



## NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

19.07.2010

**Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

### YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Thomas Lydon, Marling**	Ap
Rob Price, Marling	Ap
Becky Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	A
Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble	P
Isobel Holley, Stroud High	Ap
Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud High	P
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, Archway	P
Ben Dewfall, Katharine Lady Berkeley	P
Emma Sankey, Katharine Lady Berkeley	P
Lindsey Driver, Rednock	P
Annie Pickering, Stonehouse VoYS	P
Connor Walker, Stonehouse VoYS	A
Isobel Tyrrell, Minchinhampton YC	A
Megan Roberts, Minchinhampton YC	A
(Rudi) Blue Morgan, Stroud College	Ap
Petra Lalikova, Stroud College *	A
Dave Holder, Maidenhill	A
Millie Gardiner, Maidenhill	P
Alex Phelps, Vale of Berkeley	A

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Jess Howell, Cam & Dursley YF	A
Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	A
Frank Gillison, Vale of Berkeley	A
Andrew Burbidge, Nailsworth YF	A

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Vicky Law, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Beth Jones, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Emma Topping, Katharine Lady Berkeley	A
Will Robson, Katharine Lady Berkeley	A
Jens Newton, Thomas Keble	P
George Thomas, Thomas Keble	A
Cerys Bradley, Stroud High	Ap
El Linsell, Stroud High	A
Charlie Cox, Archway	A
Lynford Short, Archway	Ap
Amy Neason, Minchinhampton YC	A
Ashley Skerten, Stroud College	Ap

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

Hagar Niblett	Ap
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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  
 Lydia ?, Student from Maidenhill School

## Minutes of the meeting

### Welcome & Apologies

In the absence of the Chair and the council having no Vice Chair, Rosie took the Chair as Youth Cabinet Leader, welcoming members and visitors to the meeting.

### Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed as being an accurate record with the following amendment regarding report on Vale of Berkeley College closure. It should read; 'Steve reported that the final decision had been made by the County Council...It was understood the decision could be appealed against'. Lindsey added that the closing date of appeals was 31 August.

### Matters Arising

#### **House Improvement Plan – Report on meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> July – Lindsey**

Lindsey and Annie reported on a successful initial meeting with Cllr Debbie Young, Cabinet member and Eric Sharpe, SDC Housing Consultant. Various aspects of the plan were discussed and various ideas for engaging more with young people around the issue of affordable housing were considered. They highlighted the SDC 'Keynotes' newsletter did not relate to young people. The outcomes included the potential of a fun day event in September. The potential of local youth forum's having a relationship with the various residents associations was suggested following further discussion – this would be taken back at the next plan meeting.

#### **10:10 Campaign - Discussion on Facebook**

Following Annie's 'discussion' point on Facebook it was noted that replies were yet to be received. It was suggested the opportunity to sign up to the campaign including a list of how members would support it as individuals, was at a critical time - members agreed to make greater effort to list these on Facebook. As a lead example, Robin stated that he 'would not be undertaking any car journey's of less than 5 miles for the rest of 2010'.

#### **Youth Opportunity Fund - Update on Application Fund**

Steve confirmed that £2,000 had been received for the annual training program (a huge reduction on previous years) and £1,000 for the community safety packs, which have been bought and have been distributed in the Stonehouse PiYN (Pride in Your Neighbourhood) event. It was noted that following the recent decisions by the County Council to withdraw such grant funding, the YOF Panel had a reduced amount to distribute resulting in more applicants and less money. The Youth Capital fund is still running and applications are running till the end of August.

#### **Annual Review – 6 September & Year Ending Activity**

Members were reminded about the Annual Review session on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 4:30 pm – ideas for an after session activity was discussed and included, bowling, a meal in Stroud town, tubing at Glos Ski Centre (Annie agreed to check prices).

#### **SDC Corporate Consultation Event – 9<sup>th</sup> September**

A programme highlighting the key aspects for this event were presented to members and agreed upon. Steve explained the background to holding the first event of this kind, which will be hosted by the SDC Corporate Team. The interactive session to be run similar to the annual review, will be held at Ebley Mill starting at 4pm and finish by 7pm. It was emphasised that attendance by all members was very important and non members from youth forums, school/college councils etc were also welcome.

### Correspondence

#### **SDC Taxi and Licensing Policy Consultation**

This consultation is to ask what you think of the taxi and licensing policy and to speak out about your views. The deadline for comments is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Becky highlighted an issue with

one local taxi company regarding price fixing of high tariffs – it was suggested that the tariff levels should be shown more clearly to users. This would be passed on.

### **Police Test Purchasing**

This is an opportunity for anyone who is aged 14½ or 15 to assist them with test purchasing – this would involve being part of a Police operation and going into pubs or off-licensing shops and trying to buy alcohol. The participants will be in groups of 2 and 3 people with plain clothes and uniformed officers. Participants will need parental consent. Participants will not get paid but will be given a voucher.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Committee - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Kit and Cerys are to attend the forthcoming Neighbourhood Watch Committee meeting as a follow up to the presentation from Eddie Whitlock a few months ago.

### **Update on Schools, Colleges and Youth Forums**

#### **Rednock**

Year 11's have left. The structure of the school council is going to change to adapt to the vertical tutoring system and will include regular meetings with the head teacher.

#### **Katherine Lady Berkeley School**

Nothing to report

#### **Voice of Young Stonehouse (VOYS)**

Annie reported that following a visit by VOYS to Wycliffe College, it was likely that representative students would be joining the youth forum from September. She added that representation from Maidenhill would also be considered.

#### **Archway**

Nothing to report

#### **Thomas Keble**

Alex reported that the school had created an anti bullying charter; these were compared to the ones created by UK Youth Parliament for future use within school. He highlighted that he had put the issue of bullying on SDYC Face book and encouraged members to discuss.

#### **Maidenhill**

Millie reported that the school were discussing changes to the behaviour system and subsequent detention periods for students.

#### **Cam and Dursley Youth Forum**

Beth reported that Vicky had recently resigned from the youth forum with a few other members which left approx six in total – suggestions for recruitment included Rednock School. It was noted that Vicky has also relinquished her SDYC post. Becky added that they had attended the Town Festival with fund raising attractions. Steve also attended to assist with a press release about their work for Connect Dursley project.

#### **Stroud High**

Rosie reported the school is going to revamp student involvement structure.

### **Meeting with Neil Carmichael MP for Stroud**

The scheduled meeting with Neil had to be postponed due to member's commitments. However a small group of members (including Tom, Lindsey & Rosie) still hope to reset a date by mid September. The idea of visiting the Houses of Parliament would also be pursued.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Progress Report**

Lindsey reported on progress from the recent committee meeting which welcomed Frankie Rushton, an ex SDYC member. The following was proposed;

- Showcase event in Stroud Sub Rooms around Feb/ March, a list of invitees and draft programme were outlined.
- An evening social reunion event at Junction 13 bar & Night Club for current and ex members to be held either just before Christmas or just into New Year with the theme of 'What you wanted to be when you grew up!' – a pre reunion programme in the day including fun group activities was noted as important to help bring current and ex members together. The social event would also be open to friends and guests and maybe also be a charity money raiser for a local children's charity in Gloucestershire.

It was noted that there was no budget for these events, so external funding from grants or sponsorship would be required.

## **Social Network and Website Project – Domain name of Main Hub Site.**

It was highlighted that the discussion on Facebook hadn't received much feedback from members regarding the Domain Name of this site. 'SDYC Interactive' is the only suggestion so far! Steve reminded members of the need for everyone to contribute to discussion to enable the web designer Cadence Designs to progress with their work. The hub-site will include sub site information about activities and events as a directory with input by each youth forum.

## **Litter Recycling Project**

Monthly Audit's have been carried out by project team members, the charts are being used and the bins have been cleaned. One bin is being used for household recycling; SDC Public Space Service has been informed. The next date for an Audit check is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of August and the next after is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of September, which will be the last Audit check.

## **Youth Cabinet Report**

Lindsey reported that some youth cabinet members will be holding an overnight focus event on 3 & 4 August for carrying out final work to the SDYC Constitution and other related matters – proposal of outcomes will be presented to full council at the Annual Review session.

## **Any other business**

**Climate Change Event in Stroud** - Annie expressed a desire to organise an Awareness Climate Change Event in Stroud on the 10<sup>th</sup> October which would be linked with the worldwide climate change day 10/10/10 – this event where people all around the world do something that will slow down climate change and then celebrate afterwards. She is trying to get sponsorship and would like SDYC can support the event. Members agreed to be involved in this.

**British Youth Council Convention 5<sup>th</sup> August** - Two places have become available for this event to be held in Cardiff. Lunch is provided and transport is free. Steve has more details.

It was agreed to cancel the next scheduled meeting on 9 August

**Date of the next meeting (Annual Review) was confirmed as being Monday 6 September 2010 at Stroud Youth Centre, 4.30pm.**