



NOTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

24.11.2008

Venue: Stroud Youth Centre

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Thomas Lydon, Marling**	P
Rob Price, Marling	P
Alex Jones, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Jess Howell, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Liam Baker, Thomas Keble	P
Cameron Patterson, Thomas Keble	P
El Linsell, Stroud High	P
Rosie Dickinson, Stroud High	P
Jack Young, Archway	P
Fran Ballinger, Archway	A
Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	P
Lindsey Driver, Vale of Berkeley	Ap
Frank Gillison, Vale of Berkeley	P
Andrew Burbidge, Nailsworth YF	P
Connor Walker, Stonehouse VoYS	A
Gemma Durn, VoYS	A
Megan Roberts, Minchinhampton YC	P
Amy Neason, Minchinhampton YC	P

EX-OFFICIO

Rose Horton, Stroud High	A
Freddie Whittaker, Archway	A
Luke Smith, Berkeley	A
Matt Stump, Berkeley	A
Natalie Smith, Archway	A
Emma Mears, Cam & Dursley YF	A
Eleanor Cairns, Thomas Keble	A
Harriet Dudbridge, Katharine Lady Berkeley's	A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Rebekah Batting, Cam & Dursley YF	P
Kamila Gebicka, Cam & Dursley YF	Ap
Will Loggins, Vale of Berkeley	A
Chantelle Martin, Vale of Berkeley	P
Harry Bush, Marling	P
Harry Shankar, Marling	Ap
Alex Buckley, Thomas Keble	P
Kit Powell, Thomas Keble	P
Cerys Bradley, Stroud High	P
Isobel Holley, Stroud High	P
Kieran Chadwick, Archway	P
Kurtis Herbert, Archway	P
Isobel Tyrrell, Minchinhampton YC	P
Jodie Nixon, Minchinhampton YC	P

CO-OPTIONS

** = Chair * = Vice-Chair P = present A = absent Ap = apology

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer (SDC), John Meadley, (Climate Change Panel), Cllr David Wride, Cabinet Member for Finance (SDC).

SDYC Minutes – Monday 24 November 2008

Welcome & Apologies

Tom welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Rachael Higgs (SDC Business Support Assistant) who would be attending SDYC meetings in the near future.

Apologies were received from Harry Shankar, Lindsey Driver, Kamila Gebicka, Cllr John Jeffreys, and Phil Sullivan.

Minutes of the last meeting – 10 November 2008

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct.

Matters Arising

a) Election of Youth Cabinet member for Finance

Following the change of voting member from Marling (from Harry Bush to Rob Price), Rob Price was nominated for the position of Youth cabinet member for Finance and with no other nominations, was duly elected.

b) Powerdown Project Presentation – feedback and nomination of Project Team

Members generally felt this was a project they would very much like to be involved in – the following members expressed a desire to be involved in a Project Team; Andrew Burbidge, Jess Howell, Alex Buckley, Rosie Dickinson, Izzy Holley, El Linsell, Becky Battling, Hilary Dixon, Kieran Chadwick, Kurtis Herbert, Jack Young and Kit Powell. It was agreed that the next steps with adults parties would be sought to enable the aforementioned people to become involved – Steve agreed to pursue this.

c) Website – 100 words and photo returns (photos can be from social networking site)

Tom encouraged members who were still yet to forward the requested 100 word profiles on themselves and a photo, to do so as soon as possible – appropriate photos from network sites would be ideal.

d) SDC Budget Consultation etc – receive forms

Following the request from Cllr. David Wride at the last meeting and agreement to carry out this consultation on behalf of SDC, members were requested to pass on the returned survey forms to Rachael at the end of the meeting or return to Steve no later than Wednesday 27 November.

e) Members teambuilding/training – Jan/Feb – give dates

Steve informed members that the weekend of 7/8 February was provisionally booked at The Wilderness Centre for a teambuilding event – an environmental theme would act as the backbone for the programme in accordance with the project work being undertaken by SDYC.

f) Anti Bullying Project – next steps

The following members requested to be part of the team that will be trained to deliver the project with Stroud Rural Peer Education group; Liam, Becky, Hilary, Izzy T, Jodie, Amy, Megan. A date would be sought as soon as possible for the training to take place.

Correspondence – there was no correspondence

Update from Schools, colleges and local youth forums – reports from members

Note from Administration Support - Due to technical problems with the voice recorder, this agenda item was not recorded in full.

Katharine Lady Berkeley – Hilary highlighted the need to get increased representation from KLB. Hilary added that the people she gave the budget consultation form out to said that they did not like filling the form in because it was not youth friendly. Some questions were a bit irrelevant because most young people do not know about taxes. It was also quite boring to look at. It was agreed that young people found it quite hard to understand. It was suggested that members look through the form before it gets sent out in future. Steve explained the way that Council Tax is calculated and highlighted that only a

small percentage of the total was attributed to the district council, the rest going to support services delivered by the County Council and Police Authority. All taxes are spent on public services including those received by young people. The survey only covered the spending made on delivery of services by SDC.

Minchinhampton - It was noted that Amy Neason and Megan Roberts would now be the voting members for SDYC instead of Izzy Tyrell and Jodie Nixon, Izzy and Jodie will now take on the role of deputies.

Vale of Berkeley College – Frank reported that Joe Cliff was now the deputy member instead of Will Loggins.

Steve reminded members that it is really important that they feedback to their respective communities the issues discussed and decisions made at meetings.

Sustainable Community Strategy Event; 'Tomorrows Stroud' - 28 November 2008

The forthcoming event was coming up and it was stated that it would be good to have a good turn out of members. Some members reported that teachers were deciding what pupils would be attending by putting names into a hat – it was considered the fairest way and would not affect the lesson schedules too much! The feedback on this meeting will go into a 12 year strategy for the whole of the Stroud District. Up until now young people have not been able to have their say on the strategy and it was noted that last years youth council fought hard to actually get this event on the consultation timetable set by SDC – in light of this, the importance of giving this event huge support was noted. Members agreed that we do not let adults and young people down as it would be a poor reflection on young people in general as well as SDYC. The outcomes of this consultation event will be to influence a 12 year plan on how Stroud District is going to look in all sorts of ways both economically and environmentally including things like transport. Steve encouraged those schools yet to commit to this, to do so urgently.

Litter Recycling Pilot Project – update

EI presented an update on the project and refreshed those members from last year. She passed around a picture of what they will look like and highlighted the stories attached. The bins will be covered in anti-graffiti paint and will have the SDYC logo on. The stories on the bins come from an idea that created last year and was designed to appeal more to younger kids so they can get involved and start recycling from a young age - each bin has a different name and animal. The following members wished to be involved with the project team; Kit, Izzy H, Rosie, Alex B, Becky, Frank, Cameron, Jess and Andrew. Steve agreed to set a date for the team to meet as soon as possible.

Duke of Edinburgh Award; Accreditation for members – SDYC as Access Organisation

Steve announced that SDYC have recently registered as an Access Organisation for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. He added that this will enable the work of individual members (between 14 and 24 yrs old) to contribute towards them gaining accreditation through the Awards. SDYC were registered as providers of both the Volunteering (formerly known as Service) and Skills categories, with the two remaining categories – Physical and Expedition, being delivered centrally by other organisations. The initial cost of registering each member would be covered by SDYC - members potentially could undertake both Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

Youth Cabinet Report

Liam reported that Youth Cabinet members would be meeting the SDC Heads of Service and adult Cabinet members on Monday 8 December – this would act as an initial introduction ahead of a 'shadowing session' provisionally set for Monday 22 December, whereby Youth Cabinet members would spend up to a day interacting with SDC officers and members around their respective portfolio roles and attributed services. Liam added that the Youth Cabinet would be attending a one day specialist training course on Young Peoples Grant Funding as part of their managerial role of the SDYC Youth Initiative Fund and Talented Young Sports Achievers Grant – this would take place on Saturday 6 December 2008 at Stroud Youth Centre and would be delivered by Youth Bank UK. Members from the Youth Opportunity Fund Panel would be joining them on this course.

Any Other Business

There was no further business.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 15 December at Stroud Youth Centre, 4.30pm.