



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

Date : Monday 1st June 2015

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Libby Powell (L) (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (ET) (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	AP
Lily Clarke (H) (<i>Archway School</i>)	AP
Ollie Catchpole* (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Ella Turney (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Archie Holley (E) (<i>Marling School</i>)	AP
George Gooch (D) (LD) (<i>Marling School</i>)	AP
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
James Pain (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	AP
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Charlotte Bignell** (<i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i>)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
James Preece (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	AP
Ceren Tüzün (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
James Lauchlan (HWB) (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Zara Morgan-Glass (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	A
Tom Brady (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	AP
Sophie Wilkins, (<i>Nailsworth & Minch Youth Forum</i>)	AP

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Kyle Roberts (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Sabita Burke (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	AP
Gemma Goodship (<i>Archway School</i>)	AP
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Tom Rowland (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	AP
Lily Bryant (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	A
Tiarna Crowther (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Ollie King (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Precious Kennedy-Haulton (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Richard Harper (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Jesse Winter (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	AP

EX-OFFICIO

Kate Jones	A
Kirsty Driver	A
Millie Jotham	A
Sahaya James	A

CO-OPTIONS

Alex Lin-Vines	AP
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**** = 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 (Hear by Right), Stroud District Council
Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
Christine Welsh, Resident Involvement and Community Development Officer, Stroud District Council
Stuart Strathearn, Resident Involvement Officer, Stroud District Council

Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly for new members; James Pain, Ella Turney, Alexandra Parker and Richard Harper and introductions were carried out. Guests, Christine Welsh and Stuart Strathearn were also welcomed. Apologies were received from Tom Schaffner, Lily Clarke, Archie Holley, George Gooch, Toni McNee, Lee Beldam, Tom Brady, Sophie Wilkins, Sabita Burke, Gemma Goodship, Tom Rowland, Jesse Winter and Alex Lin-Vines.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – Monday 18th May 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: James Lauchlan*
Seconded by: Libby Powell.

Matters Arising

A. Men and Mental Health Conference, Friday 26th June – Attendance Reminder (All)

A free conference which is held once every year; this year's theme is Men and Mental Health (9am to 4:30pm). Attendance is open to relevant practitioners e.g. youth workers and also young people. James Pain expressed an interest in attending.

B. SDYC Website Development – Update (Steve)

An agreement had previously been made with SDC's IT Service, so as a new SDYC website can be produced this year. Work is yet to start but members will have the opportunity to give their input and help shape what the website will look like. The current website uses out of date software.

C. Youth Outline Understanding Radicalization Survey – Prevent Workshop (All)

Members had the opportunity to take part in a survey which was sent electronically. This survey, being run nationally, is trying to find young peoples opinions on the impact and understanding of radicalization and terrorism. *Feedback highlighted that members thought the survey wasn't young person friendly.* Further discussion was had on the potential of members participating in a 'Prevent Workshop', lasting only a few hours officers within the District Council can deliver this to SDYC - the majority of members present, thought it would be a good idea. *Steve would look to set this up in due course.*

D. Members Emails and Phone Numbers – Update Reminder (All)

Any members who have not given Steve a contact number or address should send them to him. This can be done via email or telephone.

Correspondence

There was none.

Stroud Tenant Voice – Presentation from SDC Tenant Services

The Chair welcomed Christine Welsh and Stuart Strathearn from SDC Tennant Services, who gave an overview of their service: There are 5,000 Council houses in the Stroud district, with larger estate's in the Stonehouse, Dursley and Stroud areas; however there are also pockets of housing in other rural areas. SDC Tenant Services have various sections inc. Asset Management, which deals with repairs and maintenance. The Council is keen to build new houses. Tenancy Management Team covers how rent is collected; there are housing officers within that team, covering community gardens etc. Tenant involvement is important because it allows the tenants to receive a good quality of services. A lot of the tenants will let us know what they want from the services. This includes giving opinions on their kitchen and bathroom refurbishments and deciding from a selection of flooring, interior colours, and doors.

A series of events organised by Tenant Services will take place in at community hubs across the district – the programme details are yet to be decided but are likely to include discussion on rents, help with budgeting and how

to receive benefits etc. *Steve and Simon will promote these events to SDYC members and youth forums when the details are received for them.* Opportunities to shadow the repairs team may also be available.

It was highlighted to Christine and Stuart that whilst the SDYC Principal Member for Housing (Lily Clarke) was not present at this meeting, she was interested in engaging with related matters. Members also expressed a desire to encourage young people's involvement, through SDYC and in particular local youth forum groups to consider the wider issues concerning youth housing.

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

Archway – A cake sale for the Nepal appeal has been carried out recently.

KLB - The canteen is in the process of being refurbished. An art exhibition will be set up and open at school next week.

Stroud High – The development of a new toilet block is in progress. No student council meetings have taken place recently.

Thomas Keble - The school website is being updated soon – it is hoped that the school council will have an input into this development.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – Stonehouse in Bloom remains in focus for the group. Another coffee morning is being planned for the town, involving young people and older people.

Maidenhill – Open surveys from the student council are taking place; they are being sent out through the internal email system and will be undertaken by all students in their ICT lessons.

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum - Lily and Tom met with youth worker Becky Cassidy, last Friday and have a meeting planned with Emma Grove Designs to discuss the logo for the youth forum branding. Party in the Park event will be postponed, following a lower response than expected from adult's community groups. Communication with youth workers in the French Twin Village/town is on going. Work with local PCSO has seen possible dates proposed for speed-gunning.

Stroud Town Youth Forum – Youth worker, Becky Cassidy has contacted us and the next meeting will be arranged in the near future.

Cainscross Youth Forum – Whilst no official representation to SDYC has been agreed yet, session planning and recruitment is well underway.

BYC/UKYP Youth Voice Convention – Report from event on 28th May 2015 (Steve, on behalf of George/Sophie)

George and Sophie attended the regional event as representatives of SDYC. It took place in Taunton bringing together representatives from a range of youth forums, youth councils and members of youth parliament across the south west. Taking place 3 or 4 times a year, the convention brings youth voices together to discuss issues and influence regional and national policy on a range of services.

The morning programme focused on young people's views on the Department of Justice in relation to crime and young people's experiences of both committing crime and being the victim of it – a representative from Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) from Devon and Cornwall attended. The opportunity for SDYC to discuss similar issues with the Gloucestershire PCC was highlighted – *it was agreed this would be considered again in the near future.*

There was a focus on mental health; workshops took place at the event, where by the issues covered by SDYC and Cam and Dursley Youth Forum were expressed.

Bristol City Youth Council is looking again at the issue of work experience – *it was suggested that the SDYC*

Employment and Training Focus Group communicated with them to seek any joint work.

A presentation from a project supported by Fixers, demonstrated how they made culture and heritage work for young people in their area.

George and Sophie met Esther Mounce, the new Stroud & Cotswold Deputy Member of Youth Parliament (DMYP), who expressed a keen desire to attend an SDYC meeting with Alysha Bodman, the new Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) to talk about subjects that the UK Youth Parliament want to cover over the next year. *It was agreed this would be built into a future SDYC Main Meeting agenda as soon as possible.*

British Youth Council Report (Charlotte)

SDYC are a member organisation of the British Youth Council, hence the report at these meetings. Charlotte Bignell and Lily Clarke are our voting representatives. Charlotte reported on the latest news from BYC.

Votes at 16 – The BYC have been campaigning since 1998 to lower the voting age to 16, and have now called for a meeting with the Prime Minister to put forward their case. Members were reminded that the SDYC consultation regarding political education included views on the issue of lowering the voting age, the outcomes are being considered by the Local Democracy Focus Group.

Fairer voting system – Member of Youth Parliament for Cornwall, Owen Winter spearheaded a petition which attracted the support of over 220,000 people regarding a campaign for a fair voting system. Support included that from political parties; Green Party, Plaid Cymru, SNP, UKIP and Liberal Democrats. It has now been handed to 10 Downing Street along with other petitions on the same issue, which totals nearly 500,000 people calling for a fairer system.

Dates of Future Project Teams & Focus Groups

a. Local Democracy – Tuesday 16th June 2015 & Wednesday 24th June 2015

Group Members: George Gooch, Lily Clarke, Holly Abbott, Archie Holley, Kyle Roberts, Charlotte Bignell, James Lauchlan and James Lauchlan are current members; Richard Harper, Ollie Catchpole, Ollie King and Ella Turney would like to join the group.

b. Employment and Training Focus Group – Monday 8th June 2015 & Wednesday 17th June 2015

Group Members: Tom Schaffner, Lee Beldam, Charlotte Bignell, James Lauchlan, Ollie Catchpole, Tom Brady, Niyma Trawally, Issy Llewellyn and Tiarna Crowther are the current members of this group; no other members would like to join the group.

c. Health Focus Group – Tuesday 2nd June 2015 & Tuesday 9th June 2015.

Group Members: James Lauchlan, Charlotte Bignell, Lily Clarke, Kyle Roberts, Libby Powell, Tom Schaffner, Sabita Burke, Issy Llewellyn and Niyma Trawally are the current members of this group; Richard Harper, Ollie Catchpole, Ollie King, and James Pain would like to join the group.

d. Perspectives Photography Project Team – To be confirmed.

Team Members: Emily Osborne, Alex Lin-Vines, Kyle Roberts, Holly Abbott, Charlotte Bignell and James Lauchlan are current members.

Update on Focus Groups/Project Team work: Emily and Steve will meet up and discuss the future of the Photography Project Team. It has been suggested that it should be postpone it until after exam period. The health focus groups are still looking into mental health issues. The group is working with *Facts4life*, to improve health education and to raise awareness around self harm and mental health.

Forthcoming SDC Committee Meetings

The following SDC Committee meetings were noted with view to the respective SDYC Principal Members attending for the first time where possible to observe and note decisions taken by the adult Council.

- a. 11th June – Community Services & Licensing Committee
- b. 18th June – Environment Committee
- c. 23rd June – Housing Committee
- d. 25th June – Strategy & Resources Committee

Any Other Business

Member Communication – Steve reminded members that advance communication with youth workers regarding attendance at Main Meeting and Focus Group meeting was vital to organising each meeting and respective transport.

Date of the Next Meeting – 22nd June 2015 at Woodchester Mansion