



## NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

15.12.2008

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

### YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Thomas Lydon, Marling\*\*  
 Rob Price, Marling  
 Alex Jones, Cam & Dursley YF  
 Jess Howell, Cam & Dursley YF  
 Liam Baker, Thomas Keble  
 Cameron Patterson, Thomas Keble  
 El Linsell, Stroud High  
 Rosie Dickinson, Stroud High  
 Jack Young, Archway  
 Fran Ballinger, Archway  
 Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's  
 Lindsey Driver, Vale of Berkeley  
 Frank Gillison, Vale of Berkeley  
 Andrew Burbidge, Nailsworth YF  
 Connor Walker, Stonehouse VoYS  
 Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS  
 Megan Roberts, Minchinhampton YC  
 Amy Neason, Minchinhampton YC

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

P	Rebekah Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
P	Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Ap	Joe Clift, Vale of Berkeley	Ap
P	Chantelle Martin, Vale of Berkeley	P
P	Harry Bush, Marling	Ap
Ap	Harry Shankar, Marling	P
Ap	Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble	P
P	Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	P
P	Cerys Bradley, Stroud High	P
A	Isobel Holley, Stroud High	P
Ap	Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
P	Kurtis Herbert, Archway	P
Ap	Isobel Tyrrell, Minchinhampton YC	A
Ap	Jodie Nixon, Minchinhampton YC	A
Ap	Joanna Bullingham, Stonehouse VoYS	A
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#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Rose Horton, Stroud High	A
Freddie Whittaker, Archway	A
Luke Smith, Berkeley	A
Matt Stump, Berkeley	A
Natalie Smith, Archway	A
Emma Mears, Cam & Dursley YF	A
Eleanor Cairns, Thomas Keble	A
Harriet Dudbridge, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	A

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

\*\* = Chair   \* = Vice-Chair   P = present   A = absent   Ap = apology for absence given

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer (SDC)

### **Welcome & Apologies**

The chair welcomed members to Stroud Youth Centre.

Apologies were received from Andrew Burbidge, Becky Batting, Kamila Gebicka, Hilary Dixon, Harry Bush, Frank Gillison, Joe Clift, Connor Walker, Alex Jones, Cameron Patterson and El Linsell.

Also; Cllr Karen Cross and Cllr John Jeffreys.

### **Minutes of the last meeting – 24 November 2008**

It was noted that the Dictaphone was not working properly therefore minutes from the previous are short and maybe slightly inaccurate. If there is anything that is missing and members want in the minutes then please email Steve and they will be amended.

### **Matters Arising -**

#### ***SDC Young Peoples Budget Consultation Survey - report***

Steve distributed the report on the survey carried out. He thanked those members who returned the forms and reminded them that the work done could be logged onto the Gloucestershire Award Plus booklets. The target was to consult with 200 or more young people, unfortunately only 120 were reached. The main aim was to get young peoples views and to get young people to understand how the 2009/2010 budget was going to be set for the district council. Although some questions that were asked were not directly aimed at young peoples services, as members of the community it is important that members had the chance to comment - results of this survey can be found on the SDYC website. It was hoped that members would have greater input into the design of future annual consultation for this purpose.

#### ***Sustainable Community Strategy Event; 'Tomorrows Stroud' - feedback & report***

It was suggested that young people needed to facilitate such events in future instead of adults. Whilst it was generally thought that the food from the hotel was outstanding, however the vegetarian option was very poor - Steve added that he constantly had to keep asking them for refreshments and to vary the room temperature settings. It was up to schools to get the dietary requirements back to Steve for the hotel but most of them didn't reply. The report for this hasn't yet come out, but Steve will feed it back to members as soon as he has it.

#### ***Duke of Edinburgh Award; Accreditation for members***

As reported last time SDYC is now registered as an Access Organisation, more information will be coming out in the New Year.

Steve highlighted that all who attended the training event in October would have received in the post recently a Gloucestershire Award Plus accreditation booklet. This is in respect of the training that delegates did and the pieces of work members have done since. These need to be completed and returned ASAP.

### **Correspondence**

***Emergency Planning*** – Over the past couple of years the district council have been working on the issue of Emergency Planning, in preparation for any disasters within the district – the 2007 floods were the first that involved such contingencies being put in place. They are currently doing emergency planning training for parishes. The training takes place on the 22 January at Ebley Mill. Nikki Humphries, Civil Contingencies Officer has offered to the youth council to come along and have some training and represent the youth council or their own parishes' where you live.

***Federation of Small Businesses*** – This organisation would be very keen if SDYC could help them with a survey that they would like to conduct on young peoples opinions on work experience. They want to make work experience more effective for both students and the employers.

***ID Cards*** – Steve presented a report from Hilary Dixon who wished to share information on future ID cards. From 2010 it is rumoured that an ID card is needed for anyone over 16 to set up a bank account, she indicated that there are many ethical issues surrounding this privacy, civil liberties etc. Looking at the Home Office guidelines for ID cards there are fines of up to £1000 and even prison sentences related

to ID card use and any information. Hilary added “*I think discussing this issue at the SDYC meetings will be really good because ID cards are potentially going to affect all young people and us when we grow up in a huge way*”. There is a website for this and it says that councils have a huge part to play in this as they will effectively have to fund ID cards and at the bottom of the web page there is a list of councils strongly opposed to the introduction of ID cards - Stroud District Council is not listed. Hilary said “*I thought this would be an interesting topic to bring up and ultimately approach the adult council/cabinet about it with a youth opinion because it is an important issue that I wasn't even aware of a few days ago*”. It was agreed that this issue would be put onto the next agenda for an extended discussion.

### **Election of Vice Chair**

It was agreed to leave this issue to the next meeting as there were quite a few members not present at this meeting.

### **Update from Schools, colleges and local youth forums – reports from members**

**Archway** – The music block has finished being built. They will have a new deputy head in January.

**TK** – are trying to launch a new internet forum for the school. Every student now has 2GB of memory in which to store their coursework and other things.

**Cam & Dursley Youth Forum** – Architects are visiting Dursley this coming Friday to find out the kind of buildings that members of the forum like and the things they don't like. The purpose of this is to have consultation with the young people with a view of designing the new Youth Centre in May Lane.

**Stroud High** – Eco Committee has been meeting regularly and is working with South West Energy Agency as part of the Young Energy Peoples project.

### **Litter Recycling Pilot Project – update**

Steve will be meeting with the Public Space Officer, Gemma Steger, next week to hopefully put an order in before Christmas. The Litter Recycling Team will next be meeting in the middle of January, Steve will be in touch with members re dates.

### **Extra Ordinary Council meeting on 16 December – Attendance by SDYC members**

Steve informed members there will be an Extra Ordinary Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December to discuss and make a huge decision on future of the Cotswold Canal restoration project. Given previous involvement he encouraged members to attend. It was noted this date did not feature on the list that went out to all members stating all meetings (including adult council meetings) that will be coming up throughout the next year.

### **Power-Down Project – update**

Following recent communication with John Medley (who gave a presentation to members a couple of months ago on climate change and the Power-Down project) an email has been received from him, which read – “*Steve, thanks for the opportunity to talk to the Youth Council what a great job you are all doing. I hope they feel inspired to think about what they are doing and what they would like to achieve in their own schools in order to respond to the energy and climate challenges of the future. It is also clear that Rachel Close from South West Energy Agency is doing it Stroud High School and Rednock and making a big impact. Hopefully there will be some feedback in early 2009 of which we can provide whatever support is most appropriate. Attached is an electronic document that I circulated which you will recognise from the meeting you, Rachel and I had early in the year*”. He has given Steve a list of things that could be considered, Steve ran through these –

- Knowing the schools carbon footprint
- Reducing energy consumption on site
- Reducing water consumption on site
- Renewable sources of energy
- Recycling
- Producing our own food
- Getting to and from school

- Energy/Power down in the curriculum
- Energy in sport
- Policy and commitment

There is a project team for this and the members involved are Andrew, Jess, Alex B, Rosie, Izzy H, El, Becky, Hilary, Kurtis, Jack, Liam and Kit.

### **Shelter Homelessness Charity – Peer Education training programme**

Shelter is a homeless charity and they have some good strong links in Gloucestershire. They are operating a peer education programme (not to get confused with the Stroud Rural Peer Education project). It is dedicated to educating people about homelessness. They are particularly trying to get into youth groups and schools to run their training project. Late spring last year they came and gave a presentation to the youth council and the decision of members last year was to have a training day with them. It was agreed that this training day would be built into the training event in spring.

### **Youth Cabinet Report**

On the 22 December Youth Cabinet will be shadowing the SDC adult Cabinet members and Heads of Service. The next adult cabinet meeting is on the 21 January where it is hoped Youth Cabinet members will attend.

### **Any Other Business**

*Promotional Materials* – Steve commented on how he went into a school to give a presentation on SDYC and he was told by the teachers that he had no more than 3 minutes to give the presentation. He felt that couldn't do justice to promote SDYC in 3 minutes and suggested getting a display made up to use in schools, so pupils can go on their lunch to find out about SDYC and speak more openly about student participation and the work of SDYC. In addition, Steve has offered to Teachers and Youth Workers a small or large information board for each school or youth centre to have as a Information Point dedicated to SDYC which will inform young people about SDYC and what we do in addition to supporting representative members.

There was no further business.

**Date of the next meeting: Monday 12 January 2009 at Stroud District Council at 4:30pm**