



NOTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON;

Date : 07.11.11

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Ellen Wightman, (*Thomas Keble*)
 Kate Jones, (*Thomas Keble*)
 Kit Powell, (*Bussage & Chalford*)
 Robin Ellis-Cockcroft**, (*Stroud Town*)
 Kieran Chadwick, (*Archway*)
 Luka Chadwick, (*Archway*)
 Kathryn White, (*Rednock*)
 Tom Williams, (*Rednock*)
 Shannon Eden, (*Katharine Lady Berkeley*)
 Miriam Smith, (*Katharine Lady Berkeley*)
 Kirsty Driver, (*Berkeley*)
 Roxy Mould, (*Berkeley*)
 Annie Pickering, (*Stonehouse VoYS*)
 Chloe Boulton, (*Wotton under Edge YF*)
 Laura Forrester, (*Wotton under Edge YF*)
 Millie Gardiner, (*Maidenhill*)
 Neil Bond, (*Maidenhill*)
 Rob Sidwell, (*Marling*)
 Max Freedman, (*Marling*)
 Laura Byng *, (*Stroud High*)
 Sally Holditch, (*Stroud High*)

DEPUTY MEMBERS

P	Tabitha Smith, (<i>Stroud High</i>)	P
P	Mary Holditch, (<i>Stroud High</i>)	P
P	Lydia Stephens, (<i>Maidenhill</i>)	Ap
P	Ruth Pilston, (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	A
P	Eva Gilder-Hodgson, (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	Ap
P	Jessica Fisher, (<i>Wotton under Edge YF</i>)	Ap
P	Abi Lee, (<i>Wotton under Edge YF</i>)	P
P	Jenny Moore, (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Ap	Charlotte Bignall, (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	Ap
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EX-OFFICIO

Lindsey Driver,
 Emma Sankey,
 Rosemary Dickinson,

CO-OPTIONS

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Helen Smith, Youth Support Worker, Self Employed

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

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson Designate, Robin Ellis Cockcroft, welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting, in particular those new members attending for the first time. New Members introduced themselves to the group. Apologies were noted from; Shannon Eden, Jess Fisher, Miriam Smith, Eva Gilder-Hodgson, Charlotte Bignall, Lydia Stephens, Cllr Karon Cross and Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy.

Minutes of Last Meeting – 19th September 2011

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record following the amendment of a number of typing errors. It was noted that some verbal reports had not been clear on the voice recorder and was subsequently not included; however respective members were asked to forward any missing details as soon as possible.

Matters Arising

SDC Corporate Consultation Event – member's feedback

The event occurred on 17th November at Ebley Mill, with 19 members attending and participating in discussions with adult councillors and senior officers from the District Council. The interactive programme involved the topics; volunteering, budgeting and finance, apprenticeships and training.

Many members noted it was enjoyable and hopeful that it was of use to the District Council. Feedback for future event planning, suggested the discussions needed a tad more structure as sometimes conversation went off track - this was believed to be a mixture of youth council members being a little unorganised and adults perhaps not having the experience of working with young people. It was noted that conversation occasionally deteriorated therefore more stamina is needed in future. Too much feedback at the event also prompted some lack of interest towards the end. One suggestion was for the event to be more interactive, although many raised concerns that adults may feel uncomfortable with this and happy medium was required.

Overall the members believed it was far more positive this year compared to the 2010 event – this was mainly due to the topics being more specific and relevant. A report would be available at the next meeting.

Members agreed they would like to hear about progress with regards to the changes or highlighted improvements - potential for a follow up in 6 months.

Autumn Training Event – member's feedback

General feedback for the recent training event at The Dark Barn was positive and many had their favourite points of the residential; role play, outdoor team building exercises and the *Prevent: Act Now* workshop. It was hoped that another training event would be held before the spring, most likely during the February Half Term. The 'Prevent, Act Now!' workshop was widely applauded although it was noted it would have been even better with a larger group although it was the first time they had ever let young people participate. The Police were excited to be working with the youth council and were hoping SDYC could help facilitate and present to other youth clubs, schools, etc, in the future. Everyone agreed that the workshop should be held again for those who missed it.

Chairpersons Report for 2010/11 Year – Robin Ellis-Cockcroft

Robin gave a report of the 2010/11 youth council year. See Appendix.

Correspondence

British Youth Council (BYC) Youth Voice Award - SDYC are members of the BYC, and subsequently have received a 'heads

up' on an opportunity to receive another set of bursaries for the Youth Voice Award, an award sponsored by the Co-operative. Steve explained how a bursary works and highlighted that the award is ASDAN credited, and therefore nationally recognised. More information will be requested from BYC.

SDC Display Boards - There is a chance for the youth council to obtain a number of huge pop up magnetic display boards, free of charge. A number of members agreed to have a look at the boards, to see if they are suitable.

The Door Project 20/20 Challenge – Following the launch of their 20/20 Challenge, the Chief Executive at The Door Project in Stroud, Brendan Conboy, has asked the youth council to encourage their peers to get involved. Robin reminded the council that SDYC gave grant funding for this scheme via the Stroud Development Fund grant. The challenge gives 100 young people £20 in which to create an enterprise which generates profit within a restricted amount of time. – All profit goes towards developing the youth project. Members wishing to enter please submit details on to Steve.

Election of Chairperson

The following members were nominated;

Robin Ellis Cockcroft, member for Stroud Town Youth Forum.
Proposed by: Annie Pickering and Seconded by: Kieran Chadwick.

No other nominations were received and therefore **Robin Ellis Cockcroft was duly elected as Chair for 2011/12.**

Election for Vice Chairperson

The following members were nominated;

Millie Gardiner, member for Maidenhill School.
Proposed by: Roxy Mould and Seconded by: Kirsty Driver.

Laura Byng, member for Stroud High School.
Proposed by: Sally Holditch and Seconded by: Kieran Chadwick.

Following a paper balloted vote, **Laura Byng was duly elected as Vice Chair for 2011/12**

Election of Youth Cabinet

a) The following member was nominated for the **Leader Portfolio**;

Annie Pickering, member for Voice of Young Stonehouse

Proposed by: Kathryn White and Seconded by: Kieran Chadwick.

No other nominations were received and therefore **Annie Pickering was duly elected as the Youth Cabinet Leader for 2011/12.**

b) The following member was nominated for the **Community Cohesion Portfolio**;

Kirsty Driver, member for Berkeley.
Proposed by Roxy Mould and seconded by Millie Gardiner.

Kit Powell, member for Bussage and Chalford.
Proposed by: Kathryn White and Seconded by: Laura Byng.

Following a paper balloted vote, **Kit Powell was duly elected as the Community Cohesion Portfolio holder for 2011/12**

c) The following member was nominated for the **Environment Portfolio**;

Max Freedman, member for Marling School

Proposed by: Rob Sidwell and seconded by Sally Holditch

No other nominations were received and therefore **Max Freedman was duly elected as the Environment Portfolio holder for 2011/12**

d) The following member was nominated for the **Finance Portfolio**;

Luka Chadwick, member for Archway School

Proposed by Laura Byng and seconded by Sally Holditch.

No other nominations were received and therefore **Luka Chadwick was duly elected as Finance Portfolio holder for 2011/12**

e) The following member was nominated for the **Planning Portfolio**;

Kathryn White, member for Rednock School

Proposed by: Kit Powell and Seconded by: Tom Williams.

Although another nomination was forwarded for Rob Sidwell, member for Marling School, it was not received before the deadline and therefore was not accepted. **Kathryn White was duly elected as Planning Portfolio holder for 2011/12.**

f) The following member was nominated for the **Housing Portfolio**;

Millie Gardiner, member for Maidenhill

Proposed by: Tom Williams and seconded by: Kirsty Driver

No further nominations were received and therefore **Millie Gardiner was duly elected as the Housing Portfolio holder for 2011/12**

g) The following member was nominated for the **Regeneration and Culture Portfolio**

Kieran Chadwick, member for Archway School

Proposed by: Sally Holditch and Seconded by: Kit Powell

No further nominations were received and therefore **Kieran Chadwick was duly elected as the Regeneration and Culture Portfolio holder for 2011/12**

It was noted that the position of Deputy Leader would be elected from within the Youth Cabinet at their next meeting.

Election of Co-Options

The role of a Co-option was explained as detailed in the SDYC Constitution including allowance of up to 5 nominations, taken now or at any time during the year. Robin reminded the group that Reece Campbell, from Gloucestershire Young Carers was co-opted last year as an experienced member of the Young Carers group in Stroud.

Rob Sidwell questioned how long a co-option stood as a member for, this only being one year, although it was highlighted that an individual can be re-elected. Whilst a representative of The Door Project was suggested to become a co-option, it is noted that they will have a huge involvement with the youth council in regards to setting up a Stroud Town Youth Forum.

Young Carers were proposed by Millie Gardiner, with Roxy seconding the nomination.

Ex-Officio Members Confirmed for 2011/12

Lindsey Driver, Rosie Dickinson, Emma Sankey was confirmed as ex-officio members for 2011/12.

It was noted that becoming an ex-officio member allowed the ex-members to return to a meeting in a non voting capacity to give advice and support to the membership. Rosie is becoming an ex-officio member due to time constraints, whilst Emma and Lindsey are both away at university.

Key Issues/Projects for 2011/12

An explanation was given on the key issues and projects suggested by last year council at the 2010 Annual Review session. The following projects and issues were confirmed as those to be undertaken during the 2011/12 year;

- Community Safety packs for young people
- Votes at 16
- Eat Well, Waste Less project.
- Concessionary Bus Fares for young people
- Development of Local Youth Forums / Future Delivery of Youth Work
- Develop relationship with local Members of Parliament
- Young people's health

It was also noted that an inter schools environmental initiative had begun, Max agreed to find out more information on this in due course.

Project Team Members for 2011/12

The following members put themselves forward to be part of the project teams for the year ahead. It was noted that deputy members and co-options can be part of these teams.

Votes @ 16: Rob Sidwell, Kate Jones, Tom Williams, Kieran Chadwick, Laura Byng, Kit Powell, Kirsty Driver, Robin Ellis Cockcroft, Max Freedman and Kathryn White. It was noted that last year Kathryn headed this project, and was likely to lead the team again this year.

Eat Well, Waste Less: Kieran Chadwick, Tabby Smith, Laura Byng, Jenny Moore, Kathryn White, Mary Holditch, Millie Gardiner, Luka Chadwick and Robin Ellis Cockcroft. It was noted that last year Kieran headed this project, and was likely to lead the team again this year.

Health Focus Group: Roxy Mould, Millie Gardiner, Robin Ellis Cockcroft, Luka Chadwick, Laura Forrester and Chloe Boulton. The question is asked what cabinet member/title this particular project would come under, Steve mentioned that this is up to the youth cabinet to decide.

More projects may occur during the year.

Calendar Dates for 2011/12

Members should have received the calendar dates before. They are also detailed on the website; www.youth.stroud.gov.uk which has the previous minutes and agendas once they have been approved. SDYC also have a facebook group, one for everyone to view and one for members only.

Any Other Business

Robin highlighted the three main organizations in which SDYC have represented to; those being; the Local Strategic

Partnership, the Stroud Access Group and the Neighbourhood Watch Association. He added that whilst the Chair/Vice Chair and Leader/Deputy Leader cover the two roles for the LSP, members who would like to stand to represent the youth council at the other two should put themselves forward as soon as possible. The following members agreed; Kit, Kirsty, Laura F, and Chloe for Neighbourhood Watch Association and Sally, Millie and Kit for the Stroud Access Group.

Roxy announced that the first meeting to create a youth forum for Berkeley, attended by her, Kirsty and Tom had been successful.

Date of the Next Meeting – 28th November 2011, 4:30 pm at Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross