



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

04.04.2011

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Beth Jones, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	P
Ellen Wightman, Thomas Keble	P
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft**, Stroud Town YF	P
Rosemary Dickinson*, Stroud Town YF	Ap
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
Lynford Short, Archway	A
Emma Sankey, Katharine Lady Berkeley	P
Lindsey Driver, Rednock	P
Kathryn White, Rednock	P
Roxy Mould, Vale of Berkeley College	P
Blake Hewer, Vale of Berkeley College	Ap
Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS	P
(Rudi) Blue Morgan, Stroud College	A
Charlotte-Louise Grigg, Stroud College	A
Chloe Boulton, Wotton under Edge YF	P
Laura Forrester, Wotton under Edge YF	P
Millie Gardiner, Maidenhill	P
Jordan Wilson, Maidenhill	A
Rob Sidwell, Marling	A
Max Feedman, Marling	Ap
Sally Holditch, Stroud High	P
Laura Byng, Stroud High	Ap

EX-OFFICIO

Thomas Lydon, Marling	A
Becky Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Izzy Holley	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Laurie Watts, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Jess Lyons-Lynch, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Luka Chadwick, Archway	P
Charlotte Kruse, Archway	P
Jens Newton, Thomas Keble	A
Kirsty Driver, Vale of Berkeley College	P
Jasmin Walker, Vale of Berkeley College	A
Tom Williams, Rednock	P
Abi Lee, Wotton under Edge YF	P
Lydia Stephens, Maidenhill	A
Neil Bond, Maidenhill	P
Dave Holder, Stroud College	A
Jakob Sparrow, Stroud College	A

CO-OPTIONS

Reece Campbell, Young Carers	A
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**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair P = present**
A = absent Ap = apology

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Helen Smith, Youth Support Worker, Sub-Contracted from GCC Youth Service

Minutes of the meeting

Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Kamila Gebicka, Rosie Dickinson, Jess Lyons-Lynch, Laurie Watts, Blake Hewer, Max Freedman and Laura Byng.

Minutes of Last Meeting – 14 March 2011

Steve apologised for being able to send minutes out with the agenda in advance. The minutes were read through and agreed as being an accurate record.

Matters Arising

BYC Votes @16 Campaign

Kathryn reminded members about the information she reported at the last meeting. Rednock reported that a discussion was held at their recent student council meeting in support of the campaign, Marling had also reached the same conclusion. Wotton under Edge Youth Forum agreed to this as well and had begun their own efforts locally to find out opinions of other young people. Maidenhill would be discussing this soon. Feedback from members favoured the method of such as a 'straw poll' to gauge the opinions of young people across the district.

Annie proposed that '*SDYC members should support this campaign in principal, with view to carrying out a survey to determine the views of those 11 to 18 year olds in the district*', this was seconded by Kieran – Following a vote the motion was carried, with 13 votes for, none against and 1 abstention.

Kathryn reminded members that BYC required organizations supporting the campaign to forward their logo to them.

Discussion followed on the issue of making informed decisions and the importance of educating young people on this issue before asking them to cast their opinion or vote. Whilst being mindful of those that may disagree, it was highlighted that SDYC should represent all opinions. Kit reminded members that TK Year 10's did a survey last year on this subject and results were mixed. The suggestion of an educational questionnaire was put forward to focus on the broader aspects of the issue, before asking for a definitive opinion. Facebook could be used as a tool and possibly the current SDYC Text Messaging Service.

Steve highlighted that lowering the current voting age was a fundamental issue for everyone and given that many over 18's would also have a view, it would be smart to seek their opinions too.

It was agreed that this issue remain on the agenda as a fixed item.

Invitation to a Charity Team Challenge at Cotswold Conference Centre – 10 June

More information had yet to be received following a recent request. The following members expressed interest in being involved; Robin, Millie, Emma, Tom, Kirsty, Lindsey, Kathryn, Beth and Roxy.

Correspondence

Maasai Art Exhibition in Stroud

An exhibition of Maasai tribal art is open for viewing at the Star Anise Cafe between 10 and 20 April in aid of charity. Information leaflets were handed round. A special event was being held on 20 April at £5 a ticket. This had also been sent out via email. It was noted that the exhibition was being organized by Iman Fadaei, an ex-SDYC member.

BYC Announcements

BYC to support UK Youth Parliament - A statement was read out from the BYC regarding the recent announcement concerning the function of the UK Youth Parliament, in that they are to become

'responsible for the management and delivery of the core activities and services to local authorities already participating through the regional UKYP structure'. The statement came from the governments Children's Minister, Tim Loughton MP and ensured an interim arrangement for the next six months.

BYC Board agree budget for year – A full range of activities had been announced, including campaigns, conventions, training, volunteering opportunities and international work which will continue during the next 12 months.

Community Right to Buy and Right to Challenge Consultation Event

Hosted by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council this event is on 14 April at Maismore Village Hall, Gloucester (6.30pm – 8pm) and will use workshops and presentations to enable attendee's to understand more about how the Localism Bill will help communities shape policies that affect them. Members wishing to attend should note the event is not specific to young person.

Rotary Club Youth Leadership Awards

Information on the Awards had been received following a discussion between the LSP Vice- Chair, Keith Rogg and Robin. They are targeted at the 16-18 age range, and involve completing a five night outdoor educational course - funding for this is available however Robin noted that possibly only two places may be available. Steve will pursue this and feedback in due course.

Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Vale of Berkeley College – Roxy and Kirsty reported on there recent fashion show in aid of Acorns charity.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum – Laura highlighted their opinion finding work regarding 'votes at 16', as previously mentioned. They are currently looking to recruit more representatives from local youth groups and are designing a logo which will appear on member's hoodies.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum – Beth reported that Becky had gained her youth work licence to practice locally, congratulations was given. A local initiative to combat 'speeding traffic' was due to take place in partnership with the Police following a successful pilot last year involving CDYF. The initiative, entitled 'Wheeled Respect' will take place at stretches of road known for speeding traffic and is a result of decisions taken at the last Neighbourhood Management Panel meeting attended by Laurie (CDYF) and Kit (SDYC).

Archway – Charlie and Luka highlighted recent work/fundraising for charity. Kieran added information about a forthcoming trip to India (involving Robin and other students) which involved work at a school built with support from Archway students over recent years

Rednock – Tom reported on the outcome of £1000 funds raised and highlighted discussion about re-launching the role of school Prefects, involving up to 40 year 11 students.

Maidenhill – Millie reported on recent sponsored challenges undertaken by students, and the year 8 and 9 trip to Paris. Mock Exams were due to take place soon. Neil added that teams of school council members were carrying out visits to each year group, to promote the online output surveys designed to find out what students needed the council to do and which act as ongoing consultation.

Katharine Lady Berkeley – Emma briefly mentioned about recent consultation with parents on the possibility of them becoming an academy.

Thomas Keble – Elly highlighted that members from year 10 were being considered as Prefects and a French exchange programme was currently taking place. The Anti-bullying award was picked up at the event in Ebley Mill last month. Kit added news on recent discussions with parents and students about the public sector cuts including a cheese and wine event to talk about this subject. Exams would be taking place soon and an Easter school programme for year 11's would take place during the forthcoming break.

Voice of Young Stonehouse – Annie reported that she now had the correct email address for the GCC youth worker for Stonehouse and would be looking to communicate much more in the coming weeks.

Stroud High School – Sally reported that on April 10 a publicity event would take place regarding the Build a Plane project. She would also be discussing SDYC deputy representatives, with her fellow voting member, Laura.

10 Anniversary Event Review

Members gave comments and feedback via flip charts on the following questions;

- How well did the event run on the day?
- Which elements of the speeches given by guests and members did you find; a) *Enjoyable* b) *Inspiring* c) *Interesting*
- Would you attend another member's reunion event in the future? If so what type of event and when?
- What did you gain/learn from the workshops delivered by the following organizations? – *BYC, World Jungle Circus Skills, Practical Participation*
- What would you change about the event in hindsight?
- Any other comments from you or your parents?

Details can be found on the relevant document entitled '10th Anniversary Event – members review'

Lindsey thanked all members for their attendance and support. She was thanked for her hard work throughout.

Tripswitch 2011 – Progress Report

Robin reported that a meeting was due to take place on 5 April. Millie asked for her apologies to be noted.

Future Delivery of Youth Work

Steve explained that the District Network Group (an adult group involving strategic lead officers from each district council) have recently provisionally agreed criteria with County Council for facilitating the £50,000 being given to each district council to support future youth provision. Full details were not shared, but primarily it will allow for a more flexible approach and greater means to shape things to suit respective communities in each district.

Stroud Access Group – Report

Kit reported that the recent Annual General Meeting of the group brought concern as to who would lead this group in the future, following the retirement of founding members Phil and Sue Hughes (Chair and Treasurer) – a new chair and treasurer was eventually found after much deliberation. Millie added that a presentation featured the mobility off road quads that can be hired by those with disabilities to experience the Cotswold Way.

Pride in Your Neighbourhood (PiYN) Events – 8 April (Ebley) and 14 April (Minchinhampton)

Steve briefed members on the purpose of the PiYN events and explained the role that SDYC have agreed to play at above venues – the main focus being handing out community safety packs for young people, a project launched last year and lead by Kit in her youth cabinet role. The following members agreed to attend; **8 April** – *Roxy and Kirsty*; **14 April** – *Charlie, Roxy, Becky Beth, Chloe and Laura*.

Transport would be provided.

Youth Cabinet Report

Lindsey reported that an application to the now suspended Youth Initiative Fund had been received recently. The applicant would be contacted and the position would be explained. No other business had been undertaken since the last meeting.

Spring Training Event (s)

Steve explained that he had recently sent out via email or in the post, a Parental Consent and Expression of Interest Form to all members offering date options for new member training (18, 19 or 20 April) and team building (14 or 15 May) - the deadline for replies was 4 April. Few members reported that they had received the information and the deadline was extended until 8 April.

Any Other Business

Kathryn inquired about communicating with Stroud MP, Neil Carmichael. It was agreed that her and Steve would discuss the already drafted letter with view to sending formal request of a meeting in the near future.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 9 May 2011 at Stroud Youth Centre, 4.30pm.