



## NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

**Date : Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 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> )	P
Tom Schaffner** ( <i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i> )	P
Lily Clarke ( <i>Archway School</i> )	A
Ollie Catchpole ( <i>Archway School</i> )	Ap
Holly Abbott ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	P
Alexandra Parker ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	P
Alex Lin-Vines ( <i>Marling School</i> )	P
Charlotte Bignell ( <i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i> )	P
Isabelle Llewellyn ( <b>HWB</b> ) ( <i>Thomas Keble School</i> )	P
James Preece ( <i>Thomas Keble School</i> )	P
Oli King ( <b>L</b> ) ( <i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i> )	P
Hannah Savagar ( <i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i> )	P
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> )	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	P
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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  
 Antonia Dixey, CEO, Participation People  
 Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council  
 Caroline Smith, NHS Clinical Commissioning Group  
 Helen Ford, NHS Clinical Commissioning Group  
 Mary Hutton, NHS Clinical Commissioning Group

#### **Welcomes and Apologies**

The retiring Chairperson, Charlotte Bignell welcomed guests (NHS CCG) and new members from Katharine Lady Berkeley School and Cainscross Youth Forum. 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: Libby Powell; Seconded by: Oli King.*

**Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Facts4Life**

Launch of New Facts4Life Resources for Health Resilience this will help schools demonstrate how they are improving pupil's knowledge of how to keep themselves healthy (Ofsted judgement on Personal Development and Welfare).

#### **Transition Stroud Event – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Members were invited to a Transition Stroud Event on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Stroud Sub Rooms. The event welcomes the founder of the Transition movement, Rob Hopkins as key speaker and will focus on ground-breaking Transition projects from around the world. It will also be an opportunity for people to get involved in planning Transition Stroud's work for the future. Those interested should contact Steve.

#### **Resignation from Ollie Catchpole (Voting member for Archway School)**

Steve shared the contents of an email from Ollie Catchpole, stating his resignation from SDYC as a voting member for Archway School. Ollie highlighted that it was a decision with regret, due to the need to focus on pending A Level exams. He reflected on 'some amazing memories and great friendships' made during his time as an SDYC member. He conveyed his best wishes to all the SDYC representatives on their future endeavors.

#### **BYC support for Youth Voice in the South West – closure of Learning South West/Regional Youth Work Unit**

Learning South West (LSW) and its Regional Youth Work Unit (RYWU) has suddenly closed. The RYWU were the supporting organisation for 'youth voice' in the south west region and hosted youth voice conventions and facilitated the function of the UK Youth Parliament at a regional level on behalf of the British Youth Council (BYC). The BYC would like to reassure everyone that they are committed to continuing to offer a program of opportunities and support to young representatives and local authority members of BYC in the region. They are working on alternatives ways to do this and will let us know more when they have some news.

#### **Introduction to new SDC Youth Work Team Contractors - Participation People**

Steve introduced Antonia Dixey from Participation People (PP), the new youth participation service contractors for SDC. Whilst all members would have received this information formally, this was a chance to meet them for the first time. Antonia gave an overview of the company: it was built from scratch, and is now currently 6 years old. They have 8 members of staff working across the UK, but also do work in Canada, France and Vietnam. They are specialists in getting young people's voices heard and in helping young people and adults work together to effect change in their communities. Antonia explained that initial work had begun to set up various social media sites for the local youth forum groups, which they would be facilitating as well as the focus groups for SDYC.

#### **Presentation from NHS Clinical Commissioning Group** - Outcomes of Interview Panel Work & Website Design

Caroline Smith, CCG Senior Manager for Engagement reflected on the outcomes of recent work undertaken by some members regarding the commissioning panel for mental health service provision and the workshop for designing a new mental health website. Helen Ford, CCG Senior Commissioning Manager highlighted the ongoing relationship between the CCG and SDYC as being hugely valuable to them in their quest for improving services for young people. The following members were thanked for their huge efforts and impact regarding the commissioning panel work: Charlotte; Nyima; Oli K; Ollie C; Tom S; Noella; Issy – they were presented with certificates and thank you packs by Mary Hutton, NHS CCG Director for Commissioning.

To further the work of designing a website for mental health services, the next workshop would be on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

May – more details to follow.

### **Update from School Councils, College Councils & Local Youth Forum Groups (All)**

**Thomas Keble School** – Changes to the reward system are underway, with opportunities to win a prize. Landscape gardening developments are also being considered.

**Stroud High School / Marling 6<sup>th</sup> Form** – The annual Prom has been booked. Hand driers have been introduced in the sixth form block. Considerations are being made for a litter recycling project.

**Maidenhill School** – A new virtual learning environment was emerging. Students are choosing aspects on the new canteen set to modernize the facility. A music project entitled, Bandit had been deemed successful with local performances being undertaken.

**Katharine Lady Berkeley School** – Plans are underway to modernise the canteen whilst making it twice the size – it will feature cashless payment, energy efficiency facilities and new windows.

**Cainscross Youth Forum** – Members met the new service provider (Antonia from Participation People) and they will be undertaking a tour of the community soon. The Erasmus+ video produced on youth voice, is now being shown in Turkey.

**Chalford Cubed Youth Forum** - Members met the new service provider (Antonia from Participation People) and have subsequently reflected on the work over recent times. A plan to recruit new members and a tour of the community will be carried out in the coming weeks.

**Archway School** – The cashless payment system is not working, and the reward system is being reviewed.

### **Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair & Leader**

Elections were carried out during the meeting using a paper ballot for the following;

- a) **Nomination for Chair:** Tom Schaffner (Voting member for Chalford Cubed Youth Forum) Proposed by: Noella Osborne; Seconded by: Alex Lin-Vines. *Tom was elected as Chairperson.*
- b) **Nomination for Vice Chair:** No nominations were received
- c) **Nomination for Leader:** Oliver King (Voting member for Cainscross Youth Forum) Proposed by: George Sutton; Seconded by: Tom Brady. *Oliver was elected as Leader.*

### **Election of Principle Members (PM)**

- a) **Nomination of PM for Local Democracy** – No nominations were received
- b) **Nomination of PM for Health and Wellbeing:** Issy Llewellyn (Voting member for Thomas Keble) Proposed by: Charlotte Bignell; Seconded by: Noella Osborne. *Issy was elected.*
- c) **Nomination of PM for Employment and Training:** No nominations were received
- d) **Nomination of PM for Environment:** Noella Osborne, (Voting member for Chalford Cubed Youth Forum) Proposed by: Tom Schaffner; Seconded by: Alex Lin-Vines. *Noella was elected.*
- e) **Nomination of PM for Housing:** No nominations were received

### **SDYC Focus Group Reports**

- a) **Health Focus Group:** Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

*Recruiting to the Group* – It was noted that members were encouraged to join the group.

*Young Person Friendly Surgeries* – It was noted that research into young person friendly surgeries was ongoing.

*School Nursing Interview Panel Questions* – It was recommended that work regarding the quality of school nursing is continued.

*Young Person Friendly Health Services: Assessment Method* – It was recommended that further work on the issue with the assessment method is continued.

*NHS CCG Commissioning Interview Panel and Website Design* – It was noted that the work with the NHS CCG on changes to mental health services was ongoing.

*Books on Prescription for Young People* – It was recommended that further research should be done regarding books on prescription for young people.

*Update on other Projects* – It was noted that the opportunity to do Mental Health First Aid training would be pursued, as would progress with sexual health services.

*The report was adopted.*

## **Membership of SDYC Focus Groups – Self Nomination**

Members were reminded that involvement with the SDYC focus groups could be undertaken by voting and deputy members and that those interested could nominate themselves.

## **SDYC Leadership Team Report** - meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

***Current Interim Period, SDYC Officer and Leadership Elections*** – It was noted that the interim period had been successful in parts and that representation from some membership groups / schools had not been undertaken.

***SDC Youth Participation Service: provision from April onwards*** – It was noted that letters of communication had been sent to all young people involved with SDYC and Local Youth Forum groups.

***SDYC Minutes / Notes: Review*** – It was proposed that the youth council trial a new approach to processing the main meeting minutes / notes (document provided). This would be a trial with a new 'main meeting recording sheet', which is hoped would enable greater interactivity and allow members who are less vocal to express their thoughts. The new trial approach is also due to the pressure on the SDC Business Administration Team, as the processing of the minutes and the creating of the documents is quite a long detailed process which this may help.

***Influencing Adult Decision Makers: meetings with MP's & Councillors*** – It was noted that the progress made to date and the plan to meet with MP's and Councillor would be ongoing.

***SDYC Membership Elections*** – It was recommended that the work in schools and colleges through the SDC Youth Participation Service includes the offer of support for formal elections to SDYC. It had become evident that some school tutors pick people rather than oversee electing them – it was felt that this needed to be tackled as everyone should have a fair chance to stand for election.

*The report was adopted.*

## **Report from Local Strategic Partnership Meeting** - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Charlotte presented an overview of the recent partnership meeting whereby George Gooch and she gave a presentation on the SDYC Local Democracy Consultation Project Report. This was received very well, with a number of questions and comments from partnership members highlighting the work and acknowledging the importance of the findings.

## **Report from SDC Community Services Committee Meeting** - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Charlotte presented an overview of the recent committee meeting whereby George Gooch and she gave a presentation on the SDYC Local Democracy Consultation Project Report. This was delivered as part of the agenda item 'Youth Work Strategy Update' and complimented the findings of the committee's Task and Finish Group's work. Again the presentation was received very well, with a number of questions and comments from adult councillors acknowledging the importance of the findings.

## **Any Other Business**

***Skills for Stroud Employability Charter*** – Oli K and Tom S highlighted that they had been training with SDC Officers, regarding the Charter Reviewer Panel.

***Thank You to Charlotte and Libby*** – Tom S (incoming Chair) thanked both Charlotte and Libby for their services and leadership over recent years in their respective positions. He also reflected on their dedication and hard work as SDYC members which have covered four and half years (Charlotte) and three and a half years (Libby) respectively.

***Charlotte's Retiring Message*** – Charlotte thanked Tom and members for his kind words and their appreciation. She reflected on her journey as a member that had (by her own admission) gone from her being a quiet, shy person to one that took up the many unique opportunities made possible through SDYC – all of which had enabled her to develop personally.

Libby endorsed Charlotte's comments on the opportunities available through SDYC and encouraged fellow members to take them on when they emerge.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 at Ebley Mill.