



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

Date : Monday 2nd February 2015

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Libby Powell (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Oli Catchpole (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	A
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
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 Tuzun (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
James Lauchlan (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines* (<i>retired from Thomas Keble School</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Kyle Roberts (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Sabita Burke (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	A
Gemma Goodship (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Tom Rowland (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

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

CO-OPTIONS

**** = 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

Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular new members; Sabita Burke, Isabelle Llewellyn and James Preece – all members in attendance introduced themselves. Cllr Miranda Clifton was also welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received from Gemma Goodship, Emily Osborne, Tom Ambury and Lee Beldam.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Charlotte presented the minutes of the previous meeting; they were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by: Lily Clarke; Seconded by: James Lauchlan.

Matters Arising

a) BYC Youth Voice Award

The deadline for the logbooks is the 23rd February. Charlotte asked which members were participating in the award – for those concerned, log books should cover the last 4/5 months with a minimum of 10 hours being covered.

b) Members Training

Charlotte asked members to submit their expression of interest forms urgently for forthcoming member training – one for new member introductory training and one for the residential event. The dates will be determined by the majority preferred option from members. Parents need to sign the forms.

Correspondence

Stroud Fringe Festival

The Fringe Festival is keen to engage with young people in and around Stroud Town area. They would like to talk to us about the ideas they have regarding the Fringe Festival this year. Steve suggested passing this on to Stroud Town Youth Forum.

Westonbirt Arboretum

Having done some advisory work with Westonbirt Arboretum regarding greater engagement with young people in their projects, they have developed an app for the arboretum. They have done some work based on SDYC recommendations and would like members to visit again to review their progress with other projects.

UK Young Ambassadors (UKYA)

UKYA are doing some research into understanding young people's experience of political participation locally and nationally. They are finding out from young people how they feel about participation and politics and looking for new ways to improve it. They have an online survey and they are willing to visit to do some focus group workshops. It was agreed the Local Democracy Focus Group would pursue this opportunity.

Health Watch Gloucestershire

They are doing more work with regards to community transport. It was agreed to send this out to all members via email – they are looking to improve community transport for young people. Deadline for a response is Wednesday 4th March 2015.

The UK Youth Parliament: Gloucestershire

The elections for UK Youth Parliament Gloucestershire are coming up – Steve will send information by email, the deadline for nominations is 20th February, however workshops will take place on 14th February in Gloucester. Voting starts on the 1st March 2015.

Invitation to attend a Debate

An informal invitation had been received from the SDC Apprentices for members to attend a practice presentation

on debating the issue of obesity – this will take place on Friday 13th February.

Commissioning of County Council Services for children and young people

Members were reminded that they have already agreed to participate in the County Council commissioning process for children and young people's services. Whilst members had previously asked for questions in relation to the commission framework, the group would like to now meet to discuss.

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

Thomas Keble

Fundraising events were highlighted as the most recent activities.

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum

Libby reported that they were still considering a radio project but needed to look at budgets. In February they will undertake work with the Police regarding speed awareness and will be using a speed gun. In March they will do a 'meet and greet' session with the Police and Neighbourhood Wardens. In April they are considering another drugs talk for the community. In June/July we will do a summer fair and also be carrying out litter picking.

Marling

George reported that the building work had re-started. Students were raising money for the Heart Foundation and were encouraged to wear something red to the dedicated school day.

Archway

Lily reported that the school ambassadors delivered an assembly to raise awareness of the issue of Tran phobia, following the incident of a transgender girl who committed suicide because her parents didn't accept her. A non uniform day to raise money for a school in Nepal was due to take place.

Stroud High

Holly highlighted that a Futures Fair was due to take place in order to support students in their decisions for the future.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

James reported that whilst he hadn't been able to attend recently, youth forum members were discussing their recent progress. Current projects included the development of a new logo and increasing the membership specifically from the surrounding areas.

Report from SDYC Leadership Team Meeting on 3rd December 2014

Members were asked to note the appointment of George Gooch as Deputy Leader as well as various organizational matters in relation to the Focus Groups. Following the recommendation from last years leadership team constitution review group, the current Team started to look at the SDYC year end date and the various implications involved – as a result, the Team recommend that further project work is undertaken to see explore matters, such as; *attendance at recent AGM's, nominations form schools/colleges now taking place in December, bottle neck of project work between February and May.* Members agreed to this recommendation.

Libby Powell proposed the report; Lily Clarke seconded.

Report on Project Teams and Focus Groups

SDYC Health Focus Group Sexual Health Training – feedback from session on 17 December

Members agreed it was very good and noted it will be extended - half of the workshop was covered, another session will complete the rest. All new members (voting & deputy) can join this training and any of the sub groups.

Photography Project Team - update

Whilst the scheduled meeting was postponed, in Emily's absence, Jess updated members on the progress. Dates and deadlines have now been reset. Members of the project team will find different ways of marketing, budgets etc.

Local Democracy Focus Group – report from meetings on 27 January & 30 January

George reported that two meetings had taken place last week: One involved a visit from the Parliamentary Education Unit (PEU) with regards to political education. The PEU agreed to share their resources to pass on to schools electronically. The Group proposed that SDYC should agree to explore a joint event on the issue of political education – this was agreed by members. The Group asked members to note that they will be working with SDC Election Service regarding National Voter Registration.

The Group asked members to note that they met with Baroness Corsten to discuss a range of issues linked to local democracy and the involvement of young people.

George Gooch proposed the report; James Lauchlan seconded.

BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention – report from 22 December 2014

George, Alex and Charlotte attended the convention. The event included taking part in a national consultation on potential changes to the electoral system and a workshop explaining how member organisations of the BYC can increase their impact locally and nationally. There were also networking opportunities for SDYC members, getting to know regional representatives from organisations such as the UK Youth Parliament and NHS Youth Forum and other youth council across the area. The consultation included questions about compulsory voting, online voting and also votes for 16 and 17-year-olds.

Facts4Life Project Presentation – Ali Coles, Project Manager & Dr Hugh Van't Hoff, Director

Hugh and Ali were joined by their colleague, John Davies and thanked SDYC for inviting them to the meeting – Facts4Life have developed a health educational project to run in primary schools in Gloucestershire and following its success, they aim to develop a pilot for secondary schools with the support of SDYC. The broad concept is to try to get medical ideals and positive understanding across to young people. Hugh explained that whilst we are constantly trying to process things we hear about health and then process these things rationally, it's not always easy – this project seeks to help young people do this. Facts4Life have been successful with a grant from SDC. Members agreed to work with them and therefore the Health Focus Group would take the lead on this work.

British Youth Council Report

Charlotte and Lily are the British Youth Council representatives for SDYC.

National Voters Registration Day 5th February - On Thursday 5th February a range of key delivery partners including BYC through the League of Young Voters, and Bite the Ballot aim to provide a focal point for raising awareness around the country for voter registration.

National Express partners with the British Youth Council to launch first ever National Express Youth Panel as part of the National Express Youth Promise! - National Express, to date, remains the only transport company to have followed up on the Youth Select Committee's report on Transport and Young People. The new National Express Youth Panel will comprise of a maximum of 10 young people, aged 16 years to 25 years.

UK Young Ambassadors Survey - The UK Young Ambassadors want to hear your views on political participation. The results will be taken to a European Youth Conference in Latvia and will form the basis of this year's campaign.

London Southbank Festival April 2015 - Southbank Centre is delighted to be launching a youth led, youth run festival in April 2015 which will run from the 10th – 12th April.

What should government spend money on internationally? Child Rights Connect and partners are working on a survey about what children think their government should spend money on internationally.

Hear by Right Assessment for SDC

Steve explained that some members will be aware of the Hear by Right (HBR) standards as they have been included in training in the past. The HBR standards are those for actively involving young people in decision-making and are overseen by the National Youth Agency. The standards are used by a variety of organizations and Stroud District Council is carrying out an assessment process of the different services they deliver for young people. The officers have come together with support from the National Youth Agency. One part of the process is involving young people, so SDYC will have the opportunity to come along and look at what we have been doing and making comments on it. More on this will follow in the near future.

Startline Young Drivers Experience

There is another opportunity on the 16th February, consent forms have been sent out via email and information packs. The experience is held at Castle Combe, SDC will provide transport there and back, qualified driving instructors will be taking the course, funding from the Stroud Community Safety Partnership and the Police and Crime Commissioner help with the costs.

Any Other Business

Resignation of Vice Chair - Alex reported that he had left Thomas Keble School Council and would therefore no longer be the voting member for this school. As a consequence he has resigned from his role as Vice-Chair. George thanked Alex for all the work that he has done for SDYC both as Vice Chair and Acting Chair for part of last year. It was highlighted that there will be an election on 16th March; however nominations would take place beforehand.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum's Self Harm Campaign Launch - James attended this event in his role as Principal Member for Health and Wellbeing, stating that it was very good and well organised. CDYF members had printed t-shirts, it was all done very professionally, and all the young people that got involved were very nice and talkative.

Stroud Train Station - Steve has spoken to the First Great Western Community Engagement Officer and explained there is a group of young people that are keen to get involved. The list of members that were put together in December will be the project team.

Youth Grant Fund Panel – Lily asked when the next panel meeting would take place. Steve advised that the third round has been opened; the panel will reconvene to assess those applications in April.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 23rd February 2015