



Draft NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 7th March 2016

Time : 16:30

Venue: Police HQ, Waterwells, Quedgeley

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 (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Ollie Catchpole (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Holly Abbott (LD) (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
Charlotte Bignell** (<i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i>)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (HWB) (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
James Preece (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Oli King (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
James Lauchlan (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	A
Tom Brady (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
George Sutton (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Sophie Wilkins (<i>Nailsworth & Minch Youth Forum</i>)	Ap

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Noella Osborne (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Tyler Needham (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Lauren Davies (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

Archie Holley	A
Emily Osborne	A
James Pain	A
George Gooch	A

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
- Simon Gillings, CEO / Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
- Grace Barber, Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
- Andy Murray, Senior Neighbourhood Warden, Stroud District Council
- Cllr Geoff Wheeler, Leader of Stroud District Council
- Chloe Sargent, Berkeley Vale Youth Forum
- Paige Collard, Berkeley Vale Youth Forum
- Martin Surl, Police and Crime Commissioner
- Rod Hansen, Deputy Chief Constable, Gloucestershire Police

Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Martin Surl (PCC) and DCC Rod Hansen for hosting. Member's apologies for absence were noted and are listed on the membership register above. A welcome address was also made by Martin.

Introduction and Overview of Gloucestershire Police - Deputy Chief Constable, Rod Hansen

Rod highlighted the following points, during his overview presentation of Gloucestershire Police;

The county's population is approximately 605,000 and they have a policing budget of £105m. There are 1135 Police Officers plus other staff, including 100 volunteers. He highlighted that staff are very clear on the following operational priorities: the Public; the Organisation; and the Individual. He explained that the National Decision-Making Model (NDM) is used when dealing with either a kidnapping, homicide, fire arms incident or a tough managerial question. They're leading on 56 projects, divided into 4 big areas: Estates; Becoming Digital; Constantly Improving Efficiency; and Increasing Capacity. Financially, they have saved £20m over the last 4-5 years.

Overall, crime has been reducing in recent years, especially in Europe. However, calls to the service in the county are increasing and the nature of demand is changing - statistics show that there are increases in anti-social behavior, road traffic collision, and missing persons.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – 8th February 2016

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

Matters Arising

Members & Youth Forum Training: Youth Voice Events, 13 & 20 February – Feedback (All)

Comments from members, included: *Thought it was brilliant, favorite part was doing the role play (Tyler); Really useful, especially with the campaign (Isabelle); Really good, thought Jade (the tutor) was really good (Nyima); Really good, wanted to express that with the Youth Council (Kit Thomas from Maidenhill).*

Farm to Plate (Potential Project) – further discussion (All)

James P led further discussion on this topic. Essentially it could focus on people learning where their food comes from and educating them about the production process. Additional comments led to a general feeling that this topic could be considered by the new Principal Member for Environment, once elected next month.

NHS CCG Commissioning Panel Event – Report (Panel Members)

Nyima, Noella, Isabelle, Ollie C, Oli K, Tom S, and Charlotte attended the event at Hawkwood College to form a youth panel, following previous consultation work collectively done with the CCG on mental health services for young people back since June 2015. The CCG have a budget to allocate to organisations that can provide different services for young people regarding mental health. There were seven organisations who gave presentations to the panel – members commented: *very interesting to see what projects were out there; what was available; what people thought could be developed and what were potential projects.*

Election of Representatives to British Youth Council (BYC) – postponed until April

Every year SDYC elect two members to act as representatives to BYC. The role includes attending national and regional events / meetings, online voting in consultations and campaign elections. Reps' will also receive weekly reports to compile and present at SDYC Main Meetings.

Presentation of Service Awards to Members – by Cllr Geoff Wheeler, Leader of SDC

In presenting service awards to members, Cllr Geoff Wheeler commented on how highly regarded the work of SDYC was to the Council and its partner organisations. He highlighted an excellent example was that of the Employment

and Training Focus Group on the issue of work experience – he added that the impact of the work a few years ago had led to the creation of the Council’s Work Experience and Employability Charter, plus the hugely successful annual Ambitions Careers Event. He commended members work as volunteers and wished the youth council much success for the future. The Chair thanked Cllr Wheeler for his support and wished him well in his forthcoming retirement as a District Councillor. The following members were presented with their awards;

One Year Service Award: *Oli King; Isabelle Llewellyn; James Preece; Nyima Trawally; and Tom Brady*

Three Year Service Award: *Charlotte Bignell; and Libby Powell*

Correspondence

Girls Golf Rocks

England Golf in association with a number of golf related organizations and Active Gloucestershire, are holding a series of golfing taster sessions in April especially for girls – the range of dates were shared with members and would be circulated via email.

Pre-Election Period (Purdah)

With Parish, Town and District Council elections, plus that of the Police and Crime Commissioner due to take place on 5th May 2016, the pre-election period known as ‘purdah’ commences on 21st March and ends after the elections. A brief overview was given as to how this might effect the work of SDYC members, however much of the responsibility will be with the youth work team.

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

Stroud Town YF – A party for recruitment is underway and will be held at the Old Town Hall in Stroud.

Maidenhill – Currently planning for visitors from Japan. Health and safety issues were debated at student council and included safe use of the internet and access to the Wi-Fi.

Cainscross YF – The group recently met at Ebley Mill and will be sending a video to Turkey regarding an Erasmus+ travel programme.

Archway – Rep’s reported that they had just performed a show, entitled; ‘Decent Rogues’.

Chalford Cubed YF – Members would be visiting Frith Youth Centre soon regarding recruiting/relationship building.

Thomas Keble – Student Council will be meeting soon and they will be promoting the youth forum locally and representation to SDYC.

Stroud High School – Whilst the next student council meeting is next week, there have been 400 replies regarding a survey about the school canteen.

Focus Group Reports

Local Democracy Focus Group (Meeting on 11th February 2016)

Introduction to SDC Elections Team – It was noted that the group met the SDC Elections Team and discussed voter registration and related plans for the team to visit schools later this year. A workshop resource from www.bitetheballot.co.uk was trialed by the group and may be used during the visits.

Employment & Training Focus Group (Meeting on 22nd February 2016)

Skills for Stroud Work Experience Reviewer Training – whilst it was noted that Oli K and Tom S would be undertaking this training during the Easter break, a proposal to invite a tutor from Archway School to discuss the practical challenges which school have was agreed.

Liaison with Stroud Schools Partnership – To further the relationship of SDYC and schools, it was noted that David Hagg (SDC CEO) was pursuing whether the partnership still functioned; Steve would provide an update at the next group meeting.

Curriculum for Life (CfL) – Tom S had stated that this should be the main project of the group over the coming year. It was also proposed that SDYC should write a 150 word article to the British Youth Council (BYC) on the work of the group regarding CfL. This was agreed.

It was also noted that liaison with BYC would take place to highlight all SDYC projects / priorities.

Meeting with Neil Carmichael, MP for Stroud – It was noted that Neil Carmichael’s office were offering a number of dates in which to meet him to discuss the various issues / projects of SDYC. These would be confirmed in due course.

Health Focus Groups (Meeting on 23rd February 2016)

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) – it was noted that discussions on members being offered a MHFA Course are ongoing.

Healthwatch Gloucestershire & Mental Health/Henna Workshop – it was noted that plans for this workshop had to be initially postponed, as the tutor was ill. It had since been noted that this may not be rescheduled due to the tutor placement ending.

School Nursing – it was noted that interaction with the school nursing co-coordinator (Pat Mathews) was ongoing and an opportunity for members to be part of an interview panel had arisen. However with school commitments take president, members prepared questions to be submitted to the panel in their absence.

Compulsory Sex Education – the group expressed its disappointment with regards to the government's rejection of compulsory sex education in schools. It was noted that further discussion would evolve.

Changes to the SDC Youth Work Team

Steve gave a brief overview of the forthcoming changes to the SDC Youth Work Team - letters had been sent out regarding the changes taking place between now and the next meeting. The end of contract, which had been held by Youth and Community Services Ltd (YaCS) for over three years, is 31 March. YaCS had not bid for the new contract. Simon (YaCS CEO) expressed his thanks to all members for working with them over the last three years or so. He congratulated members on their work and success to date and wished everyone well for the future. The Chair thanked YaCS for their services.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25th April 2016 at Ebley Mill.

A tour of the Police Control Unit followed the meeting.