

# **Draft NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:**

Date: Monday 8th February 2016

Time : 16:30

Venue: Ebley Mill, Stroud

# **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

VOTING MEMBERS		DEPUTY MEMBERS	
Libby Powell (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	Ap	Noella Usborne (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	
Tom Schaffner (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	Р	Nyima Trawally (Archway School)	
Lily Clarke (Archway School)	Α	Ollie King (Maidenhill School)	
Ollie Catchpole (Archway School)	Р	Tyler Needham (Maidenhill School)	
Holly Abbott (Stroud High School)	Α	Lauren Davies (Stroud High School)	
Alexandra Parker (Stroud High School)	Р		
Alex Lin-Vines (Marling School)	Р		
Richard Harper (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	Ap		
Charlotte Bignell** (Stroud Town Youth Forum)	Р		
Isabelle Llewellyn (Thomas Keble School)	Р		
James Preece (Thomas Keble School)	Ap		
James Lauchlan (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)	Α		
Tom Brady (Maidenhill School)	Р		
Sophie Wilkins, (Nailsworth & Minch Youth Forum)	Α		
EX-OFFICIO		CO-OPTIONS	
Archie Holley	Α		
Emily Osborne	Α		
James Pain	Ар		
George Gooch	Α		

\*\* = 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
Aimee Ashby, NVQ Apprentice, Stroud District Council
Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council
Caroline Smith, Engagement Manager, NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

#### **Welcomes and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Member's apologies for absence were noted and are listed on the membership register above.

# Minutes of the Last Meeting - 11th January 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: Ollie King; Seconded by: Tom Schaffner.* 

#### **Matters Arising**

#### Work Experience & Employability Charter, Reviewer Panel Training - update

The opportunity for SDYC members to be involved in the Charter Reviewer Panel has been taken up by Tom S and Oli K. However they weren't able to attend the training day date – consequently another date has been set for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (during Easter holidays).

# Members & Youth Forum Training: Youth Voice Events, 13 & 20 February - update

All members should have received in mailings, booking forms and information about the forthcoming Youth Voice training events on 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February. The events are also open to all youth forum members and young people interested in learning more about youth democracy. Both events are hosted at Stroud Sub Rooms and programme is delivered by the British Youth Council.

# Farm to Plate (Potential Project) – further discussion

The issue relating to food production and its journey to human consumption was raised by James Preece at last meeting – dubbed 'Farm to Plate' was put forward as a potential project / issue of concern for SDYC to consider. Whilst James was not present to lead further discussion, Noella expressed her passion about the topic. Alex L-V expressed his support but queried whether it would be more about raising awareness or campaigns. Discussion would continue at the next meeting.

#### **Election of Vice Chairperson**

It was noted that no nominations had received for the interim election. This would now be deferred until April.

# Correspondence

#### NHS CCG Grant Giving Opportunity - Children & Young People's Transformation Plan

Further to previous work with the NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), SDYC have been given an opportunity to be a key part of a 'grant giving panel', to which organisations from the voluntary and community sector are submitting proposals to deliver services for the implementation of the mental health transformation plan. Young people connected to other organisations are also due to be part of this panel. The CCG is coordinating this and is holding the Presentation Day for bidders on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Caroline Smith from CCG will present an overview later on the agenda. Members were asked to confirm their interest ASAP.

#### Resignation - Richard Harper

Richard has resigned from his role as representative from Katharine Lady Berkeley School. He thanked all involved with SDYC for the opportunities, which he has enjoyed. However with other growing commitments, he was unable to continue in the role.

#### Police and Crime Commissioner's Answers to Questions from SDYC Members & Visit to Police HQ

Members will recall the visit to an SDYC main meeting late last year by Martin Surl, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the subsequent forwarding of questions to him with regards to Police related matters and young people. Whilst answers have been received and since sent out to members via email, the invite to hold an SDYC main meeting at the Police HQ in Quedgeley has been arranged for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

# NHS CCG Children & Young People's Transformation Plan: Next Steps (Caroline Smith, CCG)

Caroline gave an overview of the transformation plan and progress made since SDYC engaged with the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) work in consulting young people in Gloucestershire at an event last year. The Government produced a policy 12 months ago entitled, 'Future in Mind'. The related document challenged every CCG in the country to develop a plan for how we were going to deliver its vision for improving mental health services locally – the feedback gained at the aforementioned event in July enabled this to happen. Whilst the general theme was improvement in accessing information locally, other key objectives were as follows;

- o Developing a local website this would be discussed at a later date
- Early Counselling Support look at different ways with increased capacity of counselling

- o Improvements to School Nursing teams additional support in schools
- o 1:1 counselling e.g. Face to face sessions

Caroline concluded that she was looking forward to working with members again at the Presentation Day on 15 February. She thanked SDYC for their continued support.

# **Election of Principal Members for Health & Wellbeing**

The following member was elected: *Isabelle Llewellyn (voting member for Thomas Keble School)*Proposed by: Tom Schaffner; Seconded by: Alex Lin-Vines

# **Election of Representatives to British Youth Council (BYC)**

The following members put their names forward: Ollie K, Alex P, Tom and Alex LV. It was suggested that formal elections could take place in April alongside other roles.

# **Holocaust Memorial Presentation (Ollie King)**

Ollie gave a presentation on the recent Holocaust Memorial Day (27<sup>th</sup> January) and included factual detail on the issues profiled. He presented a short video from the dedicated website and read a poem written about the events during the Holocaust. Ollie had given previous presentation to other group, having been inspired to do so by his visit to the regional Youth Voice Convention in December, where they held a workshop on this theme. Ollie was thanked for his excellent work and leading example.

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

**Stroud Town** - Recent planning meeting, next one tomorrow (9/2/16). A social night was coming up on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**Maidenhill** - Issue regarding vandalism and litter, and WIFI – this is being discussed with the Head at the next meeting.

**Cainscross** - Finishing logo work: Promotional poster...questionnaire being created about facilities in Cainscross, and a community event.

**Archway** – Young people's mental health presentation was recently delivered. A cake sale was held and a new Youth Ambassador has been announced.

**Chalford Cubed** – A spate of local burglaries have been discussed and a meeting with the PCSO has been held. Now organising next big event and a new speed gunning programme is being planned.

**TK** - New questionnaire created but no feedback to date.

SHS - Discussing eating areas and littering. New Meat Free Monday's.

**Marling** - Rag Bash with SHS 6<sup>th</sup> Form- raising money for charity.

#### **Focus Group Breakout Session**

Members broke out into the following groups, to discuss project plans and set next meeting dates.

Health Focus Group: Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January

Local Democracy Focus Group: Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January

Employment & Training Focus Group: Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January

# **Any Other Business**

**Membership of Political Parties** – Noella asked what the SDYC position was on members being linked to political parties. In response it was highlighted that SDYC was a party political neutral organization – this was stated in the constitution.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Gloucestershire Police HQ, Waterwells