NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:



Date : Monday 15th July 2019

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

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VOTING MEMBERS

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Catherine James-Hodges (Archway School)
Helen March** (Archway School)
Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)
Claire Gee (Cainscross Youth Forum)
Shannon Griffin (Cainscross Youth Forum)
Thomas Haynes (LD) (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)
Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)
Miki Bailey (AB) (Hardwicke Youth Forum)
Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)
Jonty Fuller (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)
Amy Jones (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)
Ben Stone (HWB) (Marling School)
Marcus Fuller-Watts (Marling School)
Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)
Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)
Morgan Smith (Rednock School)
Katie Pugh (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)
Lily Haines* (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)
Hannah Macadam (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)
Frankie Fry (Thomas Keble School)

DEPUTY MEMBERS Denicia Blake (Archway School) А Jasmine Beese (Cainscross Youth Forum) А Ryan Rumble (Cainscross Youth Forum) А Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum) Ρ Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum) AP Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum) Ρ Finlay Smith (Hardwicke Youth Forum) AP Tom Wickham-Bassett (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF) Ρ Millie Radford (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF) А

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

CO-OPTIONS

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

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer, Stroud District Council Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer, Stroud District Council Charlie Hayward (Observing), Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially those attending for the first time. Apologies are listed on the record above. Members were reminded of the new voting card system, which was introduced at the last meeting - it features three cards for each voting member; red (against), green (for), and lilac (abstain). These will be required to be shown when formal voting takes place.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 17th June 2019

The minutes of the last main meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Thomas Haynes. Seconded by: Tom Wickham-Bassett;*

3. Matters Arising

- a) SDC Health and Wellbeing Plan Presentation Feedback & Next Steps: Members felt that there was a lot of information presented in one go and the various parts of the plan was not easy to understand. The questions were not easy to follow. However, Steve highlighted that Emma Keating Clark was extremely positive about and grateful for, the work done by members. She felt that members had as good an understanding as others, whom she had spoken to previously. A discussion was had on how Emma should present the findings from the consultation, but no decision was confirmed.
- b) LSP Report: Meeting with MP to note SDYC Leaders will meet with David Drew MP: This was noted and a meeting would be set up in the autumn.
- c) C-Card Champion Training, 1 July Feedback: There was a generally positive reflective response from those who had attended the training. Members were keen to carry out this role.
- d) SDC Youth Work Strategy Update on Future Development: A discussion was had on how youth voice representatives (not just SDYC members) should or could be consulted on the future strategy. Members felt that one singular method should not be used, as each one has positives and negatives. They agreed that a workshop style event with SDC's Task and Finish (T&F) Group (adult Councillors and Officers) being present to observe, could be good. However this should be matched up with an online survey enabling all youth voice reps' to have an input this was considered the most effective way of getting a broadest response. They highlighted that the T&F group should acknowledge the representational aspect of all young peoples work and not just see them as a group of individuals.
- e) Voter Registration Workshop on 24 June to note this was postponed: Some members felt it was not advertised as well as it could have been. It was acknowledged that the Local Democracy Focus Group had not met for some time and a meeting should be set up as soon as possible, with Monday's the preference day.

4. Correspondence

New Domestic Abuse Support for 13 to 19 year olds in Gloucestershire: The County Council have recently announced they have developed a new support service for young people with regards to domestic abuse. The service is provided by West Mercia Women's Aid and is targeted at those who are affected by teen relationship abuse or have witnessed domestic abuse within their family. Information will be sent to all members via email.

Lions Youth Award - Young Leaders in Service: The youth work team recently met with a representative from the local Lions Club and was introduced to their award programme for young people. Steve explained briefly how the programme worked and particularly how the volunteering hours that members accumulate can be used for the award. It was subsequently suggested that this would be suitable for all youth voice representatives. Members agreed that a representative from the Lions should be invited to a future meeting to present more about the programme to the group.

Graffiti Art Workshops in Stonehouse and Stroud: Information had been received on a series of local graffiti art workshops being offered to young people in the Stonehouse and Stroud area. It's a project, supported by Cotswold Canals Connected, the Arts Council England and The Door. Sessions run on Fridays, 7-9pm in July. Information will be sent via email.

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

<u>Archway School</u> – The school play 'We Will Rock You' went well, involving some reps'. The Taster day is being planned by the 6th Form. The summer ball was successful.

<u>Berkeley Vale YF</u> – Members met with local resident Liz Ashton regarding visiting and developing links with the Berkeley Nuclear Site Stakeholder Group. They have also been communication with the Town Council regarding recreation equipment at Canon Park.

<u>Cainscross YF</u> – The local youth consultation is underway. The group are looking to work with the parish council.

<u>Cam & Dursley YF</u> – Members attended the Dursley Summer Festival, they had fun and enjoyed mixing with the community. Preparations are ongoing for the Scratch n Skate event next month.

<u>Chalford Cubed YF</u> – It is hoped that the group will soon elect reps' to SDYC.

<u>Hardwicke YF</u> – Members attended the parish Family Fun Day and helped out at the stalls. The group are now planning their presentation to the parish council regarding the results of their local youth survey.

<u>Marling School</u> – The school council have now met a third time since it's relaunch. Recent discussion on the canteen queuing system was had, plus exam stress. Meetings are now set for once a month.

<u>Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF</u> – The discussion about youth issues on BBC Radio Gloucestershire was done by Evie, who will say more when she attends next. A focus on recruitment and fresh advertising is being done.

<u>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</u> – work with the Town Council includes the group being involved in an assessment of a local park with view to making improvements to the facilities. Attendance at a forthcoming community event on the Park estate is being considered.

<u>Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF</u> – PCSO's are visiting the group soon and the group are setting questions for them to answer. Their survey is received well with good responses now coming in.

6. Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups

a) Health Focus Group – 8 July 2019: the following was reported by Miki Bailey;

Youth friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Next Steps:

Members were asked to note more amendments were made to some of the award criteria categories, and two assessment methods were created – Jemma and Steve will format this work and present to the group. C-Card Champion Training

Members were asked to note that six youth voice representatives have been trained as C-Card Champions and will be 'mystery shopping' at distribution sites in the near future.

Public Health School Nursing Enquiry

It was recommended that the enquiry from a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse for School Nursing should be considered by all members at the next main meeting.

Report proposed by: Miki Bailey; Seconded by: Thomas Haynes. Following a vote, the report was approved.

7. British Youth Council Report (Maxie)

Maxie reported on the recent BYC Regional Convention in Exeter and outlined the workshops at the event – these included; How to get the out of decision makers; and, leading a successful campaign. Other features were planning for Make Your Mark and an opportunity to share successful campaigning tips.

8. BYC Annual Meeting 2019: Submission of Policy Motions

Following a discussion on whether SDYC should submit new or amended policy motions ahead of the BYC Annual Meeting, it was agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair, Principal Members and BYC Reps' should meet to assess in detail and draft any policy motions – members also agreed that at any motions should be based on the SDYC Manifesto in addition to an amendment policy motion regarding statutory youth voice. Any proposals from SDYC would be shared

with members via email to comment on ahead of submission.

9. SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Update – Heart Radio Interview & Promotion (Miki, Tom H, Helen)

Members learnt that the recent interview was very successful and a great experience whereby the three members were interviewed by a Heart Radio presenter. Extracts from the interview were included on air and a full length featured online. Heart Radio expressed a keen desire to support the consultation and were looking forward to the outcomes.

10. Youth Grant Fund Panel – Reform for One-Off Assessment

Following the submission of a one off application to the old youth grant fund programme, it was noted that members from the last youth grant fund panel would be invited to reconvene to assess the application. The circumstances surrounding this application related to a project that was previously funded, being incomplete and a new organisation looking to continue with a similar project in the same community as the original project.

11. Future Guest Presenters/Co-Options

Members were given an update on progress to pursue an invitation sent to the Gloucestershire Children in Care (CIC) Council / Young Ambassadors and Gloucestershire Young Carers (GYC). The CIC Council have accepted an invitation to the November main meeting and GYC have accepted the invitation for a Co-Option.

12. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

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

- a) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting Tuesday 23 July 2019
- b) Youth Voice Summer Social / BBQ & Healthy Relationship Workshop Wed 25 July 2019
- c) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting Monday 5 August 2019
- d) Cam & Dursley Scratch n Skate Event Thursday 8 August 2019
- e) Healthy Relationship Workshop (Beresford Group) Monday 23 September 2019
- f) Mental Health First Aid for Young People Monday 7 October 2019

16. Any Other Business

There was no other business

17. Date of the next meeting

Monday 16 September 2019 at Ebley Mill.