



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

10.05.2010

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Thomas Lydon, Marling**	P
Rob Price, Marling	Ap
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	P
Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud High	P
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
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	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	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	P
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	Ap
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
 Debbie Miles, Community Safety Manager, SDC

Minutes of the meeting

Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and highlighted that an additional item had been added to the agenda entitled Community Safety Packs - Debbie Miles (SDC Community Safety Manager) would be joining the meeting later to present this.

Apologies were received from Rob Price, Kamila Gebicka, Ben Dewfall, El Linsell, Ashley Skerten, Lynford Short Hagar Niblett and Helen Smith (GCC Youth Support Worker)

Minutes of the last meeting – 19 April 2010

They were agreed as being an accurate record.

Matters Arising

SDC Core Strategy Consultation Event – feedback

Member's comments were positive with a discussion adding the structure and content of the day was meaningful and productive. It was highlighted that the Planning Strategy team were very pleased with the event and would be looking to involve members again in the next stage of the process during the autumn. A report of day is to be compiled by Planning Strategy team.

British Youth Council, Summer Convention's

The Chair reminded members that the 28 May was the deadline date for members to signal their interest in attending the event in Cardiff on Thursday 5 August. Members confirmed to date; Lindsey, Emma, Millie, Beth & Vicky.

Housing Improvement Plan – next steps

Lindsey, Cerys & Annie agreed forward a number of dates (to Steve) when they could meet with Cllr. Debbie Young in the near future to discuss a way forward. Tom would try and support this also.

TripSwitch – update

Tom reported that a local agreement with bus companies to provide subsidised fares during Public Transport Week (14 -20 June) for the TripSwitch Green Travel Month programme was nearing completion. Stroud High school was only able to support one week.

Help for Heroes Car Pull

Dave reported that the charity Car Pull on 9 May for the *Help for Heroes*, raised approx £2000.

Correspondence

Pupil Voice Participation England - A new national organisation has been created to provide a support network to the 90% of schools whom consider them selves to have a school council. Their 1st National Conference will be between 23-25 June 2011 and website address is www.pvpengland.org.uk

Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Marling – Tom explained the recent debate between Parliamentary Candidates of all four political parties as part of the build up to the General Election was successful and had been broadcast by BBC Radio Gloucestershire. Marling's Got Talent competition was now underway. He also highlighted that he and Rob would be leaving school this week!

Stroud High – Cerys reported that the sixth forum council were now meeting at lunch time (instead of lesson time) and the biggest current issue was summer uniform (i.e. shorts). Rosie added that the uniform issues had been discussed with the rest of students as well, results were due soon. The forming of a student leadership group was being considered in assist with increasing the voice of students and interaction with school governors. A joint 'mock election' with Marling School last week had been successful and 'starred' the SDYC Chair, Tom Lydon!

Thomas Keble – Kit highlighted that Archie Flexen-Cook would no longer be a representative to SDYC, and the school council would be holding a by-election at next meeting. *TK's Got Talent* competition was now underway. Kit added that Steve attended their last meeting and helped promote SDYC.

Archway – Kieran reported that Archway School were involved with a new radio show and also highlighted that some students were involved as cast members in a recent *Cider with Rosie* adaptation on Radio Four.

Maidenhill – Millie highlighted the discussions around summer uniform. Steve agreed to attend the school council meeting scheduled for next week.

Voice of Young Stonehouse – Annie reported that their youth worker had continued talks with Wycliffe College in which to gain representation. Discussions with other schools i.e. Maidenhill had been encouraged by Annie. An idea to make a film about Stonehouse had been put forward. There had been no uptake on the offer of support for recruitment.

Rednock – Lindsey reported that a new structure for next year's student council had been proposed and was taking into consideration the Vertical Tutoring system now in place. The Post 16 Committee elections had also taken place, however issues with democracy with the system had been evident. She was confident the matters would be sorted soon.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum – Vicky reported that Rob Plumley (Social Network & Website Designer) had visited recently to demonstrate the initial plans for the pilot project – more details under agenda item below.

Katharine Lady Berkeley – Emma highlighted that a mock election had been held recently with much controversy surrounding the manifestos of some 'parties'. Unfortunately the winning party was yet to deliver on their 'promises'!

Community Safety Packs for Young People – Debbie Miles (Community Safety Manager, SDC)

Tom welcomed Debbie to the meeting. Debbie explained that as part of the wide remit of Community Safety Service, officers are involved in local Pride in Your Neighbourhood events which aim to give support to specific communities to help them to become cleaner and safer. A recent visit to Swansea had inspired an idea to create community safety packs for young people who could include (for example) sponge balls, bike locks, mobile phone security tags etc. Debbie offered the opportunity for members to develop the idea further and enhance the relationship between SDYC and the SDC Community Safety Service as well as increase the profile in communities. Following a brief discussion and a look at example products, it was agreed Kit (as Youth Cabinet member for Community Cohesion) would work with Debbie to do some research and complete a Youth Opportunity Fund application for the project during the next 10 days. Depending on the outcome of the funding bid, a project team consisting of Vicky, Becky, Kieran, Alex, Millie, Dave, Beth would convene to look at the content of the packs and how they could be distributed.

10:10 Campaign – presentation from Annie

Following a request at the last meeting, Annie gave a brief overview of the 10:10 Campaign which aims to help cut carbon emissions by 10% by the end of 2010. SDC and the County Council have joined the campaign – Annie asked members, should SDYC join? If so, what could we do? A discussion on changing personal behaviour i.e. considering food miles, transport etc was held and agreement made that it would be good to at least make a statement, however signing up should not be tokenistic.

Can SDYC make 10 changes this year that would reduce Co2? Agreement was reached in principal to support the signing up to 10:10, however each member was required to state in writing by the next meeting one action they will take that will contribute to this reduction, this would then be compiled and used to promote the act of 'signing up'.

10th Anniversary Celebrations – progress report

Lindsey reported that the project team had visited two venues so far and gave an overview on each.

Junction 13 Bar & Night Club – suitable for a party/social or informal event, it could feature a DJ and/or a live band. The venue has numerous TV screens which could be used to promote SDYC work of the last 10 years. An informal guest list could be considered to include past, present members and associates, however consideration would be given towards having higher price tickets for guests. It was agreed Facebook was a key tool to communicate with ex members and a SDYC page would be set up soon. A minimum age of 13yrs old may be required.

The Sub Rooms, Stroud - appropriate for a showcase event with a comfortable capacity for 350. The venue features staging, bar, café and cloakrooms. An event here would allow organisations involved with SDYC

during the last 10 years to attend a formal but entertaining event. The flexibility of either afternoon or early evening session was noted. However this venue does get booked up way in advance. The next meeting would feature a visit to *The Barn at Berkeley* on Thursday 17 June.

Social Network & Website Project – progress report

Emma reported that Lindsey and she met the website designer, Rob Plumley from Cadence Designs to take a first look at the initial design. Steve assisted, with a diagram that explained how the network 'hub' and sub sites would work. Following the project brief Rob had created a graphic programme that demonstrated how the hub site and sub sites might look. The key tool for this function and interaction would be Facebook with Twitter, YouTube and Flickr also being used to support the interactive elements. SDC have agreed to allow access to Facebook to set up an SDYC page however this and the sub sites will need to be moderated – further discussions on this will be held in due course. A domain name (what the site/sub-sites should be called) needs to be agreed ASAP. Members agreed it should reflect the purpose and be 'funky, cool and catchy'. The main hub site will operate alongside the current SDYC website. SDC are supporting this in principal and look forward to seeing the outcomes. Members were asked to complete a brief questionnaire to support the next stages of development. The project team would meet again soon.

Litter Recycling Pilot Project – update

Izzy reported that the project team had met twice since the last SDYC meeting. All litter bins were now installed and functioning as required. Auditing had commenced as agreed, with Lynford and Robin carrying out the first round on 2nd May. However the bin at Pocket Park, near the canal in Stroud town now needs to be removed to make way for canal restoration work – it had been agreed by the project team to place this on a recreation area in Park Estate, Stonehouse. Feedback from the audit suggested that one bin allows rain to enter and becomes flooded. Discussions about a promotional/educational workshop with SDC Public Space were ongoing. Next meeting will be on Thursday 24 June.

Youth Cabinet Report

Rosie reported that in light of limited time until the end of the year in which to complete the work on the Constitution Review, the Youth Cabinet may need to do an all day and overnight session during July or August – the outcomes will be proposed at the September meeting.

Any Other Business

Stroud College – Steve informed members that as it had been noted for sometime that representation from the College had been low or non existent he had been having talks with the College regarding this overall matter as well as the issue of the SDYC Vice Chair being a representative. Feedback from both the College and the Vice Chair highlighted that attendance in the future was unlikely to come from the nominated students. Steve added that he was discussing with Tom (Chair) and Rosie (Youth Cabinet Leader) the possible use of disciplinary action.

Road Safety – Steve highlighted some statistics from a GCC report which stated a number of facts around the issue of road safety for young people. The 10 – 19 age range had the highest pedestrian casualties from 2005 – 2009. Whilst the total casualty figures for all ages over the last five years have decreased, there has been an increase in child fatalities and serious injuries. Members were asked if presentation to raise issues would be useful in which to inform them with view to considering a project or initiative. Kieran added that a recent video on railways was particularly thought provoking. It was agreed a presentation would be favourable as soon as possible.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 7 June 2010 at Stroud Youth Centre, 4.30pm.