



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

14.03.2011

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Beth Jones, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	Ap
Ellen Wightman, Thomas Keble	P
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft**, Stroud Town YF	P
Rosemary Dickinson*, Stroud Town YF	P
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
Lynford Short, Archway	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	P
(Rudi) Blue Morgan, Stroud College	A
Charlotte-Louise Grigg, Stroud College	A
Chloe Boulton, Wotton under Edge YF	P
Laura Forrester, Wotton under Edge YF	P
Millie Gardiner, Maidenhill	P
Jordan Wilson, Maidenhill	A
Rob Sidwell, Marling	A
Max Feedman, Marling	P
Sally Holditch, Stroud High	P
Laura Byng, Stroud High	Ap

EX-OFFICIO

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

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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

CO-OPTIONS

Reece Campbell, Young Carers	A
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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

Minutes of the meeting

Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, in particular a new member from Stroud High School, Sally Holditch. Apologies were received from Kamila Gebicka, Kit Powell, Lynford Short, Laurie Watts, Jessie Lyons-Lynch, Luka Chadwick, Jens Newton and Laura Byng (another new member from Stroud High).

Minutes of Last Meeting – 28 February 2011

The minutes were read through and agreed as being an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Anti-bullying Awards – member feedback (KLB, Archway, TK, Marling)

Emma reported that students from KLB would be attending following an accredited project undertaken within the school. No feedback was available from Archway. Robin was unable to find any evidence of Marling being involved. There were no members present from TK. An invitation was given to interested members to attend the award ceremony on 17 March at Ebley Mill – Beth offered.

BYC Votes @16 Campaign

Kathryn gave an overview of the campaign and highlighted the huge amount of work that had already been done by BYC. Groups and individuals were welcome to get involved. A short debate was had on SDYC becoming involved with this with view to young people raising the profile, however it was noted that if SDYC signed up it would need to be in light of members only views, rather than that of all young people in the district, unless we held a 'straw poll' or carried out some consultation. It was generally felt that we should get involved. Members were reminded that BYC would be including this issue in their workshop at the forthcoming 10th Anniversary Event. Further discussion would be had at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Invitation to a Charity Team Challenge at Cotswold Conference Centre

As past clients of the centre (Autumn Training 2010), SDYC had been invited to put a team forward for a charity team challenge event on 10th June 2011 in aid of local children's charity, Noah's Ark Trust. The event is open to teams of six people and will coincide with their 10th birthday. Members expressed a keen desire to be involved and requested more information.

Invitation to Shelter Peer Education Event

An invitation to an event hosted by Shelter the homeless charity has been received to celebrate their peer education work between 2007 and 2011 – it takes place on 30 March in Gloucester between 3pm and 6pm. Members were asked to confirm any interest as soon as possible.

10 Anniversary Committee – Progress Report

Lindsey ran through the programme of the event, highlighting running order of timings for each workshop, performance and presentation. A recent visit to the Sub Rooms confirmed the layout of the event and catering arrangements – unfortunately all food needed to be provided by the Sub Rooms, thus not allowing for a celebration cake to be donated or bought in.

Guests who have replied were noted, as were invites to parents. An explanation was given as to how the various workshops would operate. Members were encouraged to mix with adults guests on the day and generally make everyone feel welcome.

Transport was offered as usual but members were reminded that they needed to confirm urgently.

Tripswitch 2011 – Progress Report

Robin reported on the recent meeting which involved representatives from schools. Stagecoach was being pursued regarding a subsidised rate for young people under 18 who are either in education or are unemployed. He outlined the programme and reminded those concerned about the next meeting on 5 April 2011, 4pm at Cainscross Parish Council office.

Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

Vale of Berkeley College – Roxy and Kirsty highlighted their fundraising work and the forthcoming fashion show at the school which has been supported by the Police.

Rednock – Lindsey and Kathryn reported that money ‘found’ recently in dormant school accounts would not be available to groups outside of the school. Kathryn had been elected as the new Chair of the student council and Tom was re-elected as the lead of the Food Committee – this involved regular work with the catering company to ensure student input into menus and planning.

Thomas Keble – No report available

Katharine Lady Berkeley – Emma reported that the school were discussing with parents and students about becoming an academy. A by-election had been held and representatives for SDYC have now been nominated - Emma would remain as a voting member until the end of September with one joining her and up to three other students acting as their deputies. This arrangement had been agreed in light of the long term issue of not having a full representation from KLB in the past. It was likely that the four new members would continue after September, following Emma’s departure. Contact details had also been received and welcome packs would be sent out as soon as possible

Archway – Kieran reported that student council had met with the school governors regarding the behaviour for learning policy. This was an initial meeting and it was hoped more involvement would follow.

Voice of Young Stonehouse – Annie reported that Wycliffe College had expressed a desire to be part of VOYS. It was hoped the students would also be keen to then represent VOYS on SDYC. Forthcoming work may involve an international themed project with the college, in addition to current concern over the future of youth work in the town and the jobs of youth workers.

Marling – Max mentioned a lot of fundraising was going on with reference to Comic Relief. Savings of £1000 in half term were made in relation to the Young Energy People project – discussions were being had on this and other environmental projects.

Stroud High School – Sally highlighted that administration issues following the elections had now been resolved resulting in her and Laura Byng being the voting reps. Work was continuing with the ‘build a plane’ project.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum – Abi reported that members had been discussing how they could raise awareness locally of their work.

Maidenhill – Nothing to report

Stroud Town Youth Forum – Robin and Rosie explained that progress had not been made recently due to their time being dedicated to the SDYC 10 Anniversary Event arrangements; however they would endeavour to resume their work on STYF soon. They would be speaking with Danny very soon.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum – Becky reported that Dursley Town Council had asked the youth forum to help them with the ‘In bloom’ initiative, they were awaiting more information.

Best Recycling Award – Photo Shoot

Annie explained that planning was difficult as El Linsell and Izzy Holley (past Youth Cabinet members for Environment) had not been contactable – it hoped that a photo could be taken in advance of the forthcoming anniversary event. Efforts would continue.

Local Strategic Partnership

Robin & Lindsey reported on a recent meeting held at Stroud College of the cross sector partnership. A presentation on the arts within Stroud was given, as well as one on 'Total Place' an approach being used to ensure that there is no duplication with care services for older people. Employment for young people had become a big issue and consideration was given to the various strategies and approaches being made – Robin was part of a specific group set up to look at this. A meeting with Beri Hare, Principal of Stroud College would to be arranged to discuss this further, Robin would be attending. A long debate with Stroud MP, Neil Carmichael was held on various issues particularly on university fees and costs to young people wanting further education. Lindsey reminded Neil that SDYC would be pursuing a meeting with him soon, as a follow up to the last one in autumn 2010.

Kathryn highlighted that she had written a draft letter to our Stroud MP with view to asking for a meeting on various issues including concessionary bus fares and cuts to youth services.

Neighbourhood Watch Committee – Report

Kit was not present to present a report of the recent meeting. This would be considered next time.

Youth Cabinet Report

Lindsey reported that no meeting had been held recently in light of anniversary event work being carried out.

Any Other Business

ASDAN Activities Awards – Roxy Mould, who attended the autumn training residential received her award certificates for the work they did during the four day event.

Stroud Access Group AGM – Steve reminded members that this was being held on 16 March at Ebley Mill, the following were nominated reps; Kit and Rosie. Millie and Roxy expressed an interest in attending as well.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 4 April 2011 in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill at 4.30pm.