



## NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

**Date : Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Restaurant at Ebley Mill, 4:30pm**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Noella Osborne ( <b>E</b> ) ( <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> )	Ap
Charlotte Bignell ( <i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i> )	Ap
Isabelle Llewellyn ( <b>HWB</b> ) ( <i>Thomas Keble School</i> )	P
James Preece ( <i>Thomas Keble School</i> )	Ap
Oli King ( <b>L</b> ) ( <i>Cainscross Youth Forum</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> )	Ap
George Sutton ( <i>Maidenhill School</i> )	P
Sophie Wilkins ( <i>Nailsworth &amp; Minch Youth Forum</i> )	A
Dylan Parker-Duggan ( <i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i> )	Ap
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> )	A
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

#### **Welcomes and Apologies**

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

#### **Minutes of the Last Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> April 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) **SDYC Minutes/Notes Review** – Members agreed that they would continue the trial of taking notes during the meeting in which to be later compiled into minutes of the meeting by SDC Business Support.
- b) **Transition Stroud Event** – Oli K and Issy attended the event on 6<sup>th</sup> May and made a particular contact with a fellow attendee regarding global environment issues. **Action:** Oli to give the persons contact details to Steve and to begin a dialogue on the issues. Noella to be included in this conversation.
- c) **Support for Youth Voice in the South West** – Steve gave an update on post regional youth work unit closure. The BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention was now being co-ordinated directly by the BYC and would be held 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The convention programme included information about this year's 'Make Your Mark' democratic initiative and a debate on Britain's membership of the European Union; SDYC members discussed the various points to the arguments for and against staying in the EU. Four members from SDYC Leadership Team would be attending.
- d) **NHS CCG Website Design Workshop 2** – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 was confirmed as the date when the workshop would take place at The Friendship Cafe, Gloucester. Members who agreed to attend: Tom S, Issy, Nyima and Oli.

## Correspondence

### **BYC Youth Select Committee – call for evidence**

British Youth Council's Youth Select Committee has announced a call for evidence on racism and religious discrimination. Written evidence should be received by the committee by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015. **Action:** This would be circulated to members via email in which to comment individually.

### **Startline Young Driver Experience - 31 May 2016**

Members were reminded of the unique opportunity regarding this course being held on 31 May, with invites sent to those yet to receive this experience. Deadline for booking was Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **NHS Youth Forum recruitment now open!**

BYC is recruiting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the NHS Youth Forum to help shape health services. Young people aged 14-25, from across England to be a part of it. There are 13 open places for any young people across England who has an interest in health. Oli and Issy expressed an interest and more information would be sent to them.

### **Hitz Rugby Programme**

A Premiership Rugby initiative led by Gloucester Rugby Club and Young Gloucestershire is on offer for young people aged 16 to 18 years. The experience comprises a range of different sports undertaken over a 12 week period, including: *A vocational qualification in Sports & Active Leisure; Employability level 1; Up to level 2 in Maths and English Functional Skills; Work Experience; and First Aid.* Start date for this event will be 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Kingsholm, Gloucester Rugby.

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

**Thomas Keble School** – Student Council met with the canteen staff and agreed a healthier menu etc.

**Archway School** – Whilst student council hadn't met recently, it had been planned to have a non-uniform day soon. Cashless payment in canteen is now working on a ten year photo and film initiative.

**Maidenhill School** – Main focus has been with exams, which has impacted on the younger students. Increase in students using the 'Link Centre' for support. No longer needed to wear blazers, this is the summer policy. One of the issues caused by exams is stress: members suggested talking to Teens in Crisis recently commissioned by NHS CCG. **Action:** It was agreed this issue should be discussed by Health Focus Group.

**Katharine Lady Berkeley School** – Applications for the role of a Prefect is underway, approx 50 positions are due to be announced soon - 150 students applied.

**Stroud Town Five Valleys Youth Forum** – members have done a 'walkabout' regarding their 'likes' and 'dislikes' of locations and facilities in the area; photos have been taken and a cartoon production has been sent to the Town Council for consideration.

**Cainscross Youth Forum** – Similar programme to Stroud Town but cartoons not produced yet. Members having fun!

**Chalford Cubed Youth Forum** – Again a similar walkabout activity has been undertaken to create photos for a cartoon about the likes and dislikes for young people in the area. Plans for the year ahead have been drafted.

**Election of Officers: Vice Chair & Election of Principal Members (PM)**

It was noted that no nominations had been received for the following positions: 1 x Vice Chair, 3 x Principal Members. The deadline has therefore been extended to 12 noon on 1 June 2016. Elections will take place via the new E-Voting System. Members interested in being nominated and not sure what to do, should contact Steve.

**Election of Representatives to British Youth Council (BYC) & Election of Youth Grant Funding Panel**

It was noted that no nominations had been received for the following positions: 2 x BYC Representatives, 4 x Youth Grant Panel Members. The deadline has therefore been extended to 12 noon on 1 June 2016. Elections will take place via the new E-Voting System. Members interested in being nominated and not sure what to do, should contact Steve.

**Membership of SDYC Focus Groups – Self Nomination & Projects (All)**

Steve and Tom explained FG's issues, projects etc which had been previously agreed for the year. They are as follows;

<b>Local Democracy Focus Group</b>	
<i>Issues, Topics, Projects</i>	<i>Organisations/Partners linked To</i>
Local Democracy Consultation Project... political education, votes for 16 year olds 'Adopt a Lord' Voter Registration – Bite the Ballot	Stroud District Council; Local Strategic Partnership; Local MP's; Local House Of Lord Peers; British Youth Council; SDC Election Service
<b>Group Members:</b> Oli K; George Sutton; Nyima Trawally; James Preece; Lauren Davies; Holly Abbott. <b>Copy To:</b> Tom Schaffner; Libby Powell	

<b>Employment and Training Focus Group</b>	
<i>Issues, Topics, Projects</i>	<i>Organisations/Partners linked to...</i>
Work Experience/Employability Curriculum for life	Stroud District Council Local Strategic Partnership
<b>Group Members:</b> Tom S; Oli K; George Sutton; Nyima Trawally; Lauren Davies; Alex Lin-Vines; Jonty Fuller; Amy Jones. <b>Copy To:</b> Libby Powell	

<b>Health Focus Group</b>	
<i>Issues, Topics, Projects</i>	<i>Organisations/Partners linked to...</i>
Sexual Health Mental Health -First Aid -CCG Website Design School Nurses – Relationship in general Books on prescription Young People Friendly Surgeries/ Health Services	Hope House (Glos) Scholl Nurses Facts 4 Life NHS Clinical Commissioner Group Health Watch Glos Facts 4 Life School Nurses SDC HWB Officer School Nurses SDC HWB Officer
<b>Group Members:</b> Issy Llewellyn; Oli K; George Sutton; Nyima Trawally; Jonty Fuller; Amy Jones. <b>Copy To:</b> Tom S; Libby Powell	

### SDYC Focus Groups – Set Meeting Dates

- a) **Health Focus Group:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- b) **Employment & Training Focus Group:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- c) **Local Democracy Focus Group:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### SDYC Leadership Team Meeting

It was noted that the next Leadership Team was scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

### Local Election Update – Police & Crime Commissioner & Stroud District Council

**District Elections:** Turnout was higher than any other district in Gloucestershire at 41.4%. The party political balance for Stroud District Council (SDC) is now; Conservatives **22** (down 1); Labour **18** (no change); Green **8** (up 2); Liberal Democrat **2** (down 1); Conservative No Group **1** (no change). The full results are on the SDC website. Councillor Steve Lydon (Labour) was voted in as Leader of SDC and Norman Kay (Green) was elected Chair of the Council.

**Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) Election:** The turnout was 30.5% across Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire had the seventh highest turnout in England and Wales. Martin Surl was re-elected as the PCC.

### Any Other Business

**Skills for Stroud Employability Charter:** Tom explained that the charter is no longer just 'work experience' but has been revised and broadened to encompass all activities that support employability. Work experience is still a fundamental part of the charter, but now, other activities such as careers events, school talks and visits etc also carry a weighting in assessment. It was noted that Tom S and Oli K had now completed their Reviewer Training and are part of the Assessment Team.

In light of the huge amount of work done by SDYC to help create and promote the charter, Oli K proposed that SDYC should formally endorse the new revised charter – this was unanimously agreed.

It was noted that Libby was currently in hospital – everyone sends her good wishes.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at venue TBC.