



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 19th September 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>)	Ap
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Lauren Davies (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Alex Lin-Vines* (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
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>)	Ap
Oli King (L) (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Brady (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
George Sutton (LD) (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Tom Haynes	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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

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

Welcomes and Apologies

Attendee's were welcomed to the meeting, in particular Tom Haynes a new representative from Rednock School - members present introduced themselves. Apologies received are noted on the register above.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – 18th July 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: George Sutton; Seconded by: Issy Llewellyn.*

Matters Arising

- a) **Participation People Staff Interviews** – Molly Jones and Claire Bounds, two new members of staff were welcomed.
- b) **Local Youth Forum Survey** - 215 surveys have been returned to date, the target is 5,000. It was suggested that information/survey documents should be passed to youth workers from other organizations and Neighbourhood Wardens.
- c) **Make Your Mark (MYM) Update** – whilst this work will continue until the deadline of 7 October, with staff visiting schools members were encouraged to promote the MYM consultation initiative in their respective school. A briefing will be given to SDYC members attending the forthcoming BYC regional convention.

Correspondence

Political Panel Debate on Mental Health

Martin James a Youth and Community Worker from the Participation and Involvement Team at Bristol Youth Links has invited SDYC to a mental health debate in Bristol on 3rd October 2016. Members should let Steve or Antonia know if they are interested in attending.

Rodborough Youth Project – Dates for your diary

The project has purchase a new air hockey table and bean bags and would like to invite SDYC to attend a presentation evening on Friday 7th October 7.30pm. They are also holding their AGM on Friday 21st October.

Update from School Councils, College Councils & Local Youth Forum Groups

Cainscross Youth Forum – members will be attending the Parish Council meeting to present progress on their work, in particular with surveys and challenge cards.

Marling School – The first of four 'rag bashes' are being planned, although there are less ticket's this year for the event.

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum – Libby has left for university. Members have highlighted the need for recruitment and will be using the postcards available.

Maidenhill School – Improvements to the canteen were reported and there's less queuing. A play in November is being rehearsed and a winter concert is also being planned.

Rednock School – Tom H is working to set up a student council which will include sixth formers and staff.

Archway School – Nominations to student council at the moment.

Thomas Keble School – Nominations to student council are being carried out at the moment, MYM ballots are also underway.

Molly explained that she is helping to set up student councils in various schools, and recruitment to local youth forum groups across all localities. She encouraged members to promote LYF surveys, MYM ballots and recruitment.

Elections

Vice Chair – a nomination was received for Alex Lin-Vines, voting member for Marling School. This was proposed by Tom Schaffner and Seconded by Oli King. No other nominations were received. Following a ballot vote, Alex was elected as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2016/17.

Election of Principal Members (PM for Housing; PM for Employment & Training), Representative to British Youth Council (BYC) & Election of Youth Grant Funding Panel - There were no nominations received for any of these positions. The process would remain open until these positions were filled.

Leadership Team Report from Meeting on 2 September

Reporting at Main Meetings – it was noted that team members were reminded about the process and protocol of presenting relevant Focus group, project Team and Leadership Team reports to Main Meetings to enable all members the opportunity to preside over each decision.

SDYC Elections Update – whilst discussion was had on the vacant positions, it was noted that they will remain open to nomination until they are respectively filled.

SDYC Website – following an update on progress, it was noted that a project team will soon meet to commence work on designing a new website with the SDC Web Editor.

SDC Youth Strategy Consultation with young people – It was noted that the district wide consultation with young people currently being undertaken, will influence SDC's future service specifications as well as help shape SDYC's projects, initiatives and campaigns.

BYC Annual Meeting: Briefing & Review of Policy & Motions being proposed – It was noted that the SDYC voting on the BYC policy and motions were discussed by the Leadership Team in advance of the representatives attending the annual meeting.

Leadership Team Training – It was recommended that specific training for the Leadership Team should take place.

BYC Report from Annual Council Meeting on 3 September

A full delegation from SDYC attended the event in Coventry. George and Oli acted as voting representatives with Issy and Alexandra supporting them. The voting outcomes regarding the BYC policy and internal motions were presented and a copy of the results would be placed on the SDYC website. Members asked a variety of questions about certain motions.

Environment Project

Noella discussed potential projects that could be considered – these included; *lowering of speed limits; creation of more cycle lanes / routes and facilities for cycle users; improvements to public transport including cost of fares; environmental education on school curriculum*. It was agreed these would be considered further at the initial project team meeting (date to be confirmed). Project Team members are: Noella; George; Tom B; Tom H; Nyima; Issy and Oli.

Skills for Stroud Employability Charter

Oli gave a brief report on the recent work that he and Tom S had undertaken as trained assessors. The Museum in the Park was assessed and they presented their findings to the Charter's Assessment Panel. An awards event had also recently taken place at Ebley Mill for those organisations and businesses who had reached the standard during in the last year.

SDYC & LYF Member Training Programme

A new training programme for SDYC and LYF group members was presented, with initial dates for the one day events taking place on 25 October, entitled 'Building Confidence and Communication Skills', followed by one on 10 December, entitled 'Being a Youth Representative and Running an Effective Campaign'. Members were encouraged to sign up to these opportunities. A training residential event was also being considered.

SDC CS&L Committee Report from meeting on 8 September

Tom S, Oli and Nyima attended the meeting as observers. Steve presented a formal report to the committee regarding the Council's Youth Work Strategy for 2017-2020. The content of the report was the result of the work captured by an SDC Officer & Member Task and Finish Group over the last 18 months. The report included reference to previous SDYC projects and consultation with other young people, as well as testimonials from past members. The proposed strategy was approved, however the proposed budget would be decided upon by the Councils Strategy and Resources Committee.

Dates for future SDYC Focus Groups & Project Teams

The following dates were proposed:

Health Focus Group – 26 September

Local Democracy Focus Group – 4 or 5 October

Employment & Training Focus Group – 4 or 5 October

The above would be confirmed ASAP. Tom H expressed a wish to be a member of the Local Democracy Focus Group.

NHS/CCG Mental Health Website Launch Celebration

It was noted that SDYC members involved in the creation of the NHS/CCG Mental Health Website, entitled www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk had been invited to a celebration event on 21st September in Gloucester. Oli and Issy will be attending with Steve.

Any Other Business

Stroud Youth Grant Fund Programme, Round Two – it was noted that this programme is now open again with the deadline for applications on 24 October 2016.

BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention – it was noted that the next event is in Exeter on 8 October 2016. Representatives from SDYC will be attending. The event programme will feature Make Your Mark results, a visit from the Devon and Cornwall Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and a chance to discuss local campaigns and general networking.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 17th October 2016 at Ebley Mill in the Committee Room.