



## Stroud District Youth Council

### Pre - Annual Review Meeting

Date : 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Time : 16:00

Venue: Restaurant, Ebley Mill

#### YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

##### VOTING MEMBERS

Beth Jones, (Cam & Dursley YF)	A
Kamila Gebicka, (Cam & Dursley YF)	A
Kit Powell, (Thomas Keble)	P
Ellen Wightman, (Thomas Keble)	P
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft**, (Stroud Town YF)	P
Rosemary Dickinson*, (Stroud Town YF)	P
Kieran Chadwick, (Archway)	P
Shannon Eden, (Katharine Lady Berkeley)	P
Kathryn White, (Rednock)	P
Roxy Mould, (Vale of Berkeley College)	A
Blake Hewer, (Vale of Berkeley College)	Ap
Annie Pickering, (Stonehouse VoYS)	P
(Rudi) Blue Morgan, ( Stroud College)	A
Charlotte-Louise Grigg, ( Stroud College)	A
Chloe Boulton, (Wotton under Edge YF)	P
Laura Forrester, (Wotton under Edge YF)	P
Millie Gardiner, (Maidenhill)	P
Neil Bond, (Maidenhill)	P
Rob Sidwell, (Marling)	Ap
Max Feedman, (Marling)	A
Sally Holditch, (Stroud High)	P
Laura Byng, (Stroud High)	Ap

##### EX-OFFICIO

Thomas Lydon, (Marling)	A
Lindsey Driver, (Rednock)	P
Becky Batting, (Cam & Dursley YF)	A
Emma Sankey, (Katharine Lady Berkeley)	P
Izzy Holley	

##### Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC  
 Helen Smith, Youth Support Worker, Sub-Contracted from GCC Youth Service

##### DEPUTY MEMBERS

Laurie Watts, (Cam & Dursley YF)	A
Jess Lyons-Lynch, (Cam & Dursley YF)	A
Luka Chadwick, (Archway)	P
Charlotte Kruse, (Archway)	P
Kirsty Driver, (Vale of Berkeley College)	P
Jasmine Walker, (Vale of Berkeley College)	A
Tom Williams, (Rednock)	P
Jessica Fisher, (Wotton under Edge YF)	Ap
Abi Lee, (Wotton under Edge YF)	P
Lydia Stephens, (Maidenhill)	P
Dave Holder, (Stroud College)	A
Jakob Sparrow, (Stroud College)	A
Ruth Pilston, (Katharine Lady Berkeley)	Ap
Miriam Smith, (Katharine Lady Berkeley)	P
Eva Gilder-Hodgson, (Katharine L'dy Berkeley)	P

##### CO-OPTIONS

Reece Campbell, (Young Carers)	P
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\*\* = Chair \* = Vice-Chair P = present A = absent Ap = apology

## Minutes of the meeting

### Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Pre Annual Review meeting, which signified the end of the SDYC year. Apologies were received from Rob Sidwell, Laura Byng, Jessica Fisher, Ruth Pilston, and Blake Hewer.

### Minutes of Last Meeting – 18 June 2011

Robin briefly read through the main points of the minutes – they were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

### Matters Arising

#### ***SDC Corporate Consultation Event – Date Confirmation; Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October***

Steve Miles informed members of the Corporate Consultation Event being planned to run similar to last year; the Youth Council have an opportunity to meet and interact with the SDC Corporate Team which consists of the Chief Executive, Strategic Heads and Heads of Services and also adult Cabinet Members. There will be three aspects to the event programme linked to the theme of ‘young people and the economy’; i.e. jobs, training, apprenticeships and volunteering. The ‘Economy’ is also one of the Corporate Targets for SDC.

### Correspondence

#### ***New Non Emergency Contact Number***

Steve informed members of the new non emergency contact number for the Police, **changing to 101**. Use this number for reporting something suspicious, stolen, etc.

#### ***International Day of Peace***

This day of peace will occur on September 21<sup>st</sup>. An event at Marling School is planned, 8:00pm – 9:30pm. SDC is supporting the event being organised by the Baha’i community of Stroud.

### Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums

#### ***Katharine Lady Berkeley***

Shannon, Miriam and Eva reported on ongoing Higher Education meetings; tomorrow (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September) meeting with Marling School, somebody on behalf of Oxford University is offering a personal statement workshop for anyone intending to go to Oxford or Cambridge. Heads of year have been setting up other workshops for constructing personal statements – both for University and Careers. Officially started ‘TIC’ (talking in confidence) programme for students, there are a number of open sessions with mentors on hand to help – mentors have to apply and then get given training if chosen, run on a voluntary basis. New Prefects have been chosen, training has occurred, as well as a new cyber mentor scheme for Year 7’s and 8’s, separate email accounts have been put in place. Exam results were very pleasing.

#### ***Rednock***

Kathryn and Tom highlighted ongoing questionnaire surrounding what they like and dislike about teachers, lesson plans, etc – hoping to check progress on suggestions for improvement in the up and coming months. Head prefects are to be decided within the next week, along with new ambassadors for the school.

#### ***Archway***

Kieran highlighted that he has applied for the sixth form committee.

#### ***Cam & Dursley Youth Forum***

Nobody present to represent.

***Katharine Lady Berkeley***

Nothing to report.

***Maidenhill***

Millie reported that Mr Drennan (lead tutor for School council) has left, unsure of who will take over the running of School Council. Their head teacher is planning to leave in December.

***Marling***

Nobody present to represent.

***Stroud High School***

Sally informed members about ongoing process of setting up representatives for the years 9, 10 & 11. School Council have changed their structure, they will now consist of students representing their 'Houses' again.

***Stroud Town Youth Forum***

Nothing to report.

***Thomas Keble***

Nothing to report.

***Voice of Young Stonehouse***

Annie informed the council of Stonehouse Youth Forum's fun day, around 10 youths turned out. Still an ongoing process.

***Wotton under Edge Youth Forum***

Abi reported that the youth forum had met recently at a new venue in Kingswood and concerns about the general awareness of drugs in Wotton were discussed. Town Council are now paying for part time youth work – a Friday evening session is currently being held in the Baptist Church rooms. Support for the on going functioning of the Youth Forum is also included. Re-establishing the Youth Forum has begun and there is potential for the old police station to be converted into a new youth centre.

**Stroud Youth Development and Youth Activity Fund – Report**

Lindsay updated members; as previously reported, Gloucestershire County Council has given £50,000 to each district council to help maintain the youth provision. Stroud District Council has given SDYC the decision-making responsibility of this fund. Members helped create the grant funding criteria and process with SDC Strategic Head of Community Services. Applications for funding were to be completed by 8<sup>th</sup> September (Round One). Decisions were made by a youth panel comprising of the youth cabinet, chair and vice chair. The panel had two meetings to discuss applications for the Youth Activity and Youth Development Funds. £12,550 was granted in total. Not everyone received funding and some applications were part funded. The criteria and decision making process was presented to the adult SDC Cabinet and received a full endorsement by all political parties. Deadline for applications for Round Two is 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Details are on the Youth Council Website. Steve thanked members involved in the funding process and acknowledged the hard work, which was required throughout.

**Calendar Dates for 2011/12**

The SDYC calendar dates for 2011-12 were circulated. Generally mirrors the last 12 months, same number of meetings, etc. Everyone agreed with all the dates and the calendar was agreed.

**Future Delivery of Youth Work**

Steve announced there has been a partnership created in the South of the District, named the South of Stroud

Youth Partnership. Berkeley, Dursley and Wotton under Edge Town Councils and Cam Parish Council have come together to officially formulate the partnership, with view to developing youth work and creating a youth work staffing team in their area of the district. It was noted that decision makers need to be conscious of two highly populated areas which didn't receive much youth work provision by the County Council, namely Cainscross, Bussage and Chalford areas. The ambition to create youth forums in such areas still exists. Other communities that have a positive few about this include; Berkeley, Stroud Town, Stonehouse, Nailsworth, Wotton under Edge and Cam with Dursley. Steve will be asking for input from SDYC members who live in these specific areas. Stroud Town has received commitment from The Door Project, who will help develop a youth forum for the town and surrounding area.

### **Election of Chairperson Designate**

The Chair explained that following the Annual Review, the Constitution required members elected to leading roles, to relinquish them so to allow for the new SDYC year to begin at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 7 November 2011. However to maintain continuity, a Chairperson Designate (temporary chair) was required to be elected for the interim period in case specific issues arise and an emergency meeting would be called. Steve explained that the Chairperson Designate did not necessarily need to be the current Chair, nor would the person elected to the role of Chairperson Designate need to be the Chair elected at the forthcoming AGM. However it was highlighted that this person needs to be fully involved and have a strong commitment to the Youth Council up until the Chair is selected at the AGM.

Robin Ellis-Cockcroft was duly elected as Chairperson Designate.

### **Any Other Business**

*Votes @ 16* – Steve updated members briefly on work in connection with the campaign. As requested previously, the SDC Leader of the Council, Francis Roden and Cllr Joe Forbes had been contacted by email and made aware of the emerging work SDYC were doing as a consultative process with young people. The issue had subsequently been discussed with their political party (Conservative Party) and also discussed by the SDC Executive Board. The outcome being positive towards what was being done as a process, however the local Conservative Party did not feel it could support the general notion of lowering the current voting age.

*Departing members* – The Chair thanked Lindsey and Emma (who were departing for pastures new) for all their hard work and commitment over the years and to Becky who had completed her year as an ex-officio. He wished them well for the future.

***Date of the Next Meeting (inc new members briefing) – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011***

**Members present under took a review of the last year, through a series of interactive workshop style tasks. The record of this can be found in the 2011 Annual Review document, to be published in December 2011.**