



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 17th October 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>)	P
Tom Schaffner** (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Lauren Davies (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines* (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Isabelle Llewellyn (HWB) (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Dylan Barker-Duggan (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Jonty Fuller (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Oli King (L) (<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

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Tyler Needham (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Amy Jones (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

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

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
Molly Jones, Participation Officer, Participation People
Mike Hammond, Community and Facilities Manager, Stroud District Council
Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Attendee's were welcomed to the meeting. Apologies received are noted on the register above.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 19th September 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) **Local Youth Forum survey** – 265 surveys have been completed to date - it will be open until 16 December. An issue with facilitating the completion of surveys at Maidenhill School was raised – it concerned permission from the school not being granted. Support is available from Molly to help increase numbers; however obtaining participant details on the forms were not compulsory.
- b) **Make Your Mark (MYM) update** – the outcomes of the MYM ballot determines what UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) will be campaigning on during the year ahead. There were 2194 ballots counted from young people in Stroud district following huge efforts made in Archway School, Stroud High School and Thomas Keble School. Members were congratulated on supporting the UKYP members for Gloucestershire. The national total was 978,216. Details on the top issues to form the basis of campaigns can be found at: www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark
- c) **NHS CCG Mental Health Website Launch Celebration Event** - Oli and Issy attended this event and met those they had worked with on developing the site - a promotional video was shown and 'thank you' gifts (inc mugs, pens etc) were presented to participants.

4. Correspondence

Stroud Ambitions Event, 9 November – Details of this year's event was promoted to members. A short conversation was had on the concept of the careers based event. It was agreed that a team of members would attend, similar to last year in which to promote the Skills for Stroud Employability Charter – they were; Tom S, Tom H, Oli, Lauren, Noella and Issy.

Zgether NHS Foundation Trust: Tackling Stigma – Kathryn Charlesworth from the Trusts Social Inclusion Team would like to discuss their tackling stigma project with members. It was agreed she would be invited to a Health Focus Group in the near future.

Inclusion Gloucestershire: Act it Out – a four day programme of fun drama activities for 13 to 18 year olds living with a disability of mental illness, 24 to 27 October at Abbeydale Community Centre, Gloucester. Information will be emailed to members.

Lets Talk Honour – a seminar on 26 October at 1.30pm about 'honour' killings and issues around 'honour'. Hosted by University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus.

TedX Event in Bath – an event based on the nonprofit organisation devoted to 'Ideas Worth Spreading' concept started in California 25 years ago. Hosted at Bath Forum on 17 November, there's 900 free places allocated to local school sixth forms. Information will be sent to members.

Access Bike Launch Party – Saturday 22 October, 2-4pm at Fromehall Mill, Lodgemore Lane, Stroud. More information available via www.cscic.org

5. Updates from School Councils, College Councils & Local Youth Forum Groups (all)

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum – A letter has been written to the Parish Council regarding a campaign on the

transport issues inc. frequency, price and no Sunday services. Recruitment to the group is also underway.

Maidenhill School – The ‘hustings’ results are due for the school council very soon; these were carried out in the school ‘communities’. School play is being led by young people. Band IT musical workshop is happening next week. Open day and evenings will have access to wifi.

Thomas Keble School - There has been no school council meetings, but the year councilors are still waiting for the healthy living survey results. However the respective students have not seen the initial survey in which to complete. The school homework project from last year has been cancelled and reverted back to the ‘old way.’

Stroud High School - A successful Student Council training day (delivered by Participation People) was experienced. The Student Council has been now been elected and meeting very soon. Applications for the position of Head Girl are welcomed. There is a new canteen contractor.

Cainscross Youth Forum - New members have been welcomed and a consistent attendance from established members is now evident. The group is considering their next campaign, likely to be about *stigma with money and budgets*. Some issues have occurred with meeting venues, the group are trying out various options. A presentation has been given to Parish Council regarding the issues of community safety and lighting.

Stroud Town & Five Valleys Youth Forum – The group are planning a ‘Day in the Life of a Teenager’ project, which will include covering issues of depression, anxiety, drugs, home life etc. The group is looking to possibly invite local councilors, the Police and others to a workshop. Elections for representation to SDYC will take place tomorrow.

KLB School - New windows have been fitted, making rooms warmer. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is being run in school for the first time. A new science block is being built. Next years ‘Prom’ will take place at Tortworth Court again. The student council has been set up and new badges will be presented soon.

Rednock School – The function of a student council has not progressed yet, although support is being offered by SDC contractors (Participation People). A second representative to SDYC has not been elected yet – the lead tutor is being pursued.

Wotton Youth Forum – the issue concerning the lack of lighting on the pathway to and from the town centre to KLB School has been identified. The youth forum is meeting with Town Council tonight to raise this issue and discuss others.

6. Hate Crime and Incident Presentation – Mike Hammond, SDC Community & Facilities Manager

Mike gave a presentation on hate crime and hate incidents, which coincided with the current national awareness week. Reference was made to Gloucestershire’s Response Strategy (2016-2021) document, which is a cross sector multi agency response to last year’s consultation. Mike highlighted that hate crimes and hate incidents are acts of violence, hostility or intimidation directed towards people because of their identity or received ‘difference’. Discussion was had with regards to education and schools with young people being encouraged to challenge behaviour amongst peer groups. PC Steph Lawrence is the new lead for hate crime and incidents and works through a strategic group. Members thanked Mike for his presentation.

7. Elections

It was noted that nominations had not been received for the following positions:

- Principal Members (PM for Housing; PM and E & T)
- Representative to British Youth Council (BYC)
- Youth Grant Funding Panel (remaining roles)

8. BYC Report including Regional Convention on 8 October

Oli and Issy attended the regional youth voice convention in Exeter. In addition to the usual purpose of attendance,

they stood in for the two Members of Youth Parliament for Gloucestershire with regards to the voting on what issues will be debated in the UKYP House of Commons sitting in November. They also participated in debate and questioning of cyber crime issues and the work of Police and Crime Commissioners across the south west region. The usual networking with other youth voice groups also took place including Swindon Youth Council.

9. SDYC & LYF Member Training Program – Update & Recruitment

Steve and Molly presented the training programme for both SDYC and Local Youth Forum members. Specific dates for themed one day events are: 25 October; 10 December; 15 February. Members were encouraged to reply via the dedicated link <http://sdyouthparticipation.eventbrite.com>. A residential event is also being planned during February half term break for SDYC members only. More details will emerge in due course.

10. SDYC Focus Group (FG) Reports

a) Employment & Training FG Report from meeting on 27 September presented by Tom Schaffner

Brief overview of the work done so far in 2016 – the recommended points were amended and then approved as follows:

- More Employability Charter assessors are trained in 6 months time to replace Oli K and Tom S. Steps to increase the number of trained assessors should start before April 2017.
- Work with Gloucestershire Association of Secondary Heads is made into pilot project. Evaluate what works and what doesn't work. Take to Neil Carmichael in a year's time for him to take to the national stage (see Curriculum for Life update for ideas on this pilot project). Keep him regularly informed of the project's progress.
- Find out when the next All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) is on skills and employment, and ask Neil Carmichael if we can attend and submit evidence.

Curriculum for Life – the proposed points were approved as follows:

- Create a multimedia campaign about what the curriculum for life means for young people in Stroud, and take it on a district wide road show to 3 different Schools.
- For both the Employment and Training and Local Democracy Focus Group to lead this work and report into SDYC at every meeting on it's progress.

SFS Employability Charter & Work Experience – the recommended points were amended and then approved as follows:

- SDYC / SFS consider publishing a Stroud District Work Experience Guide to help young people set up their own work experience placements and help small businesses set them up safely and meaningfully. However, it was noted that the current charter may do this already.

b) Local Democracy FG & Employment & Training FG Report from joint meeting on 4 October presented by Tom Schaffner and George Sutton

Overview of projects for 2016/17 – the proposed points were approved as follows:

That both the Employment and Training & Local Democracy Focus Groups work on the Curriculum for Life campaign together. A detailed project plan was included. The campaign will consist of:

- Producing a film to showcase the reasons why SDYC are supporting the Curriculum for Life campaign (joint project).
- Writing, testing and developing lesson plans that support: financial education, sex and relationship education, community cohesion and political education (each group splits to research and write their own lessons, but tests them out on each other).
- Engaging with 3 Schools to pilot these lessons in PSHE, co-produced by young people and adult professionals (joint project).
- Keep senior decision makers aware of this campaign and ask them to get involved at relevant points (joint project).

Curriculum for Life – support from BYC Regional Conventions - the proposed points were not approved, but agreed was reached on the following:

- Members felt that discussion with other youth voice groups (out of district) should only take place once campaigns were up and running. However they also felt that it wouldn't be in partnership with them, but

would be more of sharing information.

c) Health FG Report from meeting on 5 October, presented by Issy Llewellyn

Overview of projects so far in 2016 – the noted points were approved as follows;

- Work with NHS CCG will be ongoing.
- The Principal Member for Health & Wellbeing and SDC Senior Youth Officer will attend the GP Locality Executive Group

GCC Public Health, Sexual Health Service Review – the proposed point was amended and then approved as follows;

- Amendments be made to the Challenge Card regarding the logo and text on the video screen i.e. change abbreviation from SDC to SDYC, place SDYC logo again before SDC/PP logo. Set the background music slightly quieter. It should be sent to GCC Public Health Commissioners via Emma Keating Clark. Their response will be fed back to all SDYC members.

School Nursing and next steps - the first proposed point was approved as follows;

- That this Focus Group joins both the Employment and Training & Local Democracy Focus Groups and work on the Curriculum for Life campaign together to ensure sex and relationship education, mental health is included.

However, the second proposed point was not approved on the basis of members not discussing it in the FG meeting.

d) Dates of the next FG meetings

Employment & Training – 8th November (if needed to prepare for forthcoming Stroud Ambitions Event)

Health – 15 November.

Local Democracy – no date was agreed.

11. SDYC Project Team Dates

a) Environment Project Team – It was agreed that the team would meet on Thursday 10 or 24 November and this would be confirmed ASAP. Project Team members would be: Noella, Nyima, George, Tom H, Tom B, Oli, Issy, Amy, Jonty and Lauren.

b) Website Project Team – A date would be set ASAP. Project Team members would be: George, Oli, Issy, Alex LV, and Lauren.

12. Any Other Business

Creating a Curriculum for Life Project Team – whilst the meeting had over ran, the Chair began a brief discussion on setting up a specific project team for the Curriculum for Life project, rather than pursue the merging of all FG's as it was felt this could disrupt the progress with other projects undertaken by the respective Focus Groups. Whilst a quick 'show of hands' suggested that the majority of members present thought it wasn't necessary, the Chair suggested that a wider discussion should be had at the next main meeting in which to hear all aspects of this idea.

Domestic Abuse Seminar, 5 December – it was highlighted that members would shortly receive an email invite to this seminar which coincides with '16 Days of Action' as a national focus on Domestic Abuse and sexual Violence. It will relate to young people in particular. Nick Gazzard from the Holly Gazzard Trust is the guest speaker.

13. Date of Next Meeting: - Monday 14th November 2016 at Ebley Mill in the Committee Room