



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

07.06.2010

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	A
Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud High	Ap
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	Ap
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, Archway	A
Ben Dewfall, Katharine Lady Berkeley	Ap
Emma Sankey, Katharine Lady Berkeley	P
Lindsey Driver, Rednock	P
Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS	A
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	P
Millie Gardiner, Maidenhill	P
Alex Phelps, Vale of Berkeley	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

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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

CO-OPTIONS

Hagar Niblett	Ap
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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
 Nathan Portlock, Business Support Assistant, SDC
 Rebecca Gregg, Work Experience Student

Minutes of the meeting

Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and highlighted that Helen would be giving youth work support to Steve in a sub contacted role during the next year.

Facebook – The Chair noted that SDYC was now on Facebook – thanks went to Lindsey for helping set this up with Steve, members were encouraged to join the two groups set up i.e. member's only and official group. Steve briefed members on the appropriate use of this facility.

Apologies were received from Kamila Gebicka, Rosie Dickinson, Kieran Chadwick, Ben Dewfall, Lynford Short, Ashley Skerten, Hagar Niblett and Cllr. Karon Cross.

Minutes of the last meeting – 10 May 2010

They were agreed as being an accurate record.

Matters Arising

SDC Core Strategy Consultation Event – Report

Apologies were given for no hard copy of the report being available at the meeting; however a copy would be sent via email this week to all members able to receive it. Steve highlighted the report as a good demonstration of the excellent work carried out – it would be added (as a separate document) to the rest of the consultation compiled by SDC Planning Strategy Team.

British Youth Council, Summer Convention – Booking Confirmation

Steve confirmed that six places were booked for the event in Cardiff on Thursday 5 August with five taken to date – transport would be provided with Steve and Helen also attending the one day event.

Housing Improvement Plan – next steps

Cerys reported that exam and study commitments would not allow her, Lindsey and Annie time to focus on this until July – a date is to be fixed by them in due course.

Community Safety Packs for Young People

Kit reported that she had recently worked with Debbie Miles (SDC Community Safety Manager) to compile a funding application to the Youth Opportunity Fund to create community safety packs for young people. The packs could include for e.g. sponge footballs, bike locks, mobile phone security tags.

10:10 Campaign – feedback from all members

In Annie's absence Tom reminded members they agreed to state in writing one action they would take this year to reduce their personal Co2 footprint, a list would then be compiled and included to the actual signing up to this campaign – Cerys explained her action. As there was no progress from others, it was agreed members would hold a discussion on the Members Facebook Group.

Road Safety

Steve updated members, that following comments relating to this agenda item at the last meeting, his line manager was looking to find an appropriate person in which to invite to the next SDYC meeting.

Correspondence

Stanley Downton Street Lighting

An email had been received from a young woman living in Leonard Stanley who frequently walks to Stonehouse via Stanley Downton. She has concerns towards personal safety along this route and highlighted the lack of street lighting as one issue - it was agreed that Kit would speak to her personally following the email reply from Steve.

Promotion of Energy Efficiency

A request had been received from the SDC Sustainable Energy Officer, asking for suggestions or ideas regarding how best local events and families could be best supported by the Council or through their service level agreement with Severn Wye Energy Agency – no initial ideas were forthcoming.

Neighbourhood Watch District Committee

Steve reminded members of previous discussions and the agreed actions from a few months ago – a meeting date had now been set (July 28) and the opportunity to have a representative from SDYC on this committee was agreed. Kit will attend in her Youth Cabinet role, Cerys asked for more information with view to supporting her. Steve will also attend.

Stroud Access Group

The next meeting of this group is on Wednesday 16 June – Kit and Cerys would consider if and how they could attend.

TripSwitch Fun Event

This is taking place on 12 June at Stroud Sub Rooms, members were encouraged to attend and try the 'park n ride' into the town centre. Tom added that progress on the programme was going well, the website was now live!

Interactive Youth Involvement Project - Its Time To Think!

An opportunity was presented to SDC Community Safety to develop an interactive youth involvement project from Fury Design Consultants (a design and marketing company based in London). The project entitled 'Its Time To Think' is based on an anti-social behaviour (ASB) theme with a core aim of designing an interactive computer game from the perspective of perpetrators and victims. The project would last between 4 – 12 months and participants would be those carrying out and being effected by ASB. A pilot project with South Essex Homes from Southend on Sea was very successful and the company now want to extended this to five other organisations to develop a game relevant to there area. Steve met with the project director recently and was very impressed with the understanding of involving young people and the issues of anti-social behaviour. Further information was shared with members and initial thoughts that followed included the impression that it was probably best targeted at a pre and early teen age group. Standard cost was £25,000, with a discounted rate of £15,000 for the first five organisations to sign a project agreement. Following extended discussion, members agreed that it would be too difficult to raise the money by the 22 June deadline.

Make the Market Work Event – 1st July

An invitation had been received from the Gloucestershire Assembly for the Voluntary and Community Sector to an event entitled 'Make the Market Work' and is at Stroud Sub Rooms on Thursday 1st July, 4 – 6pm. This event is an opportunity for organisations to communicate and promote their work to commissioners and purchasers of services delivered by community based and voluntarily organisations. It was agreed that SDYC should have a place - Kit, Lindsey, Cerys, Dave, Millie, agreed to prepare a stand and attend the event.

Help for Heroes

Dave has been approached by Help for Heroes to ask if SDYC would be interested in raising money for the charity. Following discussion it was agreed that SDYC could not commit to this at the present time in light of the pending outcomes from the SDYC 10th Anniversary Committee which may suggest raising money for a primarily 'children/young person' based charity. Dave was thanked.

Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Marling – Tom reported that a new Head had appointed and an official announcement was due soon.

Stroud High – Cerys construction on the plane started. Peer mentoring was poor (particularly around emotional support) with no real support from teachers – it was felt that sign-posting students to various websites was not sufficient. Discussion was had on how this could change in light of it being an important issue for those taking exams - a few options suggesting some form of local research among the SDYC membership could be useful. Helen added that a new project was emerging locally entitled The Unknown Project based on peer educational principles – the group from the south of the district are looking at mental health and emotional wellbeing as their first research topic.

Thomas Keble – Alex reported that they would be holding a by-election for SDYC representation at the next meeting. Kit added that building work was being done at the school however concern was being expressed that it would adversely effect examination periods.

Maidenhill – Millie reported that a 'bike to school week' was being promoted during week commencing 14 June, with instructors involved and the offer of a special early breakfast.

Rednock – Lindsey highlighted that at the last student council meeting it was agreed she would be the interim Chair following the relinquishing of the role by the previous post holder due to exams and leaving school. This would be reviewed again in September.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum – Becky informed those present that further consultation was being planned regarding the Connect Dursley Youth Centre Development Project.

Katharine Lady Berkeley – Nothing to report.

Grant Funding Applications – Youth Opportunity Fund & High Sherriff Fund

Emma briefed members on her work with Steve in applying for funding for the SDYC members training and general development. An application has gone into the Youth Opportunity Fund to support the training programme as in recent years and an application has been drafted for the High Sherriff Fund for the development of local youth forums, this will be submitted once feedback is received on the maximum amount they will give for one project. Steve reminded members that obtaining funds would become a huge task in the near future.

10th Anniversary Celebrations – progress report

Lindsey reported that the project team intend to visit The Barn at Berkeley (part of the Cattle Country site) on Thursday 17 June. Conclusions of all venue visits will be made at the next meeting.

SDC Corporate Consultation – request from SDC Policy Department

SDC have produced a 4 year corporate delivery plan, their vision is demonstrated under four key principles; *Economy, Affordable Housing, Climate Change, Resources (CARE)*. The document produced and available online focus's on the next 12 months and feature's a photo of the SDYC Litter Recycling Project launch last year. SDC Policy department are wishing to carry out a new style of consultation with residents, business's and SDYC. Steve explained, that in preparation for the 2011/12 year members have the opportunity to engage in a consultation session that will look at each priority and other issues not featured in the plan. Members agreed they would attend an event in September; however the suggested date of Thursday 30th would be too late to involve those who are retiring from SDYC and going to university or pursuing careers out of the area. It was agreed an earlier date would be confirmed as soon as possible.

Social Network & Website Project – progress report

With a SDYC Facebook group now created, this could progress further, however a suitable domain name for the website was still required (as at the last meeting).

Litter Recycling Pilot Project – update

Becky and Vicky carried out the monthly litter recycling bin audit and highlighted that most bins were dirty and needed cleaning, particular the one opposite Homebase on Cainscross Road. The next project team meeting will be on Thursday 24 June.

Youth Cabinet Report

No meeting has been held since the last full council met.

Any Other Business

Dave and Millie confirmed a presentation on the student participation model at Maidenhill School will be given at the next SDYC meeting

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 28 June 2010 at Stroud Youth Centre, 4.30pm.