



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

Date : Monday 17th December 2012

Time : 16:30

Venue: Museum in the Park, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Bussage & Chalford</i>)	P
Kit Powell (<i>Bussage & Chalford</i>)	A
Kieran Chadwick (<i>Archway</i>)**	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway</i>)	P
Kathryn White (<i>Rednock</i>)	P
Susannah Gooch (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Tom Meadley (<i>Marling</i>)	P
Kirsty Driver (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)*	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	P
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft (<i>Stroud Town</i>)	A
Roxy Mould (<i>Berkeley Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Courtney Chapman (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Lydia Stephens (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
Jessica Fisher (<i>Wotton under Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Ryan Pilkington (<i>Wotton under Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P
Millie Jotham (<i>Maidenhill</i>)	P
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble</i>)	P
Archie Holley (<i>Marling</i>)	

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High</i>)	P
Odette Machin (<i>Stroud High</i>)	P
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Rhys Carter (<i>Archway</i>)	A
Riet Ihara (<i>Archway</i>)	A
George Gooch (<i>Marling</i>)	P
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

Ellen Wightman	A
Shannon Eden	A
Annie Pickering	A
Luka Chadwick	A
Chloe Boulton	A
Laura Byng	A
Sally Holditch	A
Max Freedman	A

CO-OPTIONS

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council

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

Minutes of the Meeting

Pre-meeting Tour of the Museum

Members were given an introduction and tour of the museum by Ann Taylor, Learning Programmes Officer at the Museum. Kirsty gave a vote of thanks on behalf of members.

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome is given to the new members of SDYC; Archie Holley, George Gooch and Jamie Arthur all representing Marling School. Apologies were received from Cllr June Cordwell, Roxy Mould, Lydia Stephens and Jess Fisher.

Minutes of Last Meeting, 26th November 2012

Kieran went through minutes of the previous meeting; they were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

a) SDYC Member Training Winter/Spring 2013 – confirm dates

In the previous minutes it was noted that the majority of members were available during February half term; Kieran noted the dates for the training will be week commencing Monday 11th February 2013 (subject to confirmation, possibility for either one or two nights). The event will potentially take place at the Cotswold Conference Centre. Steve will send out a list of the potential dates which members will need to fill out which ones they can attend, this will require parents/guardians signature.

b) Startline Young Driver Experiences Course - update

At the previous meeting, correspondence was shared regarding Startline Young Driver Experiences based at Castle Combe Circuit; if members are interested please let Steve know, as there is a potential to take a group to the circuit to get a taster. Esme and Chelsey expressed an interest.

c) Dates for Project Teams & Focus Groups (Enclosed/Attached) – to note

All members were given a handout regarding dates of meetings for project teams, focus groups and the next few SDYC main meetings; these have been linked up with the days everyone noted they were free. Please see table below for a copy of the dates.

Meeting Title	Date & Time	Venue
Youth Cabinet	Tuesday 15 th January @ 4pm	Ebley Mill
Eat Well, Waste Less	Monday 21 st January @ 4pm	Ebley Mill
Young Peoples Health Services Event	Tuesday 22 nd January @ 5pm	Dowty Sports & Social Club, Staverton
Health Focus Group	Monday 28 th January @ 4pm	Ebley Mill
Youth Grant Funding Panel (Round 3)	Monday 18 th February @ 4pm	Ebley Mill
Votes at 16	Monday 25 th February @ 4pm	Ebley Mill

d) Election of Youth Cabinet: Housing & Sustainable Development Portfolio's – defer to Youth Cabinet

The Housing and Sustainable Development portfolios have been left unfilled. Following Kieran's suggestion, a decision was made to defer the issue to the youth cabinet to consider and present a solution at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Christmas Cards

Steve noted that SDYC have received 2 Christmas Cards; one from the Leader of the Council, Cllr Geoff Wheeler and the other from Pamela Tawse, Chair of Stroud Older Persons Forum.

NHS Health Young Peoples Stakeholder Event

NHS Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire County Council and the 2gether NHS Foundation Trust have invited SDYC to a stakeholder engagement event on 22nd January 2013. Spaces at the event are limited and therefore allocated on a

first come first served basis; they would like to know by Friday 11th January 2013 at the latest. Members should let Steve know if they'd like to attend.

Woodchester Mansion

Steve recently received an email from Ray Figg (SDC Head of Cultural Services) regarding Trustees of Woodchester Mansion; they are looking for some younger trustees. Esme expressed an interest. If other members are interested please let Steve know.

Drink Driving

SDC Community Safety Service have, over the past month, been helping raise the awareness of drink driving; Gloucestershire Police are asking members of the public to help 'shut the door' on drink drivers by reporting them via a new text service. If you suspect someone has been drinking and getting behind the wheel then please text on 07860 009095 and if possible include the location, number plate and direction they are travelling in. A member raised the issue of incurring a cost of a phone call for reporting something to the police – discussion was held and included a suggestion that this should be a 'free phone' number to help encourage people to use it, although it was noted that it was considered everyone's responsibility to help their communities to become safer and a cost of a text was a minimal contribution.

South West BYC/UKYP Youth Voice Convention

An event is to be held on Friday 4th January 2013 in Taunton, Somerset from 11am to 3pm. The convention is open to young people who are D/MYPs or members of youth councils, advisory groups, cabinets, scrutiny committees or children in care councils and young inspectors/advisers. Steve has a detailed agenda if members are interested, lunch and refreshments will be provided; the event is free. Members should express their interest before Friday 21st December.

Updates from Schools, College and Local Youth Forum's - all

Thomas Keble

Currently the School Council are trying to lengthen their meetings so it doesn't just last for a lunchtime as nothing is being achieved in this period of time; the main topics of conversation at the moment include eating in social areas and homework policies.

Stroud High School

A new Head Girl has been elected. It was also noted there is no school council.

Bussage and Chalford

At present there isn't a definite youth forum for the area although there is a localised community group that organises events etc – currently they are organising a carol evening working with the local primary school.

Marling School

At the last meeting they spoke about double period practical lessons as students felt there is too much time spent on getting things out and putting them away. Also been getting students involved in panels for interviewing new members of staff across a number of departments of the school.

Archway

Archway is looking to change their homework policy and booklets; they have spoken to the Head teacher who can confirm it will go ahead.

Rednock

School Council meetings have been a little tricky due to clashing with the school musical. Rednock also had an Ofsted inspection, although still waiting to hear back the results. However, today, they interviewed and appointed one of the teaching assistants within Rednock to help with Student Voice; it's a position the school council came up with and it involves spending 5 to 10 hours a week outside of normal duties promoting student voice.

Katharine Lady Berkeley

There have been no further meetings; school council meetings are not as regular as other schools or youth forums.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SA4Y)

They recently had a meeting where they discussed the recent Goodwill Event; SA4Y had a stand where members of the public had to guess how many balloons were in the vehicle (SDC's 4x4) to win £25.00 worth of cinema tickets – the aim was to raise awareness of the youth forum along with some funds to go towards the proposed new youth centre.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

Following the opening of the new youth centre, a new weekly youth club session run by Young Gloucestershire had begun. However a disagreement over using the building on a Tuesday in relation to this session has led to the youth forum having to change to meeting on a Monday, which makes it difficult for certain members to attend. Work to encourage a new youth forum members has begun. Unfortunately issues based art work (hand painted from the old centre), which was due to be displayed in the new centre, has been misplaced/disposed of. The youth forum is also setting up a Facebook page.

Maidenhill

They recently had a meeting which Robin attended to explain what SDYC do and try to encourage new members although there was little initial interest; Millie has now been talking to teachers and offering it to all year 7, 8 and 9 students. There was a school concert last week which raised money, mock exams are also occurring as well as 'reward lunches' which involves those students who have not received a detention. They also had an Ofsted inspection which the results are still unknown.

Health & Wellbeing Update - Kate

Kate visited Ebley Mill last Tuesday to meet Dilys Warren, Health and Wellbeing Officer and Jane Bullows, Sports and Health Development Manager for SDC. They explained the different work areas and projects they have and are involved in, which all aim to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the district. Kate explained a few initiatives that have occurred and shared with a number of statistics, both good and bad.

British Youth Council Report – Kathryn/Kirsty

Kathryn and Kirsty highlighted that they haven't received any emails from the BYC yet.

Employment Working Group Report - Millie

Having attended her first meeting, Millie reported that the group are currently discussing the events that are going on in schools at the moment to promote employment opportunities such as apprenticeships – a number of businesses offering these are also coming along and explaining, which is hugely positive.

SDC Youth Work Strategy Update - Steve

Steve explained that the scheduled SDC Scrutiny meeting, which will receive a progress report on the youth work strategy, has been postponed to February.

Any Other Business

Steve read out a list of members yet to return their 2012/13 SDYC consent forms; these are urgent and therefore respective members were asked return their form to Steve once completed. Steve would also like the contact details of new members to ensure the welcome packs and all correct forms can be sent out.

Date of the next meeting

Monday 14th January 2013 at 4:30pm, Fresh Ground Café, Cainscross