



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date: Monday 9 March 2020

Time: 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Catherine James-Hodges (Archway School)	P
Helen March** (Archway School)	P
Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Saul Traquino (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	A
Claire Gee (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Shannon Griffin (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Annabel Broderson (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	AP
Miki Bailey (AB) (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	AP
Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	AP
Ben Stone (HWB) (Marling School)	P
Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	A
Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	P
Morgan Smith (Rednock School)	P
Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)	AP
Lotty Trunks (Stroud High School)	AP
Alice Standing (Stroud High School)	P
Lily Haines* (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP
Frankie Fry (Thomas Keble School)	A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Jasmine Beese (Cainscross Youth Forum)	AP
Finlay Smith (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Amber Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	P
Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Millie Radford (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Lauren Davies	A
Holly Hughes	A
Luna Stephens	A
Rebecca Hunt	A
Issy Llewellyn	A
Marcus Fuller-Watts	A
Jonty Fuller	A
Amy Jones	A
Katie Pugh	A
Thomas Haynes	A

CO-OPTIONS

Amie Radford (Gloucestershire Young Carers)	A
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** = Chair * = Vice-Chair (L) = Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given # = present for part of the meeting

Principal Members: (AB) = Anti-Bullying, (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing, (E) = Environment, (LD) = Local Democracy,

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer and Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer, both Stroud District Council
Coban McGee, Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Apologies are listed on the record above. It was noted that this meeting had been rescheduled from the one postponed on 24 February 2020.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 20 January 2020

The minutes of the last main meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: Claire Gee*
Seconded by: Lily Haines

3. Matters Arising

a) Consider invitation to SDC Homelessness Prevention and Support Service

Members agreed that they would like to learn more about this particular service and should be invited to a future main meeting, to give a presentation and share information about the issues of homelessness prevention.

b) Presentation Workshop for SDC Councillors on 23 January – Feedback

Members who were involved with the presentation or in a support role, felt this was a very good and enjoyable experience – they agreed that presenting their experience of the youth service was potentially very influential. They felt welcomed and appreciated by Councillors and Directors of the Council.

c) SDC Youth Worker Recruitment Workshop on 20 February – Feedback

Members who were involved with the workshop felt the scenario's set for candidates to prepare and run a workshop were good. They added that it was perhaps tough on the candidates at times, but for them it was a valuable experience. The group size was good.

4. Correspondence

Changes to SDYC Representatives

It was also noted that Fin Smith was now a voting member for Cainscross Youth Forum, replacing Claire Gee who had stepped aside from this role to focus on her forthcoming exams and future departure to university. It was also noted that following Hannah Mcadam's retirement, Tom Wickham-Bassett had become a voting representative for Stroud Town and 5 Valleys Youth Forum.

Locking Hill Surgery and Stroud Valleys Family Practice Redevelopment

Through the work of the Youth Friendly GP Surgery (YFGP) Initiative pilot assessments, it had been known that the two GP surgeries are set for redevelopment and a change of premises. Subsequently, they have expressed a desire to involve the youth council in this process. This was considered in principle, however members agreed that due to their locations, Stroud Town & 5 Valleys Youth Forum should be offered the opportunity to undertake this involvement. It was also acknowledged, that the Health Focus Group could still have an input given the work of the YFGP initiative.

Child Friendly Gloucestershire Initiative - Update

An update on this initiative was given by Steve – it included a timeline of what was being planned for 2020. Questions from members included: What would be the potential input from SDYC? What impact will young people have overall?; Why were SDYC not invited to be involved in the developing strategy, having been consulted in the past? Where is the report from the last consultation event in October 2019?

Additional comments included: *it feels rather 'one way'; it feels 'tokenistic'.*

It was agreed that Steve would advocate these points to the adults involved in leading this project.

5. Visit and Tour of Gloucestershire Energy from Waste at Javelin Park - Feedback

The recent visit and tour enabled 12 members to have an experience of the site, that was planned as an educational workshop and tour in exchange for critical feedback as advisors. Members felt it was a disappointing experience; the

tour was boring and didn't include seeing much – a walk along the corridor. The food was awful and it was generally pitched too young for teenagers. Some agreed it was good to get to 'move the crane around', but the educational aspect was poor. Towards the end, members and youth work staff felt as though the hosts wanted the group to leave early, as they'd run out of things to do and say. Many members said, they'd not want to experience it again and there was little point in working with them in the future. It was agreed that formal feedback (as requested) would be given via email.

6. Updates from School & College Councils and Local Youth Forum Groups

Archway School – A teacher from Rednock School had visited regarding possible joint work with the requirements to improve the ecological aspects of the school. Discussions about sharing a mental health project took place. The school were looking into planting more trees. 6th Form had been offered cooking and self-defence classes, but the latter was aimed at females only. The recent school social at Kings Stanley Village Hall was successful. The Holocaust Ambassadors did a recent trip to Germany.

Berkeley Vale YF – There were consultation events coming up regarding the development of Canon Park recreation area. Whilst this was being led by Berkeley Town Council, the youth forum group were involved – it included plans to plant trees and install a multi-use games area. The group were also redesigning promotional posters.

Cainscross YF – The groups plan for future projects were reviewed, including a tour of the area regarding the issue of 'feeling safe'. It was hoped that recruitment would be done throughout the spring and summer.

Cam & Dursley YF – The group had been invited to the community fair, whereby they would have a promotional stand. With Gemma's pending knee operation, the group had agreed to meet informally on their own for one week, as Steve was committed elsewhere. They had been speaking to other local clubs / groups, with view to drafting a list of activities for young people in the area. They have been invited to the Dursley Town Annual Assembly.

Chalford Cubed YF – The group prepared to welcome Alan Sumnall from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust at their next recent meeting to give an overview of the trusts work and reminded members of their efforts last year – a discussion on future opportunities would be hopefully be had. Further work on the groups online survey was completed, a QR code will be created for easier access. It was decided that Pete Tiley, local Neighbourhood Warden would visit soon to discuss local issues.

Hardwicke YF – The (previously reported) planned tour of the district with local Councillors, had to be cancelled as the latter couldn't attend. They began redesigning promotional posters.

Marling School – the most recent student council didn't go well and students were disappointed at how it was coordinated. Ben was due to send the relevant tutor an email expressing the issues of concern.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – The group placed an advert' in the local newsletter. A promotional stand at Forest Green Rovers was being considered. Further interaction with the group set up to tackle issues with the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Lawnside was agreed and included doing money raising for improvements for the facility.

Rednock School – the recent school council meeting elected representatives to SDYC plus a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Other projects being considered include: looking at vegan food for schools, Little Green Devils' from Forest Green Rovers were being considered for inclusion. They had agreed to support national condom day (14 February) and also explore a school nursing survey. They would be looking to develop greater links with the schools 6th Form.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – The group had recently visited the site of the old Ship Inn, a committee had been set up to consider the future of the site – members were being consulted and would present their ideas soon. A link up with the local Climate Action Group had been made and promised future interaction. A 'car idling' project was also being considered.

Stroud High School – The fund raiser for their adopted Africa project was progressing. The student council held their first meeting on the year.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – the group were giving more consideration to a potential graffiti project, in which to explore more about its culture and what it means to the town. Joint work with Stroud Town Council regarding the refurbishment of the benches. An election for new SDYC rep' was carried out, with Tom Wickham-Bassett being the sole nominee.

7. Safer Gloucestershire Violence Prevention Workshop

A new communications plan is being developed regarding the prevention of violence. Sophie Jarrett from the County

Councils Prevention, Wellbeing and Communities Hub is wishing to consult young people across the county on this and recognizes that SDYC should have the opportunity to be included. The following questions were put to members present and a workshop style activity took place:

- Do you think violent crime is a big problem in this area?
- What are your main concerns about violent crime where you live?
- Do you feel you have enough information about what to do and who to talk to if you are worried about violent crime?
- What information would be helpful to know?
- How would you like to receive this information? i.e. what is the best way of giving YP information about violent crime, safety and service?
- What interventions would be helpful around violent crime? How could young people contribute to this?

Whilst recognising the short time frame, the plan is due to be compiled by the end of March. A report of the workshop outcomes would be sent to Sophie.

8. Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups

a) Anti-Bullying Project Update

Whilst Miki was not present to give an update, it was known that the plan was for the project team to meet soon to begin the analyzing of the huge amounts of data collected by the online survey. Steve highlighted some initial findings from the summary report which included responses from a total of 873 young people.

b) Health Focus Group – 10 February 2020 & 2 March: the following was reported by Ben Stone;

10 February Report

Youth Friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Update

It was noted that the focus group was updated on a meeting with Dr Simon Opher and Sue Burling, and that two more pilot assessments had occurred successfully.

Stroud & Berkeley Vale Patient Participation Network (S&BV PPN) Presentation

It was noted that the group was continuing its work on the PPN presentation that was planned to be presented in March

C-Card Scheme and Sexual Health

It was noted that National Condom Day took place on 14 February and the focus group promoted sexual health and the c-card through two pieces of art work which were displayed at Ebley Mill and Rednock school.

Report proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Maxie Wells. Following a vote, the report was approved.

2 March Report

Stroud & Berkeley Vale Patient Participation Network (S&BV PPN) Presentation

It was noted that whilst the presentation on the Youth Friendly GP Surgery Initiative had been finished, the meeting of the PPN had been cancelled.

Youth Friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Update

It was noted that the focus group had reviewed the assessment reports for the two previous test pilots and discussed their availability for potential assessments during the Easter break.

C-Card Scheme and Sexual Health

It was noted that a comprehensive review of the work regarding the c-card scheme and sexual health was carried out by the focus group – this was mainly in preparation for the forthcoming SDYC Annual Review.

However, it was highlighted by the main SDYC group that some members didn't get to see the campaign due to technical issues and the lateness of the social media coverage.

Report proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Claire Gee. Following a vote, the report was approved.

9. British Youth Council Report Inc. Members Meeting in London (Helen)

Helen gave a brief report on the recent interaction with the BYC – she highlighted her attendance at the new Members Meeting in London recently and the writing of blogs for various initiatives. She spoke about the impact that SDYC was having and that this was recognized by BYC and other organisations.

10. Review of BYC Manifesto

This was done to consider proposing any changes or additions to the manifesto ahead of the annual meeting later in the year. After some discussion, members agreed that whilst there was nothing obvious to propose this year, the Leadership Team should meet to explore in more detail.

11. Adoption of policies proposed by SDYC at 2019 BYC Annual Council Meeting

It was generally felt that the two policy motions proposed by SDYC at last year's BYC ACM and approved, should be included into the SDYC Manifesto. It was agreed that the leadership team should consider this in more detail and subsequently bring a proposal to the SDYC Annual General Meeting.

12. Appointment of new youth worker – update

Steve updated members on the appointment of Seb Williams to this role. A start date was currently being sought through the councils Human Resources service.

13. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

Members were asked to note the following dates and confirm attendance at those invited to attend;

- a) SDYC Annual Review – Monday 23 March 2020
- b) SDYC Annual General Meeting – Monday 20 April 2020
- c) SDYC Elections and Voting Workshop - TBC
- d) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – TBC
- e) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – TBC
- f) SDYC Members Training Residential Event – consider dates: it was suggested that the May half term break or a weekend in June may be good.

14. Main meeting Dates for 2020/21

These were circulated in advance and at the meeting.

15. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

16. Date of the next meeting

Monday 23 March 2020 at Ebley Mill.