



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 14th November 2016

Time : 16:30

Venue: Committee Room at Ebley Mill, 4:30pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Noella Osborne (E) (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Tom Schaffner** (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Lauren Davies (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines* (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (HWB) (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Dylan Barker-Duggan (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	A
Jonty Fuller (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Oli King (L) (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
Rebecca Hunt (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Brady (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	Ap
George Sutton (LD) (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Tom Haynes (<i>Rednock School</i>)	P
Tom Wickham-Basset (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
Millie Radford (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Tyler Needham (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Amy Jones (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Wilbur Radford (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
Lily Haines (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

Emily Osborne	A
Archie Holley	A
James Pain	A
George Gooch	A
Libby Powell	A
Charlotte Bignall	A
Holly Abbott	A
James Preece	A

CO-OPTIONS

**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair (L) = Leader (D) = Deputy Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given**

**Principal Members: (ET) = Employment & Training, (H) = Housing, (E) = Environment,
(LD) = Local Democracy, (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing**

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council
Antonia Dixey, Participation People

1. Welcome and Apologies

Members and guests were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair, particularly new members from Stroud Town Five Valleys Youth Forum (Tom WB, Millie, Wilbur and Lily) and Cainscross Youth Forum (Rebecca). Apologies received are noted on the register above.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 17th October 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Oli King; Seconded by: George Sutton.*

3. Matters Arising

a) Stroud Ambitions Event, 9 November – feedback from Tom S, Oli & Nyima

Oli, Tom and Nyima reflected on their attendance, where they promoted the Skills for Stroud Employability Charter to young people who attended the evening session. Comments from those interviewed will be fed into the forthcoming review of the charter being undertaken by SDC.

b) Invite to Seminar on Domestic Abuse amongst young people, 5 December – reminder

Members were reminded that they had recently received an invitation via email regarding a seminar, relating to domestic violence amongst younger people. The one hour event (to co-inside with the 16 Days of Action Campaign) will be held at Ebley Mill, 4.30pm and involves a presentation from Nick Gazzard, whose daughter Hollie was murdered by her ex-partner in 2014. Since setting up the Holly Gazzard Trust, Nick and his family are determined to increase awareness of domestic violence, stalking and healthy relationships and spend much time campaigning. Members were encouraged to book their place as soon as possible.

4. Correspondence

Neighbourhood Watch Association: SDYC have been invited to re-establish their representation with the association – this typically involved two SDYC members attending their quarterly meetings to act as young advisors. Their next meeting is on Monday 12 December at 7pm. Oli agreed to attend. Nyima, Lauren and George would confirm ASAP.

Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries – Initial Proposals for the South West: The Boundary Commission for England have published draft proposals for the south west parliamentary constituencies. Summary of proposed changes to the Stroud Constituency, are as follows;

- Stroud Constituency will gain Quedgeley Fieldcourt and Quedgeley Severn Vale from Gloucester.
- Stroud Constituency will lose Nailsworth and Minchinhampton to the Cotswold's Constituency.
- Stroud Constituency will lose Berkeley, Cam East, Cam West, Dursley, Kingswood, Vale and Wotton-Under-Edge to the proposed new Dursley, Thornbury & Yate Constituency.

The consultation period begins for a 12 week period from the 13 September to 5 December 2016. It was agreed that the SDYC Local Democracy Focus Group would pick this up and look into the issues of concern. Draft proposals or for further information you can visit the interactive consultation website, www.bce2018.org.uk

Stroud Subscription Rooms Review: SDC will be reviewing Stroud Subscription Rooms, its arts and entertainment venue, early in 2017. A specific review group is wishing to engage with SDYC and the local youth forum groups. Members were asked to complete a short pre-consultation questionnaire ahead of future engagement.

SDC Best Ever Satisfaction Ratings: It was recently announced that SDC have gained its highest ever satisfaction ratings – 80% of residents and 70% of businesses are satisfied and very satisfied with the Council.

5. Agenda 2030 – presentation from Zarin Hainsworth & Maya WilsonAutzen

Zarin and Maya were welcomed to the meeting. Maya, a student from Stroud High School (SHS) spoke about the United Nations (UN) Transforming Our World 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Whilst Maya highlighted

the 17 goals which were agreed by the UN in 2015 in which to shape future policies, she added that her involvement had stemmed from a UN led project focusing on women's rights and a local group supporting the Stroud Women's Refuge. The work being carried out by the group links to the 16 days of Action campaign regarding domestic abuse. Maya explained that the group wants to involve more people to increase the impact on gender equality, an issue they are raising by attending the House of Commons and House of Lords on 30th November. They want to work with SDYC in the future and want help to influence all levels of governance (local, national, international). Maya added that SHS was the only school linked to this organization. Members felt there were significant links from this, to the SDYC Curriculum for Life and the Environmental Projects and asked Zarin and Maya for more information about the organisation overseeing this work. It was suggested that a possible 'Call to Action' could help SDYC and young people to support future efforts, including that from other schools.

6. Curriculum for Life (CFL) Project / Campaign – Discussion on Project Team formation

Tom gave an overview of the CFL project / campaign and highlighted the objectives for the benefit of new members. A discussion took place on moving this work to a dedicated project team as there was primarily some concern that other projects may be lost if it remained as part of a joint effort of two Focus Groups. The following motion was proposed by Tom S and seconded by Tom H:

'That a specific project team is created for the Curriculum for Life Project'.

Members voted (13 x For; 0 x Against; 1 x Abstention) in favour of the motion.

7. Updates from School & College Council's, Local Youth Forum Groups (All)

Marling School: Whilst there had been no progress regarding the student council, the commencing of building work on the new arts and drama block was generally welcomed by students.

Maidenhill School: There had been no student council meeting this term, however the elections to the council had taken place - George Sutton had been re-elected. A winter concert and school play was being presented by students. A mid winter charitable concert for the Scooby doo charity was also being planned, invites from Oli King for the event on 10th Jan, 6.30pm would be sent by him soon.

Cainscross Youth Forum: Current issues of concern include mental health, street lighting on routes to and from school, smoking and drugs use – the group is currently considering their campaign options.

Stroud High School: The student council has now formed committees relating to the following; canteen; environment; and well being - however only one meeting has taken place so far this term.

Thomas Keble School: At a recent student council meeting, statistics were shared regarding health and wellbeing matters from the county online pupil's survey. These included online safety for young people and mental health.

Rednock School: They are in the process of setting up student council in the New Year. Plans are underway for next year's Prom', which will be student led. Year 10 students are focusing on work experience having been given a list of potential placements by the school – the Employability Charter was highlighted as a good resource. Tom H reported that he had joined Cam and Dursley Youth Forum.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum: Whilst reps' are yet to be nominated by the group, a report highlighted that they were starting a campaign about 'kindness', which would aim to encourage people to share acts of kindness through the method of giving and receiving message cards during the festive and winter months.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School: SDYC reps' met the Head Teacher last week – discussion on earning equality was raised. The Prom' was now booked and Leavers hoodies were arranged. With anti bullying week coming up, students were involved with an initiative called 'Talk in Conference' that involved leaving messages around a tree at the school.

Wotton Youth Forum: The group is considering a number of potential projects / campaigns, including; having more lighting on routes to and from the town and KLB school; and a project relating to a series of concerts in the town for local bands.

Stroud Town & Five Valleys Youth Forum: The group is planning an event entitled 'A day in the life of a teenager', which includes up to six key topics: e.g. gender, mental health, policing, stigma, and communication with young people. The event is aimed at adult community stakeholders and decision makers in which to build positive relationships and greater cohesion.

Archway School: Students were doing a cake sale for the forthcoming anti bullying week. An Air Ambulance used Archway for a landing site recently, although the incident was not at the school. The 6th Form is opening soon.

8. British Youth Council Report (George)

Whilst no newsletters had been sent recently, it was noted that the next Regional Youth Voice Convention would take place before Christmas.

9. Elections

The following was noted:

- a) Principal Members (PM for Housing; PM for E&T) – it was noted that no nominations were received
- b) Representative to British Youth Council (BYC) – it was noted that no nominations were received
- c) Election of Youth Grant Funding Panel (remaining roles) – it was noted that no nominations were received

Tom explained the roles that were, as yet unfilled. Members were encouraged to look out for the email containing more information and the nomination form, with the nomination deadline extended to 5th December.

10. Patient Participation Group Cluster – Report from Meeting on 10 November (Issy)

Issy reported that her and Steve attended this group meeting for the first time and highlighted that it was made up of adults representing their respective local GP Surgery Patient Participation Groups, whom meet quarterly. Whilst acting as a 'support network' the purpose was to enable them to share information and common issues with each other, with regards to GP practices. Issy (in her PM role) was encouraged to attend in the future.

11. SDYC & LYF Member Training Program – Update & Recruitment (Steve / Molly)

The training program offer was highlighted again. It was agreed that the forthcoming one day event would probably be postponed due to low numbers. However members were informed that an SDYC residential event was being planned for in the February half term break – more details would follow at futures meetings.

12. SDYC Focus Group (FG) Dates

- a) **Local Democracy FG & Employment & Training FG** – Wednesday 23 November

In light of the decision taken earlier, this was amended to: **Curriculum for Life Project Team meeting** – Tom H, Amy & Jonty expressed an interest to be involved. An email to all members would be sent regarding recruitment.

- b) **Health FG** – Tuesday 15 November

It was agreed that this would be changed to an Online CV Writing session, as few members could attend the FG meeting.

13. SDYC Project Team Dates

- a) **Environment Project Team** – Thursday 24 November.

It was agreed that this would be postponed and Noella would suggest a date when she could make it.

b) Website Project Team

Details on when and where this team would meet would be confirmed soon following feedback from members.

14. Any Other Business

LYF Surveys: A question was asked regarding the number of local youth forum surveys completed – discussion on who has / has not been completing them was had. The deadline was noted as being 16 December.

Active Gloucestershire: Antonia promoted the opportunity for young people to be involved with the Active Glos' programme.

15. Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 12th December 2016 at the Museum in the Park