



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 24th September 2012

Time : 16:30

Venue: Fresh Ground Cafe, Cainscross

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Ellen Wightman, (Thomas Keble)	A
Kate Jones, (Thomas Keble)	P
Kit Powell, (Bussage & Chalford)	A
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft**, (Stroud Town)	P
Kieran Chadwick, (Archway)	P
Luka Chadwick, (Archway)	Ap
Kathryn White, (Rednock)	P
Shannon Eden, (Katharine Lady Berkeley)	A
Miriam Smith, (Katharine Lady Berkeley)	A
Kirsty Driver, (Berkeley)	P
Roxy Mould, (Berkeley)	Ap
Annie Pickering, (Stonehouse)	Ap
Chloe Boulton, (Wotton under Edge YF)	Ap
Laura Forrester, (Wotton under Edge YF)	A
Millie Gardiner, (Maidenhill)	P
Neil Bond, (Maidenhill)	A
Max Freedman, (Marling)	A
Rob Sidwell, (Marling)	A
Laura Byng*, (Stroud High)	Ap
Sally Holditch, (Stroud High)	A
Stephanie Davies, (Stroud College)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Lindsey Driver	A
Emma Sankey	A
Rosemary Dickinson	A

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
 Cllr June Cordwell, Executive Policy Lead for Community Services, Stroud District Council
 Pete Glead, Neighbourhood Warden, Stroud District Council
 Chris Acock, Neighbourhood Warden, Stroud District Council

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Amy Allard, (Archway)	A
Mary Holditch, (Stroud High)	A
Holly Abbott (Stroud High)	P
Lydia Stephens, (Maidenhill)	Ap
Ruth Pilston, (Katharine Lady Berkeley)	A
Eva Gilder-Hodgson, (Katharine Lady Berkeley)	A
Jessica Fisher, (Wotton under Edge YF)	P
Abi Lee, (Wotton under Edge YF)	A
Charlotte Bignall (Thomas Keble)	Ap
Odette Machin (Stroud High)	A

CO-OPTIONS

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

Minutes of the meeting

Welcome and Apologies

During the initial absence of Robin, Kathryn White took the Chair and welcomed members to the meeting along with Cllr June Cordwell, Executive Policy Lead for Community Services, Pete Gleed and Chris Acock, SDC Neighbourhood Warden's. Apologies were received from Luka Chadwick, Roxy Mould, Annie Pickering, Chloe Boulton, Laura Byng, Lydia Stephens and Charlotte Bignall.

Minutes of Last Meeting – 9th July 2012

The Chair went through minutes of the previous meeting; they are agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

BYC Annual Council Meeting

Kathryn, Kirsty and Robin recently attended the British Youth Council (BYC) Annual Meeting in Cardiff where they participated in the elections for their Board of Trustees, Chair and Vice Chair positions. They also took part in prioritising their policies. Before 30th September, Kathryn and Kirsty have to vote on behalf of SDYC members regarding BYC's priority campaigns for the coming year; after the voting has closed, the BYC will then focus on the top ones that have been selected nationally. Steve explained that at the Annual Meeting, only 5 of the 11 potential priorities were debated and therefore they haven't yet all been explained; Steve will circulate this information via email for members to reply to Kirsty and Kathryn, in which to inform their voting.

Discussion with SDC Work Experience Students

A number of students from year 10 recently did work experience at SDC. As part of their programme Robin, Kieran, Laura, Sally and Mary did a presentation to them about certain aspects of SDYC; this included the Employment Working Group, Votes @ 16, etc. Feedback was positive from the students but it was felt in future a more interactive session should be held.

Youth Work Event in Cheltenham

Kirsty and Kathryn attended an event in Cheltenham where Kirsty and Kathryn gave two separate speeches. It was an event hosted by the District Network Group, and deliberately took place a year on from the changes and cuts to the County Council Youth Service – they both spoke about how the cuts had affected them from their point of view. Robin also gave a pre-recorded video message regarding the work of the Employment Working Group around such issues for young people. The event also featured a group of young people from Churchdown who have invited a number of SDYC representatives to go visit the youth forum over there and see what has been done – Millie mentioned that Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (youth forum) found it useful visiting and speaking to youth forum members from W-U-E and Berkeley when they were setting up their group and suggested that a visit to Churchdown could be a worthwhile opportunity to take.

Health Focus Group

Steve noted they had to postpone the previously scheduled meeting, however a new date never got re-arranged; it was decided to meet again in the near future – Friday 5th October at 4:00pm is chosen.

Members Training Programme

At the last meeting, Annie, Millie, Robin, Charlotte and Holly all agreed to be part of this group; a date needs to be decided as when to meet up and discuss what should be included in the Autumn Training Programme. It is noted Annie will no longer be available as she has now moved away for University and therefore Kirsty is keen to join the group. Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 5:00pm is decided as the meeting date.

Correspondence

2011 Census Figures

These have recently been circulated, and it highlights the total population figures for Stroud and suggests that we have had a percentage increase of 4.4% in the last 10 years which is just short of 4,800 people. Steve has tried to

use the figures to work out the amount of young people in the district; there has been a decrease between the ages of 10 – 14 but increased between the ages of 15 – 19.

The E-News

The E-News is circulated monthly to all employees and members of Stroud District Council; it allows people to keep up to date with the latest news and initiatives that are going on within the Council. The latest e-news in August talked about the new corporate delivery plan for the Council which goes from the current year to 2016 and it highlighted the new priorities for the Council, which are:

- Economy
- Affordable and Social Housing
- Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Resources

These will also be the topics discussed at the corporate consultation in November.

Archway School's Futures Day

Date for the calendar; being held on 22nd November.

Psychosis

Steve recently met someone from the NHS at the Stroud College Fresher's Fayre who is a Mental Health Nurse and she is keen to come along and meet SDYC regarding health promotion training around Psychosis and GRIP. This could be good for the Health Focus Group to learn more about Psychosis.

SmokeFree Homes

Following the success of phase one and phase two of the South West's Smokefree Homes Campaign, they are pleased to announce the launch of phase three. The campaign will run on TV, radio and online from 13th August and Face-to-Face activity has been running since 9th July. To date, evaluation shows; there has been a 6% reduction in numbers of people smoking in the home across the South West, 29% of South West smokers claim to have changed their smoking behaviour as a direct result of the campaign (this is estimated at 180,000 people) and 50% of smokers are now claiming 'I never smoking inside my home'. If you wanted any further information SM has a number of useful links and fact sheets.

BBC – young people and alcohol

Steve has received some information from a researcher who works for the BBC who is interested in making a specialist educational documentary for the BBC Learning Zone and the Open University; this will include a series of short educational films, they will be aimed at Key Stage 4. Each film will focus on one young persons experience, from the more common-place such as having a few drinks at a party to the more extreme such drinking too much and having a resultant health or psychical consequence. Members interested should contact him soon.

Stroud Jobs Fair

TABS Training are holding a jobs fair at the Subscription Rooms, Stroud on Friday 5th October, 10:30pm – 3:00pm. The event is also supported by the Stroud MP.

The Junction, Nailsworth Youth Club

A letter has been received from The Junction to say thanks for all the support they have received and included an invite to SDYC to visit the venue in Nailsworth to see what progress has been made; there is also an opportunity to hold one of SDYC's meetings in Nailsworth.

Vale and Valleys Neighbourhood Watch Association

The next meeting is scheduled for 18th October 2012 at 7:00pm at Ebley Mill.

British Youth Council

They send out correspondence on a weekly basis, some of the main points raised within the emails include;

- Young people's views invited on a charter for Police and Crime Commissioners
Police and Crime Commissioners will be elected in England and Wales in November and in London there is already one in place. Their policies will impact on young people, but young people risk being excluded from the public debate. As part of the Safer Future Communities project, a group of young people, supported by NCVYS, is developing a Youth Charter, to ask future Police and Crime Commissioners to engage meaningfully with young people when developing their plans. They need young people's views on the Charter and their support for it, so they are consulting young people via the survey (bit.ly/youthcharter). All young people who respond will go into a draw to win £50 Amazon vouchers!
- Youth Worker Awards 2012
The National Youth Agency is inviting people to put forward the most outstanding youth worker for a prestigious national award. Nominations are now open for the Youth Worker Awards, which aim to identify the country's most dedicated youth worker – one who has shown undeniable dedication to young people and in turn has made a real difference to their community. The awards are organised by the NYA as part of its annual Youth Work Week celebrations, which runs 5 – 11 November, shortlisted nominees will be invited to attend an award ceremony in London on 7th November. Nomination process: www.nya.org.uk/youth-work-week-2012/youth-worker-awards-2012

Update from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forum's – reports from all

Stroud High School

Students have been issued with badges for their house colours. There is also a production of 'Back to the 80s' which a number of students have auditioned for.

Wotton-Under-Edge

There have been meetings every two weeks on a Tuesday as well as meeting with the Architect, to see how they are making progress on the Youth Centre building. The Centre is due to open on 17th November 2012.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

Recently visited W-U-E and Berkeley to see what they had done and the progress made in terms of getting the Youth Club up and running.

Thomas Keble

The new head teacher is now in place making a few new changes.

Rednock

Kathryn is trying to get more students involved with the school council and to make links with sixth form committee.

Maidenhill

Maidenhill have decided to scrap the old school council system; there will now be one representative from each house in Key Stage 3, which means there will be 4 people representing the whole of Year 7, 8 and 9. Also one representative from each house in Key Stage 4 (year 10 and 11) and then Sports Captains, Performance Captains – which are both year 11s. The students have raised the concerns about the system with the teachers.

Archway

The uniform has changed drastically. GCSE, AS Results and A Levels were the best yet on record for the school.

Operation Commune: Community Consultation – Pete Gleed, Neighbourhood Warden

Operation Commune is consultation that the Police undertake twice a year with the purpose of finding out what they need to concentrate their priorities on in the different policing areas for the next 6 months. Neighbourhood Wardens often help them out with interviewing members of the public and engaging with them; in Cam and Dursley they will interview around 400 people then collate all the information together which will be taken to a panel meeting a couple of weeks after the consultation has finished. Key members of the public come together with the police and their given the information that has arisen from the consultation. They would like SDYC to fill in a consultation for; it concentrates on what you would like to see your local police do in your community and what are your concerns. It is noted answers need to be specific, e.g. if speeding is an issue, please write where it occurs and

what times of day etc.

Historically the panel meetings have not had any representatives of young people however in the future they are hoping to develop this further to include representatives from groups like SDYC.

Stroud Youth Development and Youth Activity Fund

Steve gives a report on the round of funding that occurred in July, there was only one application for the youth development fund which was for Nailsworth Youth Club for £5000 which the panel granted them the full amount they asked for. The youth activity fund there was 3 applications which were all successful; Wotton-Under-Edge Youth Liaison Group (£1000), Gloucestershire Young Carers (£1000) and Nailsworth Youth Club (£620). Therefore there is still a substantial amount of money left over for the next round.

SDYC Youth Panel Training on Grant Giving

Saturday 29th September was the provisional date for the training. The training provider, Sharon Adams, will be co-delivering the training with Steve. Sharon can make this Saturday for the proposed training however can only do half a day in the morning (3 – 4 hours), after a discussion the group decide this is still a suitable date and time.

LSP Employment Working Group

Robin reports to the group there was a meeting a while back, they welcomed a new member to the meeting, Mike Curran from Gloucestershire First, who has been involved in the 'YES' project (not the Youth Exploring Sustainability) which is to do with engineering, and has been doing a lot of work over the past year to try and get businesses linked with schools which is what the EWG have been trying to do as well, unfortunately his funding fell through and therefore would like to work with the group to see how they can move forward. If anyone is interested in more details regarding the previous meeting, Robin has a set of minutes.

Robin also explains, unfortunately he will no longer be part of the LSP due to moving on with other commitments and therefore at the next meeting there will be a discussion about who could potentially take over the role so there is a continuous presence on the group.

Calendar Dates for 2012/13

Steve circulated hard copies of all the calendar dates for 2012/13 – the next meeting will signify the beginning of the next Youth Council year. Steve will also send out via the post consent and expression of interest form for the autumn training during October – need to know who is available and which days work best for the majority.

SDC Youth Work Strategy

The three year district council's youth work strategy was proposed and adopted at the last Executive meeting. Steve thanked all members who were involved in the process.

Any Other Business

Nothing to report.

Date of the next meeting

Monday 15th October 2012 (to include New Members Briefing)