



# NOTES OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW SESSION HELD ON

06.09.2010

**Venue: Stroud Youth Centre**

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Thomas Lydon, Marling**	P
Rob Price, Marling	A
Becky Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	P
Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble	P
Isobel Holley, Stroud High	Ap
Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud High	P
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, Archway	P
Ben Dewfall, Katharine Lady Berkeley	Ap
Emma Sankey, Katharine Lady Berkeley	P
Lindsey Driver, Rednock	P
Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS	P
Connor Walker, Stonehouse VoYS	A
Isobel Tyrrell, Minchinhampton YC	A
Megan Roberts, Minchinhampton YC	A
(Rudi) Blue Morgan, Stroud College	A
Petra Lalikova, Stroud College *	A
Dave Holder, Maidenhill	A
Millie Gardiner, Maidenhill	P
Alex Phelps, Vale of Berkeley	A

### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Vicky Law, Cam & Dursley YF	A
Beth Jones, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Emma Topping, Katharine Lady Berkeley	A
Will Robson, Katharine Lady Berkeley	A
Jens Newton, Thomas Keble	P
George Thomas, Thomas Keble	Ap
Cerys Bradley, Stroud High	P
El Linsell, Stroud High	A
Charlie Cox, Archway	A
Lynford Short, Archway	P
Amy Neason, Minchinhampton YC	A
Ashley Skerten, Stroud College	A

### **EX-OFFICIO**

Jess Howell, Cam & Dursley YF	A
Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	A
Frank Gillison, Vale of Berkeley	A
Andrew Burbidge, Nailsworth YF	A

### **CO-OPTIONS**

Hagar Niblett	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  
 Danny James, Senior Youth Worker, GCC Youth Service

## Minutes of the meeting

### Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ben Dewfall, Izzy Holley, Kamila Gebicka, Beth Jones and George Thomas.

### Minutes of Last Meeting – 19 July 2010

The minutes were agreed as being an accurate record.

### Matters Arising

#### **SDC Corporate Consultation Event – Revised Date**

Following the original date (9 September) being no longer suitable, members agreed that Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October as being the next most suitable date offered by SDC in which to attend this event at Ebley Mill. The programme would stay the same.

#### **Police Test Purchasing**

The following members expressed an interest in being part of an initiative delivered by the Police; Kieran Chadwick and Kit Powell.

### Correspondence

#### **Neighbourhood Watch Committee meeting – 7 September 2010**

Kit Powell and Rosie Dickinson agreed to attend the forthcoming Neighbourhood Watch Committee meeting and would give feedback on the idea of this organisation using Facebook to communicate with young people.

#### **Stroud Access Group meeting – 15 September 2010**

Millie Gardiner agreed to attend the forthcoming meeting.

### Youth Cabinet Report

#### **Proposal of amendments to SDYC Constitution**

Lindsey gave an overview presentation on the amendments to the constitution following the work by the Youth Cabinet over the last year and in doing so, proposed the following changes;

*An overview of the brief history to SDYC, greater clarification on the purpose of the constitution, reset the aim and objectives of SDYC and addition of a mission statement to enable other organisations to understand SDYC more. She added that clarification had also been given to membership composition as well as eligibility, the latter remaining as 11 to 18 year olds however 19 year olds could also stand for election if no young person under 18 wished to do so. The requirement to hold by-elections (under specific circumstances) were included, as was a statement on members role as a volunteers. An option to elect a Chairperson Designate during the period between annual review session and the annual general meeting was highlighted with clarification on the nomination procedure also considered important. In response to SDC's Audit recommendations, a definition of the term 'active membership' was included alongside details on the quorum for each meeting. The addition of a section relating to operational finances was added, however it was also felt that the role of SDYC as a grant-managing body should be maintained despite this function being suspended indefinitely.*

Rosie seconded this proposal. It was resolved unanimously.

A motion will now be proposed at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

#### **Proposal of new format for Election of Officers and Youth Cabinet members for 2010/11**

It was proposed by Rosie, that in order for the changes to take place for the 2010/11 year regarding election of officers and youth cabinet members (as detailed in the constitution being

proposed as a motion at the AGM), the format and procedure for nominations at the 2010 AGM should be as follows;

*All candidates for positions of office must be proposed and seconded on an official form together with a manifesto statement of a maximum of 100 words. This must be received seven days prior to the AGM by the SDC Senior Youth Officer on or before a fixed date at the 2010 Annual Review Session.*

This was seconded by Annie. It was resolved unanimously.

### **Report from meeting with Neil Carmichael MP for Stroud**

Tom, Rosie, Lindsey and Annie reported that they had met with Neil Carmichael on 31 August. The following issues/topics were discussed;

Concessionary Transport Fares, Communication with the Community, University Fee's, Vale of Berkeley College (VoBC), Young Peoples Rights and Environmental Sustainability for Stroud. The key outcomes were, that he would be happy to work with members on concessionary transport fares, visit schools and local youth forums for wider discussion, give reassurances on extra support for re-location for VoBC students as well as being interested in looking more closely in the future at the rights of young people.

It was agreed this initial work would be followed up by the new Youth Cabinet in November.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Progress Report**

All members were circulated options on the dates for a Showcase event at Stroud Sub Rooms in advance. It was agreed that Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011 would be most suitable.

Dates for a reunion social event at Junction 13 Bar & Night Club early in January would be discussed with the management soon.

### **Calendar Dates for 2010/11**

A draft copy of the Calendar Dates for 2010/11 was circulated – these were agreed with amendments made in relation to previously agreed matters. An updated version would be circulated in due course and added to the SDYC website.

### **Autumn Training Programme**

Steve highlighted that plans were now in place to deliver a four day training event under a new format. The first day focussing on training for new members at Stroud Youth Centre, followed by a three day/two nights residential for new, current and re-elected members at Cotswold Conference Centre, Broadway. He added that due to the reduction in funding these changes were inevitable, but it enabled a fresh programme to be planned. As usual, voting members would be given priority to places on the residential ahead of deputies – this was due again to funding restraints. More details would be sent out in due course.

### **Interactive Annual Review Session for 2009/10 Year**

An interactive session was undertaken by all members present facilitated by Steve, Danny and Helen. All work of the last year was reviewed and categorised. The following headings were used in relation to the Hear by Right standards directive. As a result of SDYC's active participation;

What has changed? What is changing? What has not changed?

The outcomes will be transferred into a document titled 'Annual Review 2010'.

**Date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 11 October 2010 at Stroud Youth Centre, 4.30pm.**