



NOTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

08.11.2010

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
 Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble A
 Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, Stroud Town YF P
 Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud Town YF P
 Kieran Chadwick, Archway P
 Lynford Short, Archway P
 Ben Dewfall, Katharine Lady Berkeley Ap
 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 P
 Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS Ap
 (Rudi) Blue Morgan, Stroud College A
 Charlotte-Louise Grigg, Stroud College P
 Chloe Boulton, Wotton under Edge YF P
 Laura Forrester, Wotton under Edge YF P
 Millie Gardiner, Maidenhill P
 Jordan Wilson, Maidenhill A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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

EX-OFFICIO

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

CO-OPTIONS

**** = 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 2009/10 Chair welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ben Dewfall, Kamila Gebicka, Annie Pickering, Jens Newton, Lydia Stephens and Neil Bond.

Minutes of Last Meeting (Annual Review Session) – 6 September 2010

The minutes were agreed as being an accurate record.

Matters Arising

SDC Corporate Consultation Event – *Members feedback*

Seen by members as a land mark event between SDC Cabinet and Corporate Team and SDYC – 25 members attended and considered it really beneficial and were listen to by adults present who were enthusiastic about what young people had to say. Those in attendance voted unanimous to do it again next year, with consideration given to having more time to discuss each issue.

Autumn Training Event – *Members Feedback*

In addition to the evaluation already given by delegates at the end of the four day event, it was commented by a few that another similar teambuilding event should be run again before next autumn. Steve added that the majority of attendees were new members who experienced a fresh programme at a new venue, all worked very hard and feedback was generally very positive. It was hoped that another training event could be held before the end of March 2011.

Chairpersons Report for 2009/10 Year – *Tom Lydon Chairperson 2009/10*

Tom gave an overview of his report (which will appear in the 2010 Annual Review Report); this included his reflection on four years as a voting member, two and a half as Chair. He defined it as a privilege and honour to serve as youth councillor, whilst commenting on the last year as being a landmark one in terms of organisational development for SDYC. The review of the constitution was significant as was the continued development of local youth forums. With the litter recycling project fulfilling its aim and other key points, namely involvement in Tripswitch, concessionary bus fares campaigns and holding an official meeting with the local MP, much progress had been made and the impact of members hard work was hugely important. Tom gave thanks to Steve for continued support as the council's youth worker, referring to his role as the bedrock of the youth councils function. Tom wished everyone well in their roles and for the future.

Rosie thanked Tom for his excellent leadership and hard work as Chair, wishing him well for his immediate future at Leeds University and his career thereafter.

Correspondence

Gloucestershire 10:10 Awards

Freddie Whittaker, a former SDYC member had forwarded details of an award programme is being run by Gloucestershire Media which includes a category for Best Recycling Project – members agreed that the Litter Recycling Project should to be nominated for this. Steve would co-ordinate this by the 15 November.

Neighbourhood Watch Committee meeting – 24 November

Information on this meeting would be passed to the elected Youth Cabinet member for Community Cohesion to act as the SDYC representative on this committee.

Global Action Plan - Climate Squad

Details of two projects being run by Global Action Plan a national environmental charity, were received in relation to a volunteering programme being run by their 16 – 25 year old Climate Squad

group. Members were offered details of *Operation Pump it Up* and *Blackout* and asked to consider the work of this group.

Stroud Validate

SDC Community Safety Service are no longer running this young persons identity scheme for schools and youth groups, however they are willing continue to offer this to SDYC members as an 'in-house' opportunity. Some members expressed interest and suitable arrangements will be made to follow this interest.

Road Safety

A programme for information and educational purposes is being offered by the County Council Road Safety Unit for any groups wanting to find more out about specific issues of concern – this was promoted, particularly to local youth forums who were considering the issue in their area.

The Big Listen - British Youth Council survey on the Big Society

A big thank you had been received from BYC to all members who had taken part in the recent survey – over 1000 young people carried this out on behalf of their communities.

Test Purchasing with the Police

The opportunity to work with the Police and the local licensing authority on the issue of under age sales of alcohol is still being offered for those between 14 and 16 years old – members were asked to come forward as soon as possible to receive more information. Kathryn and Beth expressed an interest.

Equalities Act 2010

Members were briefed on the implementation of the Equalities Act 2010 which began in October. Details will be given to the Youth Cabinet for further consideration.

UKYP Elections 2011

Following the announcement of the Governments Spending Review, the UK Youth Parliament for Gloucestershire has postponed their elections for 2011 with view considering how the membership can operate in light of the local authority cuts. Robin, who is also current Deputy MYP for Stroud & Cotswolds, highlighted that a reduction from six to three members was being considered with local area elections still possible in the New Year.

One County One Voice Event – 25 October

Positive feedback on the event had been received from UKYP Gloucestershire; this included honest comments from SDYC members who attended. The presentations by Members of Youth parliament, the Police and the Debate in the Chamber were considered excellent, although workshops on transport and media training were considered by some as being poor.

Stagecoach West – Mega Weekend Ticket Offer

A special young person's mega weekend ticket offer is available for unlimited travel for £5.00, on all bus services in the county from 6pm on Friday 19 November to Sunday 21 November. This was in response to recent measures by various youth groups (including SDYC) to gain a better deal for young people regarding transport. Comments from members included the fact that no service ran from Wotton under Edge after 6pm and whilst it was a positive step, it needed to be carried out over a longer period.

Domestic Violence Awareness Event – 25 November

A half day event was being held on the issue of Domestic Violence – members interested in attending were; Millie, Becky, Beth, Roxy, Izzie, Abi, Chloe, Laura and Blake. More information would be sought and forwarded to these members.

Amendments to SDYC Constitution

The following Motion was proposed by Lindsey Driver - *Youth Cabinet Deputy Leader, 2009-10*

'The SDYC Constitution should be amended as per the highlighted points in the 2010 revised document, to ensure the organisation continues to function in an appropriate and effective way'
Lindsey gave an overview of the proposal which had been endorsed by the 2009/10 youth council

It was seconded by: Rosie Dickinson - *Youth Cabinet Leader, 2009-10*

The motion was passed and adopted.

Election of Chairperson

The following members were nominated;

Millie Gardiner – *Proposed by Emma Sankey, Seconded by Beth Jones*
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft – *Proposed by Lynford Short, Seconded by Rosie Dickinson*
Annie Pickering - *Proposed by Lindsey Driver, Seconded by Kieran Chadwick*

Following a balloted vote, Robin was elected Chairperson for the 2010-11 year.

Election of Vice Chairperson

The following member was nominated;

Rosie Dickinson – *proposed by Lindsey Driver, seconded by Robin Ellis-Cockcroft*

Rosie was elected as Vice Chairperson for the 2010-11 year.

Election of Youth Cabinet

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

Lindsey Driver - *proposed by Emma Sankey, seconded by Kathryn White*

Lindsey was elected as Leader for the 2010-11 year.

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

Kit Powell - *proposed by Kieran Chadwick, seconded by Lindsey Driver*

Kit was elected as Community Cohesion Portfolio holder for the 2010-11 year.

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

Annie Pickering - *proposed by Lindsey Driver, seconded by Kieran Chadwick*

Annie was elected as Environment Portfolio holder for the 2010-11 year.

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

Emma Sankey - *proposed by Lindsey Driver, seconded by Kieran Chadwick*

Emma was elected as Finance Portfolio holder for the 2010-11 year.

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

Kathryn White - *proposed by Lindsey Driver, seconded by Beth Jones*

Kathryn was elected as Planning Portfolio holder for the 2010-11 year.

f) The following members were nominated for the **Housing Portfolio**;

Lynford Short - *proposed by Rosie Dickinson, seconded by Robin Ellis-Cockcroft*
Roxy Mould – *proposed by Laura Forrester, seconded by Kit Powell*
Beth Jones – *proposed by Emma Sankey, seconded by Millie Gardiner*

Lynford was elected as Housing Portfolio holder for the 2010-11 year.

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

Kieran Chadwick - *proposed by Kit Powell, seconded by Lindsey Driver*

Kieran was elected as Regeneration & Culture Portfolio holder for the 2010 -11 Year

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

Election of Co-options

A discussion was had on the role of a co-option, highlighting that the purpose was to elect on to the youth council persons who would bring specific representation, skills and / or knowledge to the existing membership that was not already there.

Key Issues/projects for 2010/11

The following key issues and projects were agreed as being those that SDYC would tackle during the next year;

- SDYC 10th Anniversary Event
- Love Food, Hate Waste Project
- Development of Local Youth Forums
- Concessionary Bus Fares
- Community Safety Packs Initiative
- Promoting Young Peoples Rights

Project team members for 2010/11

The following members wished to be involved with the 10th Anniversary Event planning; Millie, Rosie, Roxy, Laura, Lynford, Becky, Beth, Charlie, Izzie, Chloe, Abi, Tom, Kirsty, Charlotte, Robin. This will be led by Lindsey as Youth Cabinet Leader. The next meeting would be 16 November at 4.30pm.

It was agreed the other project teams would be nominated at the next meeting.

Calendar Dates for 2010/11

Whilst these had been distributed to all members previously, a reminder was given that the meeting on 20 December as at Museum in the Park (Stratford Park, Stroud) and would start at the earlier time of 2,30pm *not* 4.30pm.

Any Other Business

The Chair congratulated all members who had taken part in the training event and officer elections. Steve added that he was looking forward to working with all members during the year ahead.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 29 November 2010 at Stroud Youth Centre, 4.30pm.