



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 9th June 2014

Time : 16:30

Venue: Fresh Ground Cafe

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	A
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	A
Kirsty Driver (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>) **	Ap
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
Millie Jotham (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)*	P
Jai Aldridge (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Sahaya James (<i>Stroud College</i>)	Ap
Ben Maudsley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A
Mollie Fellows (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P
James Lauchlan (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Elizabeth Powell (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Lorena Davis (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Indi Higgins (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Joss Beeley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Keller Philpot (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Kieran Chadwick	A
Kathryn White	A
Ryan Pilkington	A
Jess Fisher	A
Roxy Mould	A

CO-OPTIONS

Ryan Davis (<i>St Roses School</i>)	A
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**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair P = present A = absent Ap = apology given**

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
 Hannah Povah, Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Jess Jenkins, Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services

Welcome and Apologies

In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair, Alex Lin-Vines welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Hannah Povah, the new Youth Worker for YCS. Apologies were received from Suus Gooch, Archie Holley, Kirsty Driver, Millie Jotham, Sahaya James, Jamie Arthur, Tom Ambury, Sam Barnes and Joss Beeley. Members introduced themselves and stated who they represent and any additional role they have with SDYC.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

A note of inaccuracy was highlighted from the previous minutes. Lily Clarke did attend the meeting; however the minutes stated she gave her apologies. This will be noted and amended in the previous minutes. Other than that, the minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting. Proposed by: James Lauchlan; Seconded by: Lily Clarke. The Chair also highlighted the previous meeting on 19th May was cancelled due to a high number of apologies meaning a quorum (minimum number) of members would have not been present.

Matters Arising

a) Westonbirt Arboretum Youth Participation Project

Steve shared more details about Westonbirt Arboretum opportunity to do participation work with young people after receiving funding from the Heritage Lottery. Having carried out a 'Big Build' Project, they will be running a pilot activity programme on various dates this summer. The activities will range from outdoor building of shelters, campfire cooking, pioneering, plant hunter challenge, wildlife watching and night hikes. Members showed enthusiasm in taking part in this and weekends seemed best for most. Arrangements would be made for SDYC to take part.

b) Election of Health Watch Advisors/Champions (One School Rep, One Youth Forum Rep)

A discussion was had around a young people being a member of Health Watch to give their voice and opinions on any matters. It was decided for the Health Focus Group to make the final decision on this.

c) Photography Project – Discussion (All)

At the last meeting, Steve shared the idea of a photography based project. Member's initial thoughts included; to capture photos to promote themes or projects around the district and to have one representative from each school or youth forum to gather photos from that particular area. Steve highlighted that the outcome for this should be to have a strong set of images on display that portray the voice of young people. James, Holly, Mollie, Toni, Emily, Lorena, and Alex showed enthusiasm to form a project team to agree aim and objectives, themes etc. It was noted that Millie and Indi may also be interested in this project. It was decided to meet on Wednesday 18th June at 4pm.

Correspondence

Junior Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Steve reminded members that last year representatives from SDYC were nominated to attend Neighbourhood Watch Association Committee. Whilst some meetings have been cancelled, there was a new Neighbourhood Watch Officer who wished to revisit the concept of having a Junior Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Members will be kept informed of their interest.

Stroud District Council Election Results - Councilor Tim Williams

Steve gave an overview of the recent adult Council Election results and explained that it had brought possibly the youngest Councilor to be elected to SDC. Cllr Tim Williams (20 years old) was elected in Bisley as a member of the Conservative Group. Steve explained there may be an opportunity to liaise with him either through Chalford Cubed or directly with SDYC.

Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Steve explained the CCG would like to consult with anyone who uses community pharmacies or GP dispensaries in the County. The responses will inform the Gloucestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment which is used to plan and commission further pharmaceutical services. Steve suggested taking this to the Health Focus Group. To find out more information, visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/yourpharmacy.

Healthwatch Gloucestershire

Healthwatch Gloucestershire is having an Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17th June 2014 at Gloucester Rugby Club. Alun Davies MBE is the key note speaking who is a Healthwatch England Board Member. It will take place from 6pm – 8pm. Libby, Alex, Lily and James showed interest in attending this meeting.

Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board

Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board are having an engagement event which is being held in the Cabinet Suite at Shire Hall on Tuesday 8th July 2014. It was felt that some members of SDYC should attend this meeting to represent young people – this will be confirmed at the next SDYC meeting.

Chris Moon MBE Lecture at Dean Close School

Following the Katie Piper lecture earlier this year, SDYC have another invite from Dean Close School to attend another seminar by Chris Moon MBE. Unfortunately, there would no Warden or Youth Workers transport support for this event. It starts at 4pm. Chris Moon MBE will be telling his remarkable story of being one of the few westerners ever to survive being captured by the Khmer Rouge whilst working for a charity cleaning land mines in Cambodia. He then had a horrible accident losing his lower right leg and right arm. Since then, he's completely marathons across the world. Steve said, if any members of SDYC could get to Dean Close School, he is happy to let the School know. The contact is Tracey Colbert-Smith at Dean Close School and her telephone number is **01242 258045**.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums – (All)

Berkeley Youth Forum

The proposed Skate Park area has been measured. There have been a couple of coffee and cake events and this has encouraged donations to help with funding the skate park.

Marling

No report

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum

Nothing to update.

Chalford Cubed

Three meetings since the last SDYC meeting. Members have been planning a Free Food and Drink event and held it on 31st May at Frith Youth Centre to promote the venue to younger and older people – the forum would also use this event to consult on local issues. Contacted has been made with the Parish Council and the Trustees of the Youth Centre. Suggestions to repaint the Frith Youth Centre over the summer had been shared. The building may be renamed to encourage adult use as well as young people.

Stroud High School

The new school skirts have been introduced that the students will need to wear. The Year 11's have left. There is the Summer Prom on 26th June. The Leaver's hoodies are to be now called 'Transitional Sweatshirts'.

Archway

On the last day of term, there will be a non uniform day to raise money to adopt different birds. The Year 11's have left school following exams.

Thomas Keble

There has been another Student Council meeting which was a lot more structured. However the Tutor who runs the Council leaving at the end of the school year, meaning someone else will be taking over. A few members of other staff have left also.

Maidenhill

A series of fundraising events to help raise money for the Meningitis Trust are being organized, following a student being in hospital with the condition.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

The tuck shop idea at the new youth centre is progressing. Steve congratulated James for the work he has done for Stonehouse and for being made the Towns' Young Person of the Year. The Opening of the Youth Centre and Skate Park was a big success.

Katharine Lady Berkeley

No report.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

The Curry Evening organized by the Wotton Liaison Group will be on Friday 13th June starts at 7:30pm to raise money for youth work provision. The forum will be arranging a litter pick around the area soon. There is a bench making workshop to help with the youth garden. The forum will be having a visit from Hannah Gorf, Health & Wellbeing Coordinator from SDC to talk about health services that are available. They are getting in contact with the cinema to help gain affordable prices and increase youth audiences through. They are also trying to communicate more with other parts of the Wotton community. Youth Forum representatives are being elected to various local organizational groups and projects.

Local Strategic Partnership Report

SDYC have had representation on the LSP for many years and are the only youth organization that sits on it. Kirsty and Millie presented the findings from the Work Experience Project. This received very positive feedback. The Police Crime Commissioner was present at the meeting giving Kirsty and Millie the opportunity to invite him to a future SDYC meeting. The Ambitions Event will be taking place on 12th November at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. Healthwatch were also present at this meeting and made positive comments about their work with SDYC. The meeting is available to watch on the Stroud District Council website. The next meeting is on 12th September 2014.

British Youth Council Report – (Lily/Charlotte)

Positive Stories

There was a discussion at the last meeting around inputting and writing articles. Any Positive Stories can be seen on British Youth Council website.

Votes at 16

The Votes at 16 event was held in Westminster which a few of SDYC members attended. The debate for the Votes at 16 can be viewed on the website.

BYC Trustee Representative for the European Youth Forum

The Representative gave evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee about the issue of employment in the EU. If you would like to find out more about the report, it can be found on the website.

Other Opportunities and Actions

There will be a survey to be completed regarding multiple discrimination, concerning young people in Europe. The survey looks for responses from people aged 18-35.

European Youth Event

BYC members attend with around 5000 young people. Between 9th-11th May, 17 young people in 14 Youth Council organisations attended the European Youth Event. It was hosted at the European Parliament. At the end of the event, attendees presenting their recommendations on how to improve the lives of young Europeans directly to the European Parliament.

Jubilee Awards for Service Nominations

For young people aged 10-20 who should be recognized for outstanding service.

Consultation on Youth Election Support

This is being offered to BYC members. They have put together more details on Youth Election Proposal for members to support each other more effectively.

UK Young Ambassadors Campaign

There is a new UK Young Ambassadors campaign for all national governments to provide better access to good quality work experience. They spoke to 3000 young people across the UK about social inclusion and access to education, employment, training and entrepreneurship.

BYC Supports: Youth Voice at the World Conference on Youth

Last month, BYC supported two young people to represent the UK at the World Conference in Sri Lanka. The forum brought together 1500 young people, government representatives and organisations from around the world to discuss and draft youth recommendations for new global development goals.

StepUpToServe Campaign

Step Up to Serve currently has a great opportunity as they are recruiting for young Trustees aged 18-25. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.stepuptoserve.org.uk/young-trustees/

European Youth Forum: Representatives Report Back

Two European representatives recently attended the European Youth Forum to discuss details of policies and links to, the LoveEuropeFuture campaign for a more youth friendly EU Parliament and a campaign for better internships. The report can be found on their website.

World Forum for Democracy

The European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe is launching a call for participants for youth activity at the 'World Forum for Democracy: From participation to influence: can youth revitalize democracy?' 300 people will be selected to participate in a youth meeting prior to the World Forum (31st October-3rd November) and to the World Forum itself (3rd-5th November)

Summer Camps: Siblings Together

Siblings Together is an organisation that aims to tackle the social disadvantage and emotional cost that comes with not having a secure family unit. They try and ensure that they continue to develop and maintain the bond with their brothers and sisters. They are running the camps for looked after brothers and sisters ages 7-18 years with a maximum of 15 young people per camp to provide adventure and to create memorable and meaningful experiences which sibling groups can share together and cherish forever.

South West Youth Voice Convention Report – from meeting on 29th May (Libby)

Libby, Alex and Millie attended the South West Youth Voice Convention on 29th May 2014. The programme included giving views to decision makers from the Government's Department of Culture, Media & Sport who wanted their views on careers for young people in Tourism. A film was shown by Wiltshire Young Commissioners on Bullying called 'Break the Cycle' about the effects of cyber bullying. Discussions were then had on this issue and reps' were encouraged to make a link on social media. Participation in a workshop called 'Bite the Bullet', a not for profit organization included a debate on whether the Olympics was a 'waste of money' and 'should we leave the European Union?'. An informal discussion was also had about youth led projects taking place across the region, including SDYC's Work Experience Project. Steve explained there may be an opportunity to develop a link with Wiltshire Young Commissioners around Social Media and Bristol Young Majors are keen to meet up and discuss the Work Experience work. They also met the Gloucestershire UK Youth Parliament members who talked about the Make Your Mark initiative, where young people vote for issues that should be explored in the next year by UKYP.

Members discussed developing Positive Stories every quarter from each Youth Forum or School Council and SDYC. It was decided to confirm at the next meeting. Reports should be sent to Steve and he can forward them on to the appropriate organizations.

SDYC Focus Group & Project Team Reports (Portfolio Leads)

a) *Employment & Training Focus Group – confirm next meeting date*

The next meeting was agreed to take place on Monday 7th July.

b) *Health Focus Group – confirm next meeting date*

The next meeting was agreed to take place on Monday 23rd June.

c) Local Democracy Focus Group – confirm next meeting date

Simon will talk to Millie and send some potential dates to the group.

d) Social Media Project Team – report from meeting on 6th May

The SDYC website is using 20 year old software and has no further scope for development. It was acknowledge there was a need to create a new website. The two options are; 'buy in' another website through an external provider or SDC create a new site in the next 12 months. The project team proposed:

'Members will work with the SDC Web Editor to help develop a new site for the launch in 2015'. Proposed by: *Lily Clarke*; Seconded by: *George Gooch*. There was a unanimous vote in favour to this.

In relation to Facebook, those in attendance agreed that the official groups dedicated to the SDYC website should be refreshed and used as a regular tool for communication. It was also noted that an unofficial group had also been set up recently by an SDYC member, possibly unaware of the two official groups. To avoid confusion, it was agreed the member controlling this will be asked to close this account/group. The following idea was proposed:

'There was a proposal that members only interact with the official groups'. Proposed by: *Lily Clarke* Seconded by: *James Lauchlan*. There was a unanimous vote in favour to this.

Election of Youth Grant Funding Panel 2014/15 – (2 from schools/colleges; 2 from LYF's)

Steve explained the youth grant funding panel manages £50,000 which is given by the County Council to the District Council. Through a partnership with the SDYC a funding programme is operated. A new panel should be elected at the next meeting. Nominations to be a panel member should be received on the official form and must be received via post or email by the SDC Senior Youth Officer by 12 noon on **Friday 27th June 2014** – all nominations after this date and time will not be accepted.

Election of British Youth Council Representatives for 2014/15 – (2 voting members)

Nominations for 2014/15 will need to be taken at the next meeting. The Chair explained Lily and Charlotte are currently holding the position for BYC representatives - they both explained the role was to report back from the newsletters they receive from the BYC. They also have opportunities to attend events and are also the online voting representatives.

Any Other Business

Simon asked what happened to the Sub Rooms Arts Ambassadors. Mollie, Holly, James, Tom and Lorena showed interest in being involved in this. The Manager is yet to come back to Steve specifying what the role will involve.

Jess highlighted she is only based at Ebley Mill a couple of days a week so emphasized the fact that if she needed to be contacted, to 'CC' in Steve or text her so she can pick things up quicker. It was also highlighted to make sure everybody knows the best way to contact each other.

Steve notified the group that Susannah Gooch has retired from SDYC.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 30th June 2014, 4:30pm, Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross.