



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date: Monday 14 December 2020

Time: 16:30

Venue: Online via Zoom

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Cate James-Hodges (Archway School)	P
Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	A
Saul Traquino (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	A
Fin Smith* (Cainscross Youth Forum)	A
Jasmine Beese (Cainscross Youth Forum)	A
Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Coban McGee (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Amber Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	A
Miki Bailey (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Beatrix Herbert (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	AP
Archie Gent (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	P
Bliss Ackland (Maidenhill School)	A
Skye Rees (Maidenhill School)	P
Ben Stone (Marling School)	P
Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	A
Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	A
Morgan Smith (Rednock School)	AP
Ted Smith (Rednock School)	A
Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)	A
Lotty Trunks (Stroud High School)	A
Alice Standing (Stroud High School)	A
Lily Haines (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett** (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Phoebe Davies (Wotton Youth Forum)	P
Freya Sinclair (Wotton Youth Forum)	A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Tom Werrett (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	P
Nell Porter (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	P
Tayla Handbury (Maidenhill School)	A
Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	AP
Megan Land (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	AP
Sophie Miles (Rednock School)	A
Lily Stothard (Wotton Youth Forum)	A
Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Helen March (Retiring Chairperson)	A
Claire Gee	A
Millie Radford	P

CO-OPTIONS

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

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

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer; Seb Williams, Youth Work Officer - both Stroud District Council

An Introduction to Zoom took place from 4pm - whereby those in attendance who were not used to the online video platform and / or the format for this meeting, were able to question and test various aspects of this function. It also gave a chance for informal conversation between members to take place between those who had not done so for many months.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, particularly those attending for the first time. SDC Youth Work Officer was also welcomed to his first SDYC meeting since commencing employment with the Council at the end of June. Apologies are listed on the record above.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 16 November 2020 (Annual General Meeting)

The minutes of the last main meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: Archie Gent; Seconded by: Cate James-Hodges.*

3. Matters Arising

a) Nomination of Co-Options

It was noted that last year's (2019/2020) nominees were Gloucestershire Young Carers and Gloucestershire Young Farmers, although the latter were unable to find a representative to take on the role. It was agreed that both these organisations should be approached again, plus the Scouts Association.

b) SDC Carbon Neutral 2030 Webinar on 19 November – feedback (All)

A good number of members attended this online event that was delivered mainly as a webinar with a question and answer type session towards the latter half. Members highlighted the importance of communication, particularly with schools, recognising that education on climate change was important in which to create a culture of sustainability. It was noted that this event, sparked the initial SDYC Environment Project Team meeting on 9 December.

4. Correspondence

NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG) consultation on mental health services

The NHS Gloucestershire CCG were inviting young people who had used their commissioned mental health services in the last few years, to be part of some consultation work. More details on the research into service user experiences would be circulated via email – those interested in being part of this work in early January, should make contact soon.

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

Archway School – student council have now met. Cate was in attendance. They have some manifesto proposals being discussed.

Berkeley Vale YF – no representatives present.

Cainscross YF – no representatives present.

Cam & Dursley YF – Maxie highlighted that whilst communication with Jemma had taken place, with discussions about future projects, they hadn't met due to the pandemic restrictions.

Chalford Cubed YF – no representatives present.

Hardwicke YF – no representatives present.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – Archie was due to meet the lead tutor / deputy head soon. Sixth Form Council was now working. The student leadership team were now working on an environmental project.

Maidenhill School – The school council still hadn't met since September.

Marling School – Ben reported that through his leadership, the student council was now operating online and some consultation work was being planned. He had recently been elected as Chairperson of the school council. The vacant representative roles to SDYC were still being considered.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – no representatives present.

Rednock School – Morgan highlighted that the student council had still not meet since September. She added that the sixth form were organising a bike-ride event in their main hall to raise support for Papyrus, a suicide and self-harm charity.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – No representatives present.

Stroud High School – No representatives present.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – Tom WB went through a number of projects that were still being worked upon or considered since pre-pandemic. Whilst a few group members had moved on, recruitment plans were underway. They had recently discussed the ‘Black-Boy’ figurine attached to a building in the town – this was in context of recent SDC investigations into its history. A community based treasure hunt style event was also discussed for later in 2021.

Wotton YF – A meeting with local District Councillor, Catherine Braun regarding the OK Path was being arranged to further consider road safety and lighting. There was also discussion recently about the potential of re-opening Charfield Railway Station.

6. Local Strategic Partnership Report from meeting on 4 December

Tom W-B gave a brief report of the online meeting which he attended. The meeting theme was ‘Support into Employment’. Presentations were received on the Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Project, the National Careers Service and the Department of Work and Pensions regarding their Kick-start programme of support for 16 to 24 year olds. It was noted that there had been 1.6 million young people ‘furloughed’ due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Tom gave the partnership an insight in to the work that SDYC and youth voice representatives from local youth forum groups were doing with the Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership regarding consultation on transport needs for young people.

7. Reports from meetings of Project Teams and Focus Groups

a) **Health Focus Group on 30 November** – it was noted that this meeting had been postponed

b) **Environment Project Team on 9 December** – presented by Cate James-Hodges

SDC Carbon Neutral 2030 Webinar on 19 November: Members gave their reflections and feedback to SDC’s Carbon Neutral Officer on the SDC Carbon Neutral 2030 Webinar, which they attended to explore the SDC CN2030 Strategy. The webinar theme was, *Education, Community and Young People*. The team felt that future engagement would likely link to communication and building relationships with communities, including schools. Social media was discussed as a means of communicating and it was generally felt this should be designed predominantly with and for young people. Members felt that SDYC could help produce a youth friendly version of the strategy / plan. The next meeting would be early February 2021.

Members were asked:

To Note, that members attended the SDC CN 2030 Consultation Webinar and have begun work with the Council Carbon Neutral Officer.

It was recommended, that local youth forum groups develop links with their local Climate Action Neighbourhood Groups and that SDYC invite Transition Stroud to a future Main Meeting to discuss their work – this was agreed.

The report was proposed by: Cate James-Hodges; Seconded by Archie Gent – following a vote, it was approved.

8. British Youth Council Report – presented by Cate James-Hodges

Cate gave a brief insight into some BYC opportunities, including: support for the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust photo competition called Light up the darkness – an online exhibition launching on memorial day on 27 January; Stonewall opportunity for young people to help shape how Stonewall supports LGBT young people via a youth survey, which is open until the 14th December; Take part in BYC’s consultation on growing the British Youth Council’s membership offer Cate and Steve stated they’d already completed the questionnaire. Cate also highlighted that her and Tom attended the South West Speaks event on 12 December, coordinated in the south west region, whereby discussions and debate on mental health, free university access, child poverty, plastic pollution, racial awareness and covid-19 recovery were amongst an even broader range of topics.

9. Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership – Overview and Update

Steve explained how the involvement with Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership (GCRP) began - the main purpose being SDYC and youth voice representatives from local youth forum groups helping to create a consultation, which was tailor-made for young people on the wider transport system. Initial discussion with the partnerships Director, Hannah McDonnell has led to a group of members meeting to start designing an online survey. Members not involved yet, were encouraged to participate in this youth advisory type work. The date when the group meets again, would be sent to all members. Further updates would be made at the next main meeting.

Stroud Water Railway Station Campaign: Being linked to the wider matter of transport, members were made aware of a campaign to re-open the Stroud Water Railway Station (originally closed in the 1960's) in Stonehouse on the Gloucester to Bristol line. Steve explained where the old station was situated and that a local campaign group had created a petition. It was noted that SDYC should take a closer look at this campaign, with view to giving it support. Stonehouse Action 4 Youth would also be encouraged to look at this campaign as well. It was agreed that more information should be obtained with potential to invite the campaign group to a main meeting for discussion.

10. Election Results

a) Round 3: Principal Member for Local Democracy

Following nominations and the subsequent online elections, it was announced that Archie Gent was elected as Principal Member for Local Democracy.

b) Unfilled positions: Principal Member & Representative to BYC

It was highlighted that the positions of Principal Member for Anti-Bullying and the second Representative to the British Youth Council had not received any nominations. Following discussions and a subsequent vote favour, it was agreed that a fourth round of elections should be opened as soon as possible in which to fill these vacant roles.

11. SDYC Project Teams and Focus Groups – self nomination (voting and deputy members)

The process of self-nomination was explained and members were reminded of the difference between project teams and focus groups. Those set up to function for the remainder of the 2020/21 year are as follows;

- a) Health Focus Group** - involves work on more than one project
- b) Local Democracy Focus Group** – involves work on more than one project
- c) Anti-Bullying Project Team** - involves work on just one project
- d) Environment Project Team** - involves work on just one project

Both voting and deputy members were encouraged to get involved with the work of the project teams and focus groups.

12. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- a) Christmas Event Online – Wednesday 16 December 2020
- b) Community Rail Partnership / Youth Transport Group – Monday 21 December 2020
- c) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – To Be Confirmed
- d) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – To Be Confirmed

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

17. Date of the next meeting

Monday 18 January 2021