



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 25th March 2019

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

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| Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>) | A |
| Helen March** (<i>Archway School</i>) | P |
| Emma Champion (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>) | P |
| Oli King (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>) | AP |
| Claire Gee (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>) | AP |
| Thomas Haynes (LD) (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>) | P |
| Maxie Wells (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>) | P |
| Miki Bailey (<i>Hardwicke Youth Forum</i>) | P |
| Leon Linton-Blake (<i>Hardwicke Youth Forum</i>) | P |
| Jonty Fuller (L) (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>) | AP |
| Amy Jones* (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>) | P |
| Ben Stone (<i>Marling School</i>) | P |
| Marcus Fuller-Watts (<i>Marling School</i>) | P |
| Issy Llewellyn (HWB) (<i>Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF</i>) | P |
| Billy Smeaton (<i>Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF</i>) | P |
| Morgan Smith (<i>Rednock School</i>) | P |
| Amelie McKenna (<i>Stroud High School</i>) | AP |
| Catherine Loewenthal (<i>Stroud High School</i>) | A |
| Tom Wickham-Bassett (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>) | P |
| Lily Haines (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>) | P |
| Frankie Fry (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>) | P |

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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| Katie Pugh (<i>Archway School</i>) | P |
| Shannon Griffin (<i>Cainscross YF</i>) | AP |
| Conner Roberts (<i>Cam & Dursley YF</i>) | AP |
| Ellie Archer (<i>Cam & Dursley YF</i>) | P |
| Baz Leach (<i>Hardwicke Youth Forum</i>) | P |
| Finlay Smith (<i>Hardwicke Youth Forum</i>) | P |
| Hope Edgell (<i>Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF</i>) | A |
| Mary Hutchinson (<i>Stroud High School</i>) | A |
| Hannah Macadam (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>) | P |

EX-OFFICIO

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| George Sutton | A |
| Tom Schaffner | A |
| Alex Lin-Vines | A |
| Lauren Davies | A |
| Holly Hughes | A |
| George Sutton | A |
| Alexandra Parker | A |
| Luna Stephens | A |
| Rebecca Hunt | A |

CO-OPTIONS

** = Chair * = Vice-Chair (L) = Leader (D) = Deputy Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given
= present for part of the meeting

Principal Members: (ET) = Employment & Training, (H) = Housing, (E) = Environment,
(LD) = Local Democracy, (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer, Stroud District Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially those attending for the first time. Apologies are listed on the record above.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 25th February 2019

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record with the agreed changes made to item 8 b) regarding sexual health promotion having ceased about 8 years ago and the number of members interested in gaining more knowledge. *Proposed by Tom Wickham-Bassett; Seconded by: Thomas Haynes.*

3. Matters Arising

a) Youth Voice Star Award: National Ceremony – Outcome

Helen and Lily attended with Steve and gave a brief overview of the event that took place in London.

b) SDYC Leadership meeting with SDC Group Leaders on 14 March

Tom Haynes reported on the meeting with SDC political alliance group leaders. Members discussed the following:

- Lowering the voting age to 16 and progress since SDC supportive motion was passed last year.
- Changing the voter registration process, a number of suggestions inc. communication via council tax bills, SDC news with an insert regarding voter registration and possibly create step by step video guide of how to sign up.
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing, particularly regarding stress and school pressure; members learnt of SDC mental health champions, Cllr's Jim Duey and Tom Skinner. Encouraged to talk to County Councilors – Cllrs Eva Ward and Steve Robinson are likely to be interested and are also district councilors.
- Anti-Bullying – encouraged to speak to school governors.
- Youth Friendly GP surgeries – members highlighted development of a framework with GP's and Commissioners.
- Researching Sexual Health Services – particular attention to condom distribution scheme (C-Card)

Members felt it was a very positive meeting and was good to develop a relationship with respective Councillors. It was felt the points discussed should be built into future SDYC project work.

c) SDC CSL Committee Presentation on 21 March 2019

Feedback from members included; that it was interesting to see and hear debate and decision making. Presentation on youth service and youth voice work was good.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence.

5. Reports from Focus Group and Project Meetings

a) Anti-Bullying Project Team – 19 March 2019

Youth survey

To note: that the group are waiting for the survey to be uploaded onto Mi-voice before there is any further action: This would be done by 8th April.

Support Pack

To note: that the group are beginning to research and put together materials to go into a support pack for victims of bullying.

Creating an Anti-Bullying Policy

To note: that the project team are looking forwards to creating their own policy, which will be created from the results from the survey and from schools policies.

Proposed by: Thomas Haynes. Report seconded by: Maxie Wells. The report was approved.

b) **Health Focus Group – 11 March 2019**

Sexual Health Services

To Propose: that youth forum representatives are invited to the sexual health training on the 1st of April.

Youth Friendly GP Surgeries

To note: that the presentation to the Stroud and Berkeley Vale GP Forum will be on the 11th April.

Stroud Hospital of Friends

To note: we discussed sitting on Stroud Hospital Friends Board, but we will wait for further information on the role.

Proposed by: Issy Llewellyn. Report seconded by: Thomas Haynes. The report was approved.

6. Constitution Changes

a) Manifesto Document – *proposed by: Issy Llewellyn. Seconded by: Leon Linton-Blake*

Motion: 'The youth council will produce a manifesto document which will be subject to amendment and agreed annually at the annual general meeting. It will contain formally agreed views from the membership and pro-active statements and will subsequently form the policy for projects, initiatives and campaigns to be worked upon throughout the ensuing year'.

Members were reminded that changes to constitution, require further approval at the AGM. An accompanying document was shared with examples, as follows;

- SDYC believes that the voting age in local and national elections and referenda should be lowered to aged 16 and subsequently supports the national votes at 16 campaigns.
- SDYC believes that reform of the voter registration system should take place – principally moving from a current 'opt-in' system to one that enables people to 'opt-out'
- SDYC will strive to have greater involvement in SDC decision-making on matters of concern to young people
- SDYC will work with NHS Clinical Commissioning Group to improve mental health and emotional wellbeing
- SDYC believe that young people should be able to access good quality sexual health education and services. SDYC will work with Gloucestershire County Council's commissioned provider to improve sexual health services and reduce STIs.
- SDYC Members will be offered mental health first aid training on an annual basis
- SDYC believes that students should have access to good quality school nursing
- SDYC will work with NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and local GP surgeries to create a framework that enables surgeries to meet the needs to young people
- SDYC will consult with the youth population of the district regarding their experiences of bullying in schools, communities and homes with view to developing a future anti-bullying campaign

This motion was agreed upon and will be presented to the AGM.

b) Election of Officers & Leaders – minimum term of service – *Proposed by: Issy Llewellyn. Seconded by: Maxie Wells.*

Motion: 'A minimum term of six months service as an SDYC member is required prior to being nominated for a position of office or leadership.'

This motion was amended to read: 'A minimum term as an SDYC member of six months service for Chair, Vice Chair and Leader and a minimum term as an SDYC member of three months for Principal Member and BYC representative roles, is required prior to being nominated for a position of office or leadership.'

This motion was agreed upon and will be presented to the AGM.

7. Forthcoming Meetings and Events:

- a) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 1 April 2019
- b) Youth Voice Easter Event – Tuesday 9 April 2019
- c) SDYC Presentation to Stroud & Berkeley Vale GP Forum – Thursday 11 April 2019
- d) SDYC Voter Registration Workshop – Tuesday 16 April 2019
- e) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – Tuesday 16 April 2019

8. Calendar Dates for 2019/20

| Date | Type | When |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Monday 29 April 2019 | Annual General Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 20 May 2019 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 17 June 2019 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 15 July 2019 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 16 September 2019 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 21 October 2019 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 18 November 2019 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 16 December 2019 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 20 January 2020 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 24 February 2020 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 23 March 2020 | Annual Review | 4:30pm |
| Monday 20 April 2020 | Annual General Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 18 May 2020 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 15 June 2020 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |
| Monday 20 July 2020 | Full Council Meeting | 4:30pm |

9. SDYC 2019/20 Officer & Leadership Nominations - Open week commencing 8th April

Members will have detailed information sent to them in due course.

10. Any Other Business

C-card – this was highlighted following recent work with The Eddystone Trust and training for youth work staff who are now distributors for the Condom Distribution Scheme. Members interested in obtaining a c-card should contact the youth work team.

Annual Review Session– a workshop style session followed this meeting, whereby members carried out a review of work carried out during the year. This is recorded on a separate report.

11. Date of the next meeting

Annual General Meeting: Monday 29 April 2019