whilst the discussion led to ways to solve the negative outcome of graffiti, members felt their needed to be a wider discussion on matter to fully understand the issues that have occurred.

Wotton YF – whilst no representatives to SDYC have been elected yet, the group are now meeting regularly.

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

### **a) Anti-Bullying Project Update Only - by Miki Bailey;**

Miki updated members on the current status of the survey and reminded them that the target of 750 responses had yet to be reached. A discussion was had the support of some schools, which had been less than pro-active; this was made evident by those completing the survey who were asked to state which school / college they attended. Miki also stated that responses from the lower and higher ages (11 to 13 and 17 to 19) were also less than the rest and therefore in need of promotion over the final few weeks.

### **b) Health Focus Group – 13 January 2020: the following was reported by Ben Stone;**

#### Youth Friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Aim & Objectives:

Following a review of the work on this initiative done to date, it was proposed that the aim and objectives for the initiative should be as follows;

AIM: To help GP surgeries become more accessible and friendlier for young people.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Create an assessment tool and award programme
- Design a logo that will be used on stickers and a certificate
- Publicise the initiative
- Assess all 17 GP surgeries in the Stroud District
- Provide detailed reports of the assessments so that surgeries can improve their services for young people
- Help reduce the stigma and discomfort among young people using GP surgeries
- Continue to liaise with GP surgeries to support them in maintaining and improving their standards of services to young people

#### Youth Friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Logo & Award Programme

Members were asked to note; that designing of the logo for the Youth Friendly GP Surgeries Initiative continued, following feedback from members at the December main meeting. Members were also asked to give feedback on the latest logo amendments. It was agreed that the word 'initiative' should be included in the logo design as per 'logo 1'. The logo was approved.

Members were asked to note; that the award boundaries were adjusted to include a category of 'no award' being given.

### Integrated Locality Partnership (ILP)

Members were asked to note; that feedback was given on young people's experiences of the ILP's services, so that Steve and Jemma can present this feedback to the ILP (in the future).

### C-Card

Members were asked to note; that the HFG plans to undertake an art project to promote the C-Card and sexual health.

### School Nursing

Members were asked to note; that a discussion was held on how to promote the recent school nursing survey and acknowledge that it is being promoted through social media.

It was recommended that the HFG builds a better relationship with Public Health Gloucestershire.

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

## **7. Future Involvement with SDC decision making – Cllr Doina Cornell, SDC Leader**

Cllr Doina Cornell thanked members for the invitation to attend and for welcoming her to the meeting. She reflected on the Council's decision to approve a new four year youth work strategy which will start in April 2020 through and continue until 2024 and highlighted that it would set the pathway for the Council to involve young people more in the decision-making of committees. Doina added that a recent Strategy and Resources Committee had set up a Constitutional Review Group – this group would be charged with including in its work, the need to find ways for greater participation of young people. This may lead to initial interaction between youth workers (and maybe SDYC) and the Council's legal team. Suggestions of involvement made through the development of the strategy, noted by Doina included: Carbon Neutral 2030; Health and Wellbeing Plan; and leisure facility development. She said that it was important that each committee involves the youth council in issues relating to young people, including the opportunity for youth councilors to speak at committees.

It was noted that with the Council's Annual General Meeting in May, there was an opportunity to make any formal policy changes at this meeting. However there would need to be work done beforehand to ascertain what this would/could be. Any proposals would need to go to Council in April.

Doina was thanked for attending and highlighting the high level of commitment to young people by the Council.

## **8. Local Strategic Partnership Report – presented by Lily Haines**

Lily reported on the recent meeting of this partnership, which she attended. The theme was 'Housing'. A presentation was given by Kathy O'Leary (CEO) on the Council's services and future strategy including homelessness, affordability and building of new Council owned homes for respective tenants. A presentation came from Jo Stenner from Gloucestershire Nighstop, who explained their emergency housing support for 16 to 25 year olds. A presentation also came from Anne Sutcliffe, former Chair of Uley Parish Council – she gave an overview of a community led housing programme led by the parish council. This focused on the creation of a community land trust in a rural community and included the seven 'affordable homes' in the village that had been built as rentals only – these homes are not part of the Council's right to buy programme and therefore will never be sold to the occupants. Age UK gave an insight into their Homeshare programme. A brief report was given on the work of SDYC, but this was very limited given that the youth council don't have any youth housing project underway – with this in mind, the question of whether the SDC Homelessness Prevention and Support service should be invited to an SDYC Main meeting (?).

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

Steve reported that due to a number of sizable factors, the plan to hold a celebration event in March had been postponed and would be reconsidered for the summer. Whilst it was well known that the recruitment of a youth work officer was of paramount importance, the shortage of capacity in the youth work staff team since September was significant and recruitment was not possible until early April. Jemma was also due to take leave during March and April for a knee operation.

## **10. British Youth Council Report – by Lily and Helen**

Lily and Helen gave an overview of the recent regional youth voice convention in Exeter. The usual campaigns workshop was followed by a presentation from Lucy Findley MBE on developing a social enterprise. A presentation from Tortoise Media evolved into an open debate on topics relevant to young people and those present – a new approach to communication with and for young people. Lily and Helen explained that they gave a presentation on all youth voice work and achievements over the last year, which emphasized the depth of participation and impact. Results of the South West Youth Voice Awards were announced and included a surprise nomination for SDYC in the Youth Led Organisation of the Year category – even more of a surprise was the winner plaque!

All involved were acknowledged by Lily and Helen at the event. A photo was taken in the foyer of Ebley Mill after this meeting.

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

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

- a) Presentation Workshop for SDC Councillors – Thursday 23 January 2020
- b) SDYC Condom Canvass Art Activity – Monday 3 February 2020
- c) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 10 February 2020
- d) SDC Youth Worker Recruitment, Workshop Assessment – Thursday 20 February 2020
- e) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – TBC

## **10. Social Media Update**

A short discussion was had on social media profiling – members were encouraged to hashtag more and highlight the best ones to use.

## **11. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

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

Monday 24 February 2020 at Ebley Mill.