



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 20th June 2016

Time : 16:30

Venue: Restaurant at Ebley Mill, 4:30pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Noella Usborne (E) (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Tom Schaffner** (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Charlotte Bignell (<i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Isabelle Llewellyn (HWB) (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
James Preece (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
Oli King (L) (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Hannah Savagar (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	A
James Lauchlan (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Tom Brady (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
George Sutton (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Sophie Wilkins (<i>Nailsworth & Minch Youth Forum</i>)	A
Dylan Parker-Duggan (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Jonty Fuller (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Tyler Needham (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Lauren Davies (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Amy Jones (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

Libby Powell	Ap
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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
- Russell Warner, Branch Chair, Federation of Small Businesses
- Sam Holliday, Development Manager, Federation of Small Businesses
- Nathan Sexton, Member of Youth Parliament for Gloucestershire
- Vicky Wright, Prospects Youth Support Team

Welcomes and Apologies

Apologies received are noted on the register above. All members present introduced themselves.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – 23rd May 2016

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

Matters Arising

- a) **NHS CCG Website Design Workshop** – This has been an ongoing project with CCG. Oli and Issy attended the workshop on 31 May, which involved creating the design features of the website. Further communication will be received from CCG once the project progresses to the next stage.
- b) **Startline Young Drivers Experience** – Members gave feedback regarding the most recent course (Amy, Jonty, Dylan & Lauren) all agreed that it was a great experience but the workshop/classroom aspect was ‘a bit boring and not interactive enough’. Feedback would be forwarded to Startline.

Correspondence

Mental Health Transport Review – your views needed please

As part of the South West Region Mental Health Transport Review the County Council is seeking the views of people who have been transported under the Mental Health Act (MHA). Whilst members were encouraged to look at the survey (which would be emailed ASAP), they agreed that this would be given to the Health Focus Group to discuss in detail. The deadline for comments is 30th June.

Minchinhampton Golf Club (MGC) Junior Olympics – Saturday 23rd July 2016

Members were informed about forthcoming Junior Olympics event at MGC to celebrate the return of Golf to the Olympics. Participants will have a chance to win Olympic style medals that will be presented by England Rugby Star and World Cup Winner, Mike Tindall.

Presentation from Federation of Small Businesses – Russell Warner (Branch Chair) & Sam Holliday (Regional Development Manager)

Russell and Sam gave an overview of the Federation of Small Businesses – they are the largest independent organisation in the country and were always looking to encourage young people to start or develop businesses and become entrepreneurs. They highlighted famous entrepreneurs and their businesses and gave short stories about how their successes had evolved. Discussion was had on how such ventures can be financed and the skills required. However, members were informed that a ‘positive attitude and determination’ were the most common attributes required to run a successful business. Russell and Sam were thanked for their attendance and presentation.

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

Thomas Keble School – A recent interactive assembly led by the Participation People (Antonia), led to a discussion on improvements to student voice and aspects of the school.

Archway School – A student council assembly session was led by the Participation People (Antonia). A visit to the House of Commons was also being planned.

Marling School – Exams for Year 13 and year 12 had now finished, giving the school a quieter feel. Efforts to energize the student council would be made.

Maidenhill School – Whilst work had started on the new canteen, despite promises made by staff to students, there had been no input from the student council.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – Volunteers from the National Citizen Service had been in school recently. The results of Prefect nominations had been announced. The final student council meeting of the 2015/16 year would be held soon. The school had secured funding for a part refurbishment of the science block.

Stroud Town & Five Valleys Youth Forum – Planning work had been carried out on the input to a district wide survey for young people on their issues of concern.

Cainscross Youth Forum – Similar to the above, planning work had been carried out on the input to a district wide survey for young people on their issues of concern.

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum – Again similar to the above, planning work had been carried out on the input to a district wide survey for young people on their issues of concern; five questions had been created so far. A tour of locality had been carried out recently. An assembly at Thomas Keble School was aimed at recruitment to the forum.

It was agreed that the district wide survey being compiled by the LYF groups, would be available at the next meeting.

Election of Officers: Vice Chair

It was noted that no nominations had been received and that the deadline would be extended to 11 June.

Election of Principal Members (PM)

The following member had been nominated for the role of **PM for Local Democracy**: George Sutton, voting member for Maidenhill School – Proposed by: Oli King; Seconded by: Tom Brady. **Following a ballot vote, George was elected.** The nomination deadline for the remaining PM roles would be extended to 11 June.

Election of Representatives to British Youth Council (BYC)

The following member had been nominated: George Sutton, voting member for Maidenhill School, Proposed by: Oli King; Seconded by: Tom Brady. **Following a ballot vote, George was elected.** The nomination deadline for the remaining BYC representative role would be extended to 11 June.

Election of Youth Grant Funding Panel

The following member has been nominated: George Sutton, voting member for Maidenhill School, Proposed by: Oli King; Seconded by: Tom Brady. **Following a ballot vote, George was elected.** The nomination deadline for the remaining three panel positions would be extended to 11 June.

BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention Report

Tom S, Oli and Issy attended the convention and participated in the following initiatives and events featured in the programme:

Make Your Mark - which was led by various members of youth parliament from the region

Celebrating what is achieved - this included the promotion of award programmes and a leadership video

Remembering Tolpuddle - which included the opportunity to attend the Tolpuddle Festival on 16 July

Mental Health - a national priority for the BYC; and a debate on the forthcoming European Union referendum.

Members also made good links with representatives from Bath and North East Somerset and one of Gloucestershire's Members of Youth Parliament, Nathan Sexton.

BYC Motion - discussion was had on whether SDYC should forward a motion regarding 'the quality of work experience' at the BYC Annual Council Meeting in September – the deadline for this was 28 June and some doubt was shared as to whether there was enough time available to formally agree the motion before submission. It was noted that the mandate from the related report (from 2014) could be used as a basis. However it was also suggested that more research was needed, as to whether any motion/statement of this kind would bring about further change to the BYC manifesto (which already features work experience). No formal decision was made.

Make Your Mark – Presentation from Nathan Sexton, Member of Youth Parliament for Gloucestershire

Nathan highlighted that he was now one of two MYP's for Gloucestershire (Alysha Bodman being the other), with others initially elected having since resigned. He outlined that Make Your Mark was the highest profile initiative that

the Youth Parliament undertakes and was seeking support from SDYC members to encourage schools and groups to sign up as champions and to hold ballots. He added that 962,000 votes were cast last year nation wide and the aim was to reach at least 1 million this year. The deadline to register schools was 15th July.

Nathan also explained other initiatives being worked upon by him and his colleagues, included; Don't Hate Educate (Scotland only); and Mental Health (UK).

SDYC Focus Groups Reports

a) **Local Democracy Focus Group report** from meeting on 9th June.

Overview of projects for 2016/17; the group discussed this years project's and reminded each other of progress to date. **Decision: To Recommend** – *that a pilot project for use in a small number of schools is developed using Bite the Ballot.*

Report from meeting with Stroud MP, Neil Carmichael; Neil's support for lowering the voting age to 16 was acknowledged, as was his enthusiasm for reforming PSHE and political education in schools – the opportunity to do this with further emergence of Academies, was noted. Neil advised that SDYC should contact Gloucestershire Association of Secondary Head Teachers. **Decision: To Recommend** - *that contact is made with the Gloucestershire Association of Secondary Head Teachers regarding the various issues / projects of SDYC.*

Other projects and ideas; The group briefly discussed the benefits of a local referendum on a topic to be decided by the whole SDYC membership. **Decision: To Recommend** – *that consideration is given to the idea of holding a referendum on a topic to be decided.*

Report Proposed by: Oli King; Seconded by: George Sutton. Report was adopted.

b) **Health Focus Group report**: from meeting on 19th July

Overview of Projects for 2016/17; Group members and support staff updated each other on the various projects which the group were involved with, highlighting the good practice and partnerships that had been formed in the last few years. **Decision: To Note** – *that work on the various projects would progress in due course in partnership with the respective organizations.*

Feedback from recent work with NHS CCG: Mental Health Website Design Workshop Event (31 May); Oli & Issy gave the group an insight as to the workshop they had attended regarding the new mental health website. It was felt that further input from young people would be needed. **Decision: To Note** – *an update from NHS CCG was expected in the near future as to further input from young people. It was expected that the website will go live later this year.*

Discussion on forthcoming SOBS/2gether Conference (24 June); a brief discussion on the above event was had, with the theme being; 'Suffer the Children: Child and Adolescence Mental Health'. Issy and Alexandra Parker would be attending. **Decision: To Note** – *representation from SDYC would be had at the conference for the second year running through Issy and Alexandra.*

Overview of SDC Health & Wellbeing Strategy & Future Opportunities; Emma Keating Clark (SDC HWB Officer) praised the work of the group that she had evidenced since beginning her role with SDC adding that the voice of young people was vital for the District Council and their health organisation partners. **Decision: To Note** – *Emma would pursue her contacts with Patient Participation Groups to see how receptive they would be to having young people sat on or feed into these groups.*

Planning & Next Steps on Projects; the group agreed they would carry out some statistical research on sexual health, mental health and school nurses. The group also felt they would like to consider doing a youth led inspection with GP Surgeries and also implement a 'Challenge Card' system to the Patient Participation Groups (PPG's). **Decisions: To Note** – *group members would research health statistics for the Stroud District and Gloucestershire. To Recommend* – *that (subject to aforementioned response from Emma, SDC HWB Officer) SDYC undertake youth led inspections with GP Surgeries and use a Challenge Card System to help young peoples voice be heard with the PPG's.*

Proposed by: Issy Llewellyn; Seconded by: Oli King. Report was adopted.

c) **Employment & Training Focus Group**: note – meeting on 15th June was postponed to 29th June

Environment Project

Noella (PM for environment) was not present to lead discussion on a potential environmental project. It was agreed that this would be rescheduled for a meeting when Noella was in attendance.

SDYC Leadership Team Report from meeting on 1st June

BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention – The programme for the convention on 2 June was discussed. In light of no BYC reps from SDYC having been elected to date, the responsibility fell to the Leadership Team to deputise.

Decision: To Note – *that SDYC would have representation at the convention.*

Skills For Stroud Work Experience / Employability Charter - Following the decision at the last SDYC Main Meeting to formally endorse the charter, the team made a draft statement, which would be further adapted by Tom.

Decision: To Note – *the statement of endorsement from SDYC will be used on the Charter's website and documentation alongside the SDYC logo.*

Reporting at Main Meetings - The Team had a 'refresher' on how the previously agreed format operates for reporting on Leadership Team and Focus Groups to Main Meetings. The team acknowledged the need for Focus Groups in particular, to act as 'working groups' and not final decision makers, therefore enabling member decision making to be as inclusive as possible. **Decision: To Note** – *the reminder that all reports are to be proposed and seconded at the main meetings, with respective decisions made as a result.*

SDYC Officer & Leadership Elections & Youth Grant Fund Panel - The vacant positions of Vice Chair and PM roles were discussed. The need to set up this year's youth grant panel was also discussed as the grant assessment deadlines needed to be met. **Decision: To Recommend** – *the nomination deadline for all roles be extended until the positions are filled, however those panel members already confirmed should begin the assessment process.*

Meeting with Stroud MP – 3rd June - The Team discussed the forthcoming meeting with Stroud MP, Neil Carmichael regarding SDYC priorities: *local democracy & lowering the voting age; political education; curriculum for life and PSHE.* **Decision: To Note** – *a meeting with the Stroud MP would take place on 3 June, and that a meeting with the Cotswold MP would also be pursued thereafter in line with previous agreement.*

SDYC Website - Further to acknowledgement (made in the last year) that the SDYC website would be renewed; Steve confirmed that SDC support for this was now in place - it would also continue to be hosted by SDC.

Decision: To Propose – *that a project team is set up to work with the SDC IT & Web Editors.*

SDC Youth Work Strategy Consultation with Young People - The Team discussed the importance of SDYC and local youth forum members being consulted, with regards to the future SDC strategy. Steve confirmed that this matter would evolve over the summer months. **Decision: To Note** – *The Leadership Team would continue to monitor this progress.*

Report Proposed by: Oli King; Seconded by: George Sutton. Report was adopted.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18th July 2016 at venue TBC.