



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date: Monday 24 January 2022

Time: 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Cate James-Hodges **(EN)** (Archway School)
 Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)
 Saul Traquino (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)
 Fin Smith* (Cainscross Youth Forum)
 Maxie Wells **(HWB)** (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)
 Gabe Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)
 Ely McFadden (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)
 Ben Stone **(L)** (Marling School)
 Alfie Stick (Marling School)
 Megan Land (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)
 Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)
 Morgan Smith (Rednock School)
 Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)
 Lotty Trunks (Stroud High School)
 Alice Standing (Stroud High School)
 Lily Haines** (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)
 Tom Wickham-Bassett **(LD)** (Stroud Town Five Valleys YF)
 Brandon Watkins **(AB)** (Thomas Keble School)
 Carina Marlot (Thomas Keble School)
 Phoebe Davies (Wotton Youth Forum)
 Lily Stothard (Wotton Youth Forum)

DEPUTY MEMBERS

P	Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
A	Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
A	Kai Bullivant (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	A
AP	Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	A
P	Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	A
A	Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Helen March	A
Claire Gee	A
Millie Radford	A
Archie Gent	A

CO-OPTIONS

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**** = 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

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer (Stroud District Council)
 Seb Williams, Youth Work Officer (Stroud District Council)
 Ange Gillingham, Leisure, Health and Wellbeing Projects Manager (Stroud District Council)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members and guest, Ange Gillingham, SDC Leisure, Health and Wellbeing Projects Manager to the meeting. Introductions were given by those in attendance. Apologies are listed on the record above.

2. Minutes of the last meeting on 20 December 2021

Minutes were formally presented and agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by: Cate James-Hodges; Seconded by: Brandon Watkins.

3. Matters Arising

a) Recruitment & Selection of new Youth Participation Officer - update

Steve gave an update on the process to recruit to the vacant youth participation officer role. The application deadline had now passed. Shortlisting was about to commence with formal interviews set to take place week commencing 31 January, followed by workshop-based interviews involving youth voice representatives, scheduled for week commencing 7 February. The workshop-based interviews will require approximately 10 youth voice representatives from across the district, to participate in this part of the process – those involved will subsequently have a significant but balanced input into the final decision-making ahead of appointing the successful candidate. The process would obviously not take place if no candidates were deemed suitable at each selection stage.

b) Bus Service Improvement Plan – Survey from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)

This was a reminder that GCC have launched a survey to gather views on their Bus Service Improvement Plan, as well as bus services in general. The deadline for participating is 30 January 2022. Members were encouraged to use their knowledge and experience to participate in the survey – it can be accessed via: <https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/bus-service-improvement-plan-survey/>

4. Correspondence

Retirement of Members

The following member has retired from their role: **Lotty Trunks** – Stroud High School. Lotty was thanked for her services.

5. SDC Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy: SDYC Involvement and Next Steps – Ange Gillingham

Ange reflected on the input which various youth voice representatives had during the consultation stage of developing the leisure and wellbeing strategy; highlighting the huge positive contribution and impact made by those young people involved. She was pleased to state, that many of the suggestions made during March 2021, now feature in the 20-year strategy. Examples are *a variety of activities for those that do not like traditional sports; higher quality facilities to encourage more to participate; improvement to cycling and walking routes to increase access and increase usage*. Some pilot activities have emerged including those from the Pulse in Dursley delivered during the summer 2021. Strategic links are made with the Canal project and emerging housing development as well plans from the health and wellbeing related Integrated Locality Partnerships. The strategy also acknowledges that the district is currently 4 sports pitches short. Active travel is a prominent feature and relates to the location of seasonal type activities. A new leisure facility will possibly emerge along the A38 corridor, particularly to meet the growing population and the need for more swimming pools.

The next steps for further involvement of SDYC, includes helping with youth consultations in different locations and groups; plus helping to scope what a future leisure offer would look like for teenagers and how much it should cost. Subsequent questions were asked regarding how these key facilities will be managed, with a local authority owned trading company being considered as one option.

It was agreed that a small group of members could meet in the future with Ange, to further this work.

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

Archway School – Cate reported that she had met with the school head teacher regarding plans to promote our local youth forum groups to students.

Berkeley Vale YF – no representatives were present.

Chalford Cubed YF – no representatives were present.

Cam & Dursley YF – the group furthered their discussion on pedestrian safety in Dursley, this stemmed from the experience of needing to use the very narrow pavements whilst window judging, with the speed of traffic being an issue.

Cainscross YF – no representatives were present.

Hardwicke YF – no representatives were present.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – no representatives were present.

Maidenhill School – no representatives were present.

Marling School – no report available.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – no representatives were present.

Rednock School – emails have been sent to various tutors in search for a response to the previous efforts to communicate with them on the opportunities to have increased student representation on SDYC.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – the group have begun reconsidering the opportunity to get involved again with matters to do with the old Ship Inn development site.

Stroud High School – a recent school council meeting held discussions on recycling and setting up a planter made of eco bricks. In addition, thoughts were also given to a fundraiser for an eating disorder charity; it's likely that an awareness event will emerge on this topic.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – the town council had confirmed, the wood required to make the project bench had now been purchased.

Thomas Keble School – no report available.

Wotton YF – no representatives present.

7. 2030 Community Engagement Board: Introduction and Overview – Georgia Spooner

Georgia was unable to attend. It was agreed to have this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. British Youth Council (BYC) Report

Forthcoming meetings and events regarding BYC are, as follows;

- a) Regional Youth Voice E-Convention, on 29 January.
- b) Members Learning Space – a focus on campaigns and policy supporting LGBTQ+, on 22 February.
- c) Members Showcasing – a chance to network with other members and showcase the work of your organization, on 29 March.
- d) The Road to the Annual Members Meeting (ACM) – find out how to prepare for the ACM and learn about how to create a motion to submit and present at the meeting, on 26 April.

The recent Votes at 16 Coalition Meeting was led by representatives from the BYC – more details are featured in the Local Democracy Focus Group report below.

9. Leadership Team Report from meeting on 10 January

Review Approved Report from Last Meeting on 23.08.21: Members were asked to note, that the Leadership Team felt good progress had been made, so far this year - particularly with regards to SDYC influencing SDC policy and decision-making

Updates on Project Teams and Focus Groups: Members were asked to note, that a general conversation was had on bringing those present, up to date on the status of various SDYC projects and programmes.

BYC Regional Convention & UK Youth Parliament Elections & Make Your Mark: Members had it recommended, that SDYC has representation at the forthcoming regional e-convention (online).

Members were asked to note, that the UKYP election nominations and Make Your Mark ballots would be both open soon.

Votes at 16 Coalition: Members were asked to note, that SDYC would be represented at the Votes at 16 Coalition Meeting on 17 January 2022.

Communicating with the Stroud and Cotswold Members of Parliament: Members were asked to note, that communication will be made with our Members of Parliament from both Stroud and Cotswold

constituencies, regarding meeting to discuss the various parts of the SDYC Manifesto.

10. Local Democracy Focus Group Report from meeting on 17 January

BYC and Coalition Votes at 16 Meeting – 17 January: Members were asked to note, that SDYC were represented at the recent Votes at 16 Coalition meeting and received the offer of direct support from them on a local campaign to influence the two MPs for Stroud and Cotswold respectively.

Statutory Youth Voice – develop a draft structure: Members were asked to note, that work on creating a draft structure for a county-wide youth voice vehicle has begun, with much more to do soon.

11. Recruitment to SDYC – Schools and Local Youth Forum Groups

Some members explained their efforts to promote the opportunities to fellow students, to join direct from their school to SDYC and of joining respective local youth forum groups, had been difficult. However, ideas were shared and led to some ideas as to how SGS College could also be encouraged to have representation to SDYC – Tom and Charlie agreed to work on this. Overall, members were encouraged to offer these opportunities to friends and even younger family members.

12. Youth Voice Training Events

A brief discussion was had on the potential of holding some training events during the half term break, week commencing 21 February. This included: C-Card training from the Eddystone Trust: mental health first aid training; and perhaps some fun outdoor activities locally.

13. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- a) SDC Strategy & Resources Performance Monitoring – 27 January
- b) BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention (online) 29 January
- c) 2030 Community Engagement Board: Initial Meeting – 3 February
- d) SDYC Local Democracy Focus Group – 7 February
- e) SDYC Leadership Team Meeting - TBC
- f) C-Card Training with The Eddystone Trust – week commencing 21 February

14. Any Other Business

Rights Respected Schools Programme

It was highlighted that David Powell; an advocate and educator of the Rights Respected Schools Programme will be attending the next meeting.

The Eddystone Trust and C-Card Training for Champions

Whilst the plan to have the Eddystone Trust present at the next meeting, is still in place, they have informed us that some aspects of their service and forthcoming interaction with SDYC, may need to change. They are undertaking an audit of their delivery of services, which will inevitably mean some opportunities e.g., C-Card Champion training being delayed.

15. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 14 February 2022f