



Draft NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 11th January 2016

Time : 16:30

Venue: Ebley Mill, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Libby Powell (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Ollie Catchpole (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Marling School</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
James Lauchlan (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	Ap
Tom Brady (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Sophie Wilkins, (<i>Nailsworth & Minch Youth Forum</i>)	Ap

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Noella Usborne (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Tiarna Crowther (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	A
Ollie King (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Richard Harper (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap

EX-OFFICIO

Archie Holley	A
Emily Osborne	A
James Pain	P
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 (Hear by Right), Stroud District Council
Simon Gillings, CEO / Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services

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 – Monday 14th December 2015

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

Matters Arising

a) BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention – report from 21st December (Tom S/Ollie K)

Ollie K highlighted the following issues/topics of discussion from the convention: The NHS Youth Forum promotional video was shown about their work. A Holocaust Memorial workshop took place ahead of the memorial day the 27 January, with the aim of decreasing the number of things happening (in the world) like the Holocaust, but also try to learn lessons from it - Ollie explained he was looking to do a presentation at an assembly in the school (Maidenhill) and would be willing to do the same for

SDYC. This was agreed to take place at the next SDYC Main Meeting.

b) Member and Youth Forum Training – further discussion (All)

Some conversation had been had at the aforementioned youth voice convention, whereby it was felt that residential training works better. Additionally, maybe 1:1 training as well as training in groups would work. Some people were felt to be keen to receive training, so it might be a problem if left until the end of June. Steve updated members on plans - BYC not responded yet on their training packages. The conclusion was that initial training for one day and open to all youth voice groups should be planned, followed by specific training and/or a residential event later in the spring.

Other points agreed, included: Initial training in two different locations within the district; Residential costs, need to stick to budget; Peer educational type work could come from ex-officio members.

The Regional Youth Work Unit have invited SDYC to send reps' to their residential event at the end of March – further information will be obtained and shared accordingly with members who have been a rep for SDYC in the last year.

Correspondence

NHS CCG Children and Young People Transformation Plan

Having previously contributed to the Children & Young People's Transformation Plan of NHS Gloucestershire's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), SDYC have been invited to continue its involvement. The plan has now been approved and the CCG would like to give young people the opportunity to continue joint working as they begin to implement many of the initiatives identified. There are a number of elements for potential involvement:

- Production of a young people friendly overview of the plan – “so what does it mean for me?”
- Development of a website providing links to local and national support, self-help tools, etc – this work will also include ideas for a name/logo/branding.
- Contributing to the procurement of additional counselling support for children & young people in Gloucestershire.

This work will begin very soon and they want to discuss how best to support young people to be involved. Members agreed in principal and would like to invite the CCG to the next SDYC Main Meeting to discuss the opportunities further.

Work Experience and Employability Charter

Fiona Hammond, SDC Learning and Development Officer, is offering members of SDYC the opportunity to become part of the Reviewers Team working with the Work Experience & Employability Charter. She is looking for at least two youth councillors to join the training programme and be considered for reviewer selection. Members would need to have a mature attitude and good listening skills, but the training would present a real opportunity to stretch oneself and become involved in a project that would enhance their CV as well as further develop various skills. The two key dates at the moment are:

12th January (10 am – 12 noon) briefing for potential reviewers

25th January (9am – 5pm) training & selection of new reviewers

Tom Schaffner had already expressed an interest; Ollie K also wished to put himself forward. Steve would facilitate their involvement.

Vietnam Study Tour – Thank you

A letter of thanks was received from Alex Farrow, the facilitator of the recent visitors from Vietnam Youth Parliament and the countries National Assembly. The international delegation declared it a 'great evening and.....visiting Stroud was one of the highlights of the week.' Alex added; 'it was a very worthwhile experience...both overall and specifically hearing from youth workers and the young people from Stroud and Bristol. The British Council is now in the process of supporting them further in the development of the Vietnam Youth Parliament.'

Election of Vice Chairperson

No nominations were received.

Election of Principal Members

a) Principal Member for Local Democracy

The following member had been nominated: *Holly Abbott, voting member for Stroud High School. Proposed by: Alex Lin Vines; Seconded by: Libby Powell.*

Manifesto – Holly Abbott: *'Having been an active member of SDYC for four years and a student passionate about politics, I believe that I can fully fulfill the job of being the Principal Member for Local Democracy. I've been a member of the Local Democracy Focus Group for two years and seen it develop into what it is now. I wholeheartedly hope I can help it continue to bring politics and democracy to young people of Stroud.'*

Holly was subsequently elected as Principal Member for Local Democracy

b) Principal Members for Health and Wellbeing

No nominations were received.

c) Principal Member for Employment and Training

The following member has been nominated: *Tom Schaffner, voting member for Chalford Cubed Youth Forum.* Proposed by: Libby Powell: Seconded by: Charlotte Bignell.

Manifesto – Tom Schaffner: *‘Over the past year, I have been the Principle Member for Employment and Training. During this time, we have built links with key people at SDC that coordinate work experience schemes, and have talked to employers on behalf of the Council. In the coming months, the group is hoping to meet local head teachers, to discuss the ‘Curriculum for Life’ initiative, as well as working closer to the Skills for Stroud programme to promote the benefits of good work experience. I hope that you will re-elect me as Principle Member, so I can continue to help these projects develop.’*

Tom was subsequently elected as Principal Member for Employment and Training

d) Principal Member for Environment

No nominations were received.

e) Principal Member for Housing

No nominations were received.

Expressions of interest were received regarding the vacant roles, but no nominations were received, therefore an email requesting future nominations will be sent again to members.

Election of Representatives to British Youth Council (BYC)

The two representative roles are elected every year. Responsibilities include; attendance at conventions and other key BYC events; receiving BYC weekly newsletters and reporting to SDYC at main meetings. Reps’ previously been involved with lobbying, attending annual council events to vote and discuss issues in the constitution. It was agreed that elections would be included at next SDYC Main Meeting.

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

Chalford Cubed – Christmas Meeting was postponed due to member’s absence and rescheduled for 15 January. They’ve been made aware of recent burglaries in the area. An extended review of the Party After Dark Event has now taken place, with ideas noted for a future event.

Thomas Keble – Results from the Effective learning survey are still unavailable; however a new revised one has been announced by the Head Teacher.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – Construction on the canteen has begun, which feature finger print scanners for students.

Maidenhill – A refit of the canteen is planned for this summer. Yr11 mock results will be out soon. Three new reps’ to SDYC have been nominated, contact details were being exchanged.

Cainscross – Members have been developing some branding with Emma Grove Designs.

Archway – Yr7 recently visited Bristol Zoo. The Austria ski-ing trip and French exchange have both been promoted recently. Student catering was on the last student council meeting agenda, with price changes and food options discussed. Contact Rugby for girls has become a new programme.

Stroud High – Food prices have become an issue for the Sixth Form Council. Two new reps’ to SDYC have been nominated.

Focus Group Breakout Session

Members broke out into respective Focus Groups to discuss and update each other on current projects – this was for information sharing following the festive break and future meeting date planning.

Planning Project Team Meeting Dates

a) Clean For The Queen – A project that’s being led by SDC, however project team has not been formed yet.

b) SDYC 15 Year Anniversary – The suggested date was Tuesday 2nd February.

Any Other Business

Youth Grant Panel Dates – these were discussed outside of the meeting.

Farm to Plate Project – James Preece spoke about the issue of people not knowing where their food comes from and wished for SDYC to consider this as a future project; he suggested the project title could be designated ‘Farm to Plate’.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th February 2016, venue to be confirmed.