



## NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

**Date : Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Ebley Mill Restaurant**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Elizabeth Powell ( <i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i> )	P
Tom Schaffner ( <i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i> )	P
Lily Clarke ( <i>Archway School</i> )	P
Holly Abbott ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	Ap
Archie Holley ( <i>Marling School</i> )	P
George Gooch ( <i>Marling School</i> )	P
Emily Osborne ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i> )	P
Georgina Burt ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i> )	A
Toni McNee ( <i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i> )	A
Tom Ambury ( <i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i> )	Ap
Charlotte Bignell ( <i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i> )	P
Alex Lin-Vines ( <i>Thomas Keble School</i> )	Ap
Lee Beldam ( <i>Cam &amp; Dursley Youth Forum</i> )	P
James Lauchlan ( <i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i> )	P

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Kyle Roberts ( <i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i> )	Ap
Sam Barnes ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i> )	A

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

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

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

**\*\* = Chair   \* = Vice-Chair   P = present   A = absent   Ap = apology given**

#### **Others Present:**

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council  
Jess Jenkins, Youth Support Worker, Youth and Community Services  
Simon Gillings, Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services  
Callum Roberts, Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud and Cotswolds

## Welcomes and Apologies

The new Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular Callum Roberts Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud and Cotswolds. Apologies were received from Holly Abbott, Tom Ambury, Alex Lin-Vines, Kyle Roberts and Kate Jones.

## Minutes of the Last Meeting

Charlotte went through the minutes of the previous meeting; they were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by: Elizabeth Powell; Seconded by: George Gooch.

Charlotte added that members who attended the last meeting should have received an email from Steve in relation to the Restaurant at Ebley Mill. During the last meeting, there were various food and drink items that were not allocated to SDYC that were used and consumed. She explained it is important to use what is given to them and nothing else.

## Matters Arising

a) *Stroud Ambitions Event – feedback from attendees (All)*

Steve highlighted that some members who had attended the Ambitions Event were unfortunately not at this meeting – although it was generally felt to have been very successful.

b) *Joint Commissioning Framework – to receive further information (Steve)*

As mentioned in the previous minutes, Gloucestershire County Council asked whether SDYC would like to share their expertise with commissioners from the Council, PCC, Public Health and the Clinical Commissioning Group. They have ambassadors who are paid young people who are allocated to different parts of the County Council. They wondered if SDYC would like to work with them on a range of different things as a group.

The emerging themes are:

- Longer transition to economic independence
- The new norm of online living
- The circle of wellbeing and achievement
- The persistent gap
- Talk about mental health
- Services that work for young people
- A system that works for young people

The outcomes are to make sure young people have safe and healthy environments. Members showed interest in being involved in this and Steve will send around an email. It was suggested a couple of members to meet with the appropriate individuals to get more information and to engage with the rest of the youth council.

c) *Election of Co-options – update (Steve)*

Whilst SDYC members have not formally nominated anyone for the co-opted roles yet. Steve has contacted Young Carers, Allsorts, Young Farmers. Young Carers have local groups in Stroud and Dursley they are considering the offer. Steve is meeting with Allsorts and the Young Farmers County Organiser to discuss further details. The Shrubberies are being approached by Youth and Community Services in relation to Stonehouse Action 4 Youth. He has not been able to get in contact with the Home Educated Programme – James agreed to forward a contact.

d) *Startline Young Drivers Experience, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – update (Steve)*

Forms have been received from 8 members but there are still some spaces left. Members were asked to promote this to local youth forum members. Steve reminded members there is a £5 deposit.

e) *SDYC Consent Forms – Reminders (All)*

Steve reminded members that the consent forms need to be returned once completed.

## Correspondence

### **Democratic Services**

The Democratic Services department at Stroud District Council has asked if the Youth Council would like to be used to encourage voter registration and engagement in young people in the area. This is due to the general election which is coming up in May. It was decided to invite an individual from the service to the next SDYC meeting and then let the Local Democracy Group take it further.

### **SDYC Project Teams & Focus Groups**

The membership of each Project Team / Focus Group was updated as follows;

**Health Focus Group** – James Lauchlan, Charlotte Bignell, Lily Clarke, Kyle Roberts and Libby Powell.

**Employment & Training Focus Group** – Tom Schaffner, Lee Beldam, Charlotte Bignell, James Lauchlan

**Environmental Focus Group** – Archie Holley, Lily Clarke, James Lauchlan

**Local Democracy Focus Group** – George Gooch, Lily Clarke, Holly Abbott, Archie Holley, Kyle Roberts, Charlotte Bignell and James Lauchlan

**Perspectives Photography Project Team** – Emily Osborne, Alex Lin-Vines, Kyle Roberts, Holly Abbott, Charlotte Bignell, James Lauchlan and Lily Clarke.

**Youth Grant Funding Panel 2014/15** – Charlotte Bignell, Libby Powell, Holly Abbott, Alex Lin-Vines, James Lauchlan, Archie Holley and Lily Clarke.

### **Election of Principal Members**

**a) *Principal Member for Young Peoples Health & Wellbeing***

The following member was nominated:

*James Lauchlan, member of Stonehouse Action 4 Youth*

Proposed by: *Lily Clarke*

Seconded by: *Elizabeth Powell*

As there are no other nominations, James was elected as the Principal Member for Young People's Health and Wellbeing.

**b) *Principal Member for Local Democracy***

The following member was nominated:

*George Gooch, member of Marling School*

Proposed by: *Lily Clarke*

Seconded by: *James Lauchlan*

As there are no other nominations, George was elected as Principal Member for Local Democracy.

**c) *Principal Member for Employment & Training***

The following member was nominated:

*Tom Schaffner, member of Chalford Cubed Youth Forum*

Proposed by: *Elizabeth Powell*  
Seconded by: *George Gooch*

As there are no other nominations, Tom was elected as Principal Member for Employment & Training.

**d) *Principal Member for Environment***

The following member was nominated:

*Archie Holley, member of Marling School*

Proposed by: *Lily Clarke*  
Seconded by: *James Lauchlan*

As there are no other nominations, Archie was elected as Principal Member for Environment.

**e) *Principal Member for Housing***

The following member was nominated:

*Lily Clarke, member of Archway School*

Proposed by: *James Lauchlan*  
Seconded by: *George Gooch*

As there are no other nominations, Lily was elected as Principal Member for Housing.

**Presentation from Callum Coles, Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud & Cotswold**

Callum explained he had been to two events that he has recently attended; one being the UKYP Annual Sitting, which is the chance for all the members of youth parliament to get together and discuss all the issues for young people. The event included speeches from motivational speakers, workshops on applying for funding and how to run an effective campaign using the SMART principles. He took part in the decision of what motions are going to be put into the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) manifestos.

He attended the House of Commons to take part in a debate on whether next year's campaign will be on living wage, whether work experience should be compulsory, raising awareness of mental health or votes at 16. The issue selected was mental health. Other issues are still involved in the UKYP's manifestos.

Simon asked if there is anything SDYC could help Callum with. Callum felt that once his website is finished, he would appreciate if SDYC could help promote it.

Callum's email address is; [coles8@live.com](mailto:coles8@live.com)

**Reports from Project Teams & Focus Groups**

**a) *Health Focus Group meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014***

The Self harm leaflets have now been printed and are ready to distribute to schools/GPs/Youth Centers etc (7500 in total). Hannah Gorf attended and spoke about social prescribing and what would encourage young people to use social prescribing. A school nurse is to be invited to the next meeting to discuss their role in more detail and answer questions such as:

- Who 'controls' school nurses? (NHS, individual schools)
- How are successful outcomes measured?
- Is there a confidentiality protocol?
- Is it a dedicated role/the building up of relationship overtime/a full time role?

The visit from Anna Rarity from Healthwatch Glos has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

A draft sexual health statement was discussed further such as the importance of it and where it can be used.

The group agreed that Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (5pm-8pm) was a good day to do Sexual Health training. This will be just for the Health Focus Group at the moment to deliver it in a draft form and then look at rolling it out the rest of SDYC.

The issues that were seen as being important to discuss were:

- What is rape?
- Consent – choices, confidence, empowerment,
- Pleasure (the group spoke about a lack of expected female pleasure at first sex and how if there was an expectation (through teaching/understanding) whether this would alter their views on “just doing it”
- Technology/porn/sexting – fantasy vs. reality, expectation, long term impact
- Knowing your own body

Steve highlighted that the Health Focus Group report should be enclosed with the mailing for the next full SDYC meeting.

### **British Youth Voice Award**

The key component of this award is that young people must spend 10 hours doing activities where they are representing other young people and evidence their experience on a downloadable log book. This is then submitted to the British Youth Council for moderation and in turn submitted to the examination board – ASDAN. Your organisation only pays the award fee once the log book is ready to be submitted for moderation. Steve has found that doing a draft log book is best to use first, then present the final version in colour ready to forward onto the BYC assessors. The deadline for receiving each fully completely Log Book is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

Steve will send out the handbook to the SDYC members and if anybody would like to undertake this programme, please let Steve know as soon as possible.

### **SDYC 15 Year Anniversary**

The various ideas were suggested:

- Networking event in the day and invite local businesses, ex-officios, teachers etc. Have a presentation/film with pictures to show progression over the years of SDYC and have a ‘prom’ like theme in the evening and invite key individuals and organisations.
- ‘Promo style celebration’ with local bands.
- Time capsule.

It was decided to set up a project team to discuss this issue in further team. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

There have been three new members that have been elected to represent Archway School; Gemma Goodship, Oli Catchpole and Nymia Trawally.

A discussion was had around the food provided at the SDYC meetings.

Simon has sent the Votes at 16 questionnaires to all the schools and some of them have started to complete them. Simon asked if individuals can encourage their schools to complete them.

George reported him and a few others met with Lord Bichard (Baron of Nailsworth) to discuss various issues. He will be willing to raise the Votes at 16 issues at the House of Lords and is willing to work with SDYC.

Steve added the venues to hold meetings at that have been discussed are being pursued.

### **Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 4:30pm, Museum in the Park.