



NOTES OF THE MAIN GROUP MEETING ON:

Date: Monday 21 November 2022

Time: 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

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

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Jacob Bray (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	Ap
Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	Ap
Alanah Williams (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	Ap

EX-OFFICIO

Tom Wickham-Bassett	A
Lily Haines	A
Ben Stone	A

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)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chairperson (Brandon) welcomed members 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 17 October 2022

Proposed by Cate James-Hodges and Seconded by Alyssa Pearce. The minutes were approved, as being accurate following a vote (5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained).

3. Matters Arising

a) GSCP Section 11 Audit Panel Event (14 November) – feedback & next steps

The focus was on Standard 4 only. Panel members were Cate, Megan, Alyssa, and Brandon – they collectively outlined the day and felt it was good learning for them, but also even more inclusive than the previous year. Reflections on the day enabled the safeguarding professionals and independent scrutineer to gain a thorough insight into reporting partners work regarding listening to the voice of children and young people. The format of the day centred on new objectives proposed by SDYC, with questions being more aligned to consultation with partners. Members felt there was more preparation this year and that receiving the reports in advance was good. Alyssa (involved for the first time) said it was different to what she had imagined, but it was very much a positive experience. They worked well as a team and look forward to future opportunities with GSCP.

b) The Eddystone Trust & World Aids Day

The opportunity to participate in this particular programme, was declined by members present.

c) BYC Membership Feedback – arrange meeting with BYC Leadership & Membership Manager

It was agreed to invite Sarah Godfrey from BYC to an online meeting to discuss various members experiences and general membership matters.

d) Power2People Survey – Any Participants?

Alyssa highlighted that she had completed the survey.

e) Presentation of Long Service awards to Ex-SDYC Members (20 Oct)

It was noted that this took place at the SDC Full Council Meeting on said date and is now accessible to watch on YouTube. Tom Wickham-Bassett, Lily Haines and (current Ex-officio members) and Charlotte Bignell (former member who retired in 2017) received the respective awards, as presented by Cllr Steve Robinson (SDC Chair of Council).

f) SDC Performance Monitoring Meetings – feedback

The recent series of meetings took place with SDYC representatives attending all of them – they were considered successful, however some information regarding the Housing was not forthcoming.

g) Hardwicke Youth Forum – support from SDYC

It was previously agreed that a letter of support would be drafted by Cate, as SDYC Leader regarding Hardwicke Youth Forum group's work to influence the development of youth work provision locally in Hardwicke. This was in respect of the recent news that Hardwicke Parish Council would no longer be pursuing the opportunity to receive funding for the creation of a dedicated youth work building in the parish. It was highlighted that the work of this youth forum group had evolved over time, in respect of the on-going issue of having no local youth work provision in the area. Members expressed their huge disappointment in Hardwicke Parish Council's decision.

4. Correspondence

Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils (GAPTC) Network Event: Theme – Youth Voice

An invite to the GAPTC Network Event on Tuesday 29 November has been received for representation from SDYC to attend their forthcoming online event, which has the theme of 'young people and youth voice'. It will take place online, 6pm to 7.15pm. This opportunity includes joining Steve to participate in discussions on youth related opportunities and experiences. Alyssa & Cate agreed to attend with Steve.

Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group (GCCG) – presenting to GCC

GYCG are presenting various findings to Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting on 22nd November. These include that of the SDYC/GRCP Youth Transport Survey outcomes, alongside other research. Whilst this is for information only, members were grateful to receive the news.

Hannah Mackie – Gloucestershire Police

Hannah presented Gloucestershire Police's report regarding children and young people's safeguarding at the GSCP Section 11 Audit Panel Event on 14 Nov (see item 3a) above). She wishes to thank the youth panel from SDYC and give an opportunity to SDYC to explore more about safeguarding in the Police including a tour of their facilities. Members were grateful for this correspondence and were interested in pursuing her offer. It was suggested that Hannah could be asked to host an SDYC Main Group Meeting.

SDC Democratic Services & Elections (DS&E) – Voter Registration

SDC DS&E service are exploring a voter registration project next year (2023) and have asked if SDYC and other youth voice groups would be interested in being involved (??)

Members felt this would be good, particularly regards to the respective manifesto statement. They agreed that an invite to the Local Democracy Focus Group meeting should be given. Steve would action this.

Local Strategic Partnership – invite to speak / present

The Stroud District LSP have invited SDYC representatives to present at the next meeting (Friday 25 Nov) on the theme of 'Education'. As the only representative able to attend, Cate agreed to do so and would highlight the following work / projects: Hear by Right; UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in general and the UN Rights Respected Schools Programme; plus, the SDYC Manifesto Statements.

The Eddystone Trust (EST) – C-Card Survey

The EST have an online survey which they would like SDYC to promote and complete. It's aimed at those aged under 25 and includes the use of the C-Card. This short survey is confidential, and participants do not need to give their name. Young people's feedback is so vital in helping shape how the scheme is run and continuously improve it. Use the link below or the QR on the image

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5QQHMX6>

It was agreed that all youth voice representatives should be sent this link.

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

Archway School – no representatives elected.

Berkeley Vale YF – no representatives present.

Cam & Dursley YF – no representatives present.

Cainscross YF - no representatives elected.

Chalford Cubed YF – Alyssa had recently joined the group and would be attend the next meeting. Communication with Chalford Parish Council has been had with regards to seeking any local projects / matters of concern from their perspective.

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 – recruitment to the group has been the main topic of late; Megan has pursued both Nailsworth and Minchinhampton Youth Clubs to discuss and promote the groups work and opportunities.

Rednock School – no representatives were present.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – no representatives present.

Stroud High School – no representatives present.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – no report.

Thomas Keble School – new additional representatives to SDYC have been elected. Year Group and School Council meetings have begun.

Wotton YF – no representatives present.

6. Round 3 Nominations Update and Voting

Nominations for Principal Members for Local Democracy had been received before the Round 3 deadline.

Online voting for Round 3, will commence before 25 November and the results will be announced at the next SDYC Main Group Meeting.

7. Post COP 27 Conversation: SDYC and 2030 Community Engagement Board (CEB) Workshop

Members discussed the opportunity to work with some members of the 2030 CEB regarding the outcomes from the recent COP27 Summit. Agreement was met, that a workshop to explore what the known outcomes of the event were and how these could influence local efforts / projects, would take place on 5 December – all members were encouraged to attend.

8. Recruitment – Local Youth Forum Groups and Representation on SDYC from Schools

Alyssa shared her efforts within Thomas Keble School and her local community. Cate highlighted her work in preparing resources for promoting in all schools, including a phone contact list of schools with view to making contact regarding them showing the youth voice promotional slideshow in reception areas.

9. British Youth Council (BYC) Report

The Cost-of-Living Crisis: A Response in Parliament

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs is hosting an event in Parliament on 28 November at 6.30pm to discuss the cost-of-living crisis and its impact on young people. Member organisations are invited to attend.

Young Health Programme UK: Youth Advocates

This programme is a partnership between Plan International UK and AstraZeneca, involving young people aged 10 to 24 in the design and delivery of mental health programs that includes helping other young people build resilience and develop the ability to cope with life's challenges. They are currently recruiting those aged 16 to 24 that would like to become volunteer Youth Advocates.

10. Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group (GYCG) – Update from Megan Land

Megan updated members on the work of the group, this included: the welcoming of new members; arrangements for speaking at the Gloucestershire County Council's (GCC) Scrutiny Meeting on 22 November; potential work with Planet Cheltenham; plans to present the findings on the transport research for Leadership Gloucestershire, similar to that presented to GCC recently; received information about the GCC environment and waste campaigns. Meetings have now been extended to 2.5 hours.

Cate highlighted that she was no longer able to the group's meetings and that SDYC could have another representative alongside Megan, if there was anyone interested.

11. Youth Voice Rep' Self-Assessment & Service Feedback – Online Portal

Members were reminded that the biennial self-assessment for all youth voice representatives was now 'live' via the online Mi-Voice portal. All youth voice representatives were encouraged to complete their assessment of SDC services and reflect on their own personal development.

12. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- a) **Local Strategic Partnership Meeting** – Friday 25 November
- b) **Gloucestershire Parish & Town Council Association Network Meeting** – Tuesday 29 November
- c) **SDC All-Member Briefing on Youth Service & Health (online)** – *Postponed*
- d) **SDYC & 2030 Community Engagement Board Workshop** – Monday 5 December
- e) **SDYC Leadership Team Meeting** – TBC
- f) **Engagement Charter Project Team Meeting** - TBC

13. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

14. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 19 December 2022