



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

Date : Monday 30th June 2014

Time : 16:30

Venue: Fresh Ground Cafe

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Kate Jones (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Reuben Speller-Trowers (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Esme Freedman (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	A
Kirsty Driver (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>) **	Ap
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Millie Jotham (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Chelsey Peck (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
Charlotte Bignall (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)*	P
Jai Aldridge (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Sahaya James (<i>Stroud College</i>)	P
Ben Maudsley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A
Mollie Fellows (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	P
James Lauchlan (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Kyle Roberts (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	A
Elizabeth (Libby) Powell (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Jamie Arthur (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Lorena Davis (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Indi Higgins (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Keelan Spence (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	A
Joss Beeley (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Keller Philpot (<i>Wotton-u-Edge Youth Forum</i>)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Kieran Chadwick	A
Kathryn White	A
Ryan Pilkington	A
Jess Fisher	A
Roxy Mould	A

CO-OPTIONS

Ryan Davis (<i>St Roses School</i>)	A
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**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair P = present A = absent Ap = apology given**

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
 Jess Jenkins, Youth Support Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
 Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council

Welcome and Apologies

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair Alex Lin-Vines welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllr Miranda Clifton to the members. Apologies were received from Kirsty Driver, Chelsey Peck, Elizabeth Powell, Tom Ambury and Joss Beeley.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

A few inaccuracies were highlighted in the previous minutes; Katharine Lady Berkeley had nothing to report however, Maidenhill had instead done the work around raising money for the Meningitis Trust. Lily Clarke proposed 'Members will work with the SDC Web Editor to help develop a new site for launch in 2015' for the Social Media Project Team, not Libby Powell.

With amendments made, the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. Proposed by: James Lauchlan Seconded by: Lily Clarke.

Matters Arising

a) Healthwatch Gloucestershire AGM on 17th June 2014 – Report (*Lily/James*)

Lily reported that members had attended the Healthwatch Gloucestershire AGM at Kingsholm Stadium, Gloucester. There were presentations from the Chair and the Chief Executive with discussions around the views of young people and how they use these views being highlighted. A member from SEAP (Support, Empower, Advocate and Promote) attended the meeting and spoke about commitment to working with Healthwatch. A representative from Healthwatch England gave an overview of the national picture, what's been done and the priorities they were focusing on. James added that he and Alex had been invited to do a talk on Young Men's Mental Health at a county event next year. Jess asked for contact details to be forwarded to her when they find out more information. This would also be discussed by the Health Focus Group once more details had been received.

b) Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board Event on 8th July – confirm attendance

Steve explained this event was for the providers of Health and Wellbeing Services only, not recipients. However, they are organizing another event to engage with organisations across the County including young people. SDC will be represented at this event by the Health & Wellbeing Coordinator, Hannah Gorf. They also have public board meetings which SDYC members are welcome to attend. The next one will be on 22nd July.

c) BYC/Positive Stories – feedback from all members (*All*)

Positive Stories are coordinated by BYC and emphasizes positive things that are going on around the country. It was suggested that each local youth forum takes it in turns to submit a 'positive story' each month. The lead member for each project team could also write one monthly. Most members agreed it was best for SDYC reps from each local youth forum to write an article around the work they are doing on a semi regular basis. Steve asked for all Positive Stories to be sent to him and reminders will be sent out on a monthly basis.

d) Arts Ambassadors – feedback from Sub Rooms (*Steve*)

The manager of the Sub Rooms is keen to begin working with SDYC members as the Arts Ambassadors. Mollie, Holly, James, Tom and Lorena were interested in carrying out this role. They will work as a group initially. Steve/Jess will look at potential dates in the near future.

Correspondence

Neighbourhood Watch Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the committee will be on Monday 14th July at Stroud Police Station, 7pm start. Alex, Lily, James and possibly Charlotte showed interest in attending the meeting. Referring back to previous issues, Steve highlighted that a Junior Neighbourhood Watch Scheme may be an agenda item.

SDYC Representation – Chalford Cubed Youth Forum

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum confirmed that Libby Powell will now be their deputy member of SDYC; this means she will no longer represent Thomas Keble as she has now left that school.

Alcohol Policy Youth Network UK (APYN)

Steve and Hannah Gorf (SDC Health & Wellbeing Officer) met up with a representative from the APYN to learn more about them and their desire to work with young people to look at the national policies around alcohol. This network stems from the European Youth Forum and Steve asked lead members to look at the information packs in more detail – Charlotte and Mollie agreed to do this. It was agreed for this to be discussed at the next meeting.

Stroud Leader LAG

Some European Funding has become available through the Department for Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) is leading on a bid called 'Live, Work, Grow Stroud'. Steve had met briefly with Carole Garfield, one of the co-coordinators of this bid, who highlighted that they were keen to involve young people. There are five themes that this funding relates to:

- Increasing farm productivity
- Micro and small enterprises and farm diversification
- Rural tourism; rural services (e.g. transport, libraries)
- Heritage and culture
- Forestry productivity

An electronically based survey will be created for young people to complete to gather more information. However, somebody from GRCC has offered to come and give a workshop around this. Members thought it would be a good experience and members will look in more detail once Steve has received the link to the survey.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums (All)

Archway

The Year 11 Prom was on Friday 27th June. There will be a School Council meeting in a couple of week's time. Steve asked Lily if she could talk to the lead tutor about SDYC reps for next year. Steve also reported he will be contacting the lead tutors about elections. Archway is going to watch 'Tonight is the Night' to support an ex-Archway pupil who is the main part in this performance.

Thomas Keble

The History and Geography block is being knocked down and rebuilt which will be up and running February/March time 2015. There will be a youth conference run by the school council but the Deputy Head who runs the meetings is leaving and nothing has been organised. Steve asked if there was any news on who will be taking over the co-ordinating of the School Council. It will be the new Deputy Head and various young people were involved in this selection process.

Maidenhill

There will be a School Council meeting Thursday 3rd July. Students are going to Cirencester College for an Open Day. Students are also going to @Bristol.

Marling

The teachers have been on a training course, learning about new techniques on student's progression. There was an Open Day/Taster Day for Year 10s with regards to the Sixth Form.

Katharine Lady Berkeley

The Head Girl and Head Boy in Sixth Form have been announced. Community work is taking place at the moment with artwork being produced to go around the community. The Year 12's are making a big board with lots of paintings on to go in the Care Home for the Alzheimer's patients. Year 11's and 13's have their proms.

Stroud College

There has been an Open Day for the College. Work Experience is being organised for students interested in graphic design and photography - they receive a Work Experience Certificate which is from the Student Union and the College Career Advisor. Sahaya also offered the opportunity for there to be an article about SDYC in the College Magazine – this was agreed and Sahaya will forward details of size and date. A discussion was had around the next magazine issue at Stroud College and James asked if the Local Youth Forums could be listed as well.

Cam & Dursley Youth Forum

Forum members had a tour of the building site of the new Youth Centre. Floors are being laid so progress is being made. Dursley Festival is on 12th July where they will have a stall promoting their Self Harm Project.

Wotton under Edge Youth Forum

The Curry Night on 13th June was a great success with £1,500 being raised. The Outdoor Clean Up will take place on two Monday evenings. Follow up work with the Cinema is planned. The Bench Making workshop needs to find a venue; KLB School was suggested. Creating a logo and flyers is a priority. The group size of the Forum may be reduced to enable members to be more pro-active. Hannah Gorf (SDC Health & Wellbeing Officer) will also be attending a meeting to talk about the different health related services that are available for young people.

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum

Chalford Cubed will have been functioning for 1 year in July, so to celebrate this anniversary members are discussing with Frith Youth Centre Management Committee about repainting the inside – they hope to gain publicity for this which acknowledges their effort. Other work is being done with Chalford Parish Council's regarding the future management and the running of Frith Youth Centre. Work on the youth forum logo is progressing. It's been noted that the name of the youth forum has occasionally not appeared correctly on websites and documents – it is hoped that a logo will help with this.

Stroud High School

With reference to previous reports, Holly confirmed that students did get their leavers sweatshirts and have also received their yearbooks. Sports Day has taken place and so has the Prom. Exams are due to finish soon.

British Youth Council

No report had come through from the British Youth Council.

Election of Youth Grant Funding Panel for 2014/15

The Terms of Reference for this panel had been circulated prior to the meeting and was available. Steve reported that two nominations have been received by the official nomination deadline as follows;

The following member was nominated from the Schools/College Electoral Group:

Lily Clarke, member for Archway School

Proposed by - *Charlotte Bignall*; Seconded by - *James Lauchlan*

The following member was nominated from the Local Youth Forum's Electoral Group:

Elizabeth Powell, member for Chalford Cubed Youth Forum

Proposed by – *Tom Schaffner*; Seconded by – *Kate Jones*

Due to not receiving any more nominations in advance, these two members were automatically on the panel. However, with one position left for Schools and Colleges and one for Local Youth Forums, further elections needed to take place from those present. The results were as follows;

The following member was nominated from the Local Youth Forum's Electoral Group:

Lorena Davis, member for Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

Proposed by - *Tom Schaffner*; Seconded by - *Mollie Fellows*

NOTE: James, George and Sahaya were all nominated in the electoral groups for schools. After going to a vote, James won the most votes.

The following member was nominated from the Schools/College Electoral Group

James Lauchlan, member for Maidenhill

Proposed by: *Lily Clarke*; Seconded by: *George Gooch*

With regards to other members of the panel; Steve has had a conversation with Millie and Kirsty who will be ex-officio-members after October - they will not be able to sit on the 2014/15 panel. So the current vice-chair and

deputy leader will therefore automatically be on the panel until November 2014. The current year's panel will also nominate two members to serve on the 2014/15 panel – these members will be confirmed at the next SDYC meeting.

Election for British Youth Council Representations for 2014/15 – 2 voting members to be elected

Lily and Charlotte are currently the BYC Representatives. Whilst nominations would be accepted at the meeting, it was agreed to have a formal election process. Nomination forms will be sent out via email and post. Elections will be carried out online and results confirmed at the next meeting.

SDYC Focus Group & Project Team Reports

a) Photography Project Team – Report from meeting on 18th June 2014 (Emily)

The proposed aim of this project team was to 'help young people express their views and opinions on issues of concern through the alternative medium of photography. The objectives should be:

- Help change the stereotypical view of young people
- Bring attention to issues in creative and educational ways
- Encourage others to pursue personal talents

The team came up with a lot of different themes, which haven't been finalized yet but do include:

- Closely Observing
- Positive Emotion
- Looking Through
- Emotional

The potential of sponsorship was discussed by the project team as was the operating the project as a competition. The timescale was also considered. A further meeting would be held to scope out the project plans, which will be agreed upon at next SDYC meeting. **The date of the next meeting will be; Monday 7th July.**

b) Health Focus Group – Report from meeting on 23rd June 2014 (Lily)

A discussion was had around the Healthwatch AGM. Concerns were raised about what really happens with the comments. Jess spoke about 'somatic' dance which was a group that contacted them – members did not feel it was targeted at them. They looked at Hannah Gorf's work and what she wants to work on in relation to self harm. **The date of the next meeting will be – Wednesday 9th July.**

c) Employment and Training Focus Group Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted as; Monday 7th July 2014.

d) Local Democracy Focus Group Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted as; Wednesday 16th July 2014.

BYC Trustee Nomination – To note Sahaya James is standing independently

Sahaya's nomination to stand as a BYC Trustee has been accepted. Her manifesto will be announced in the near future. She will be standing independent of her work/role with SDYC as representative from Stroud College.

Any Other Business

Steve raised the issue of SDYC's profile in terms of being actively involved with different adult partnerships or organisations. He highlighted the importance that the 'said organizations' understand SDYC is supported by youth workers and therefore communications between the parties should involve youth workers throughout. At present there is an unwritten protocol on this - however a formalized version may need to be created, given that on a few occasions recently, issues have been raised causing confusion and distress to those involved. Members were advised to inform the partnership or organization concerned, to contact Steve to enable the protocol to be followed.

Steve highlighted more adult Councillors will be attending the next meeting.

Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 21st July 2014 at 4:30pm, Council Chamber, Ebley Mill.