



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

Date : Monday 15th December 2014

Time : 16:30

Venue: Museum in the Park, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Libby Powell (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Gemma Goodship (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Archie Holley (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
George Gooch (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	Ap
Georgina Burt (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	Ap
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
Charlotte Bignell (<i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i>)	P
Alex Lin-Vines (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Ceren Tuzun (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
James Lauchlan (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Kyle Roberts (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Sabita Burke (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Sam Barnes (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley</i>)	Ap
Oli Catchpole (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

Kate Jones	Ap
Kirsty Driver	A
Millie Jotham	A
Sahaya James	A

CO-OPTIONS

**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair P = present A = absent Ap = apology given**

Others Present:

Steve Miles, Senior 'Hear by Right' Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
Jess Jenkins, Youth Support Worker, Youth and Community Services
Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
Olivia Maybank, Elections Officer, Stroud District Council
Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council
Kevin Ward, General Manager, Museum in the Park/Stroud District Council

Introduction to the Museum in the Park – Kevin Ward, General Manager

Kevin welcomed members to the Museum and gave an introduction to the many aspects of this cultural building which includes articles and themes of interest from across the district. Members had the opportunity to view the art work currently on show in one of the galleries.

Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular new members; Ceren Tuzun from Cam & Dursley Youth Forum, Gemma Goodship, Oli Catchpole and Nyima Trawally from Archway School – all members in attendance introduced themselves. Cllr Miranda Clifton and Olivia Maybank, Elections Officer for Stroud District Council were also welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received from Emily Osborne, Georgina Burt, Sabita Burke and Sam Barnes.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Charlotte went through the minutes of the previous meeting; they were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by: Elizabeth Powell; Seconded by: Lily Clarke.

Matters Arising

a) Election of Co-options – update (Steve)

Whilst there's been no formal nomination for the co-opted roles yet, Steve has pursued suggested nominees i.e. Young Farmers, Young Carers and Allsorts. He highlighted that Young Farmers Clubs in the district may request a meeting with SDYC members to discuss common issues and the possibility of co-options.

b) Startline Young Drivers Experience, Sunday 7 December – feedback from participants (All)

Most participants found the experience enjoyable and found the instructors to be helpful, friendly and patient, although one instructor was said to be a little patronising. While undertaking the course, participants were asked to give verbal feedback but were not asked to fill out a feedback form. The importance of feedback was highlighted as it did lead to changes in the course. Finally, Steve also mentioned that another course would be available in February for youth council members, members of local youth forums and possibly members of local youth projects.

c) BYC Youth Voice Award (All)

Steve informed the Council about the Youth Voice Award and what they had to do in order to get one. Steve reassured the members that the Stroud District Council would cover the cost of the application fee.

Correspondence

The Prince's Trust and Bloodhound Project

Steve informed members about the Bloodhound Project being supported by The Princes Trust. Whilst this information had already been emailed to members, the taster day on Tuesday 10th February 2015 was highlighted.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum's Self Harm Awareness Project

Steve talked briefly about Cam and Dursley Youth Forum's self-harm awareness project and explained that Ceren would go into more detail later on in the meeting.

Woodchester Mansion Trust

Steve informed members that the Woodchester Mansion Trust had got in contact to offer an opportunity to members which would allow them to train to be 'house guides' for visitors to the mansion. No members were immediately forthcoming but it was noted that it was hoped that an SDYC meeting would be held at the mansion in the spring / summer period.

National Voter Registration – Olivia Maybank, SDC Elections Officer

Olivia Maybank introduced her role and purpose for the Council and explained that the system of voter registration had changed. She highlighted that informing young people about the electoral register was important because the law had changed to prevent their parents from registering them. She also added that the Council's service would like to get more young people interested in elections and asked for support from SDYC on how to do this. One member suggested that SDC create an information leaflet about elections and the electoral register in which to hand out to local schools. Another member argued that schools would not be the most appropriate place to send these leaflets, and suggested SDC send them to sixth form colleges. Members discussed their experiences of political education in schools / colleges. It was agreed to invite Olivia to the next SDYC Local Democracy Focus Group meeting to discuss the issues further.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums (All)

Thomas Keble

Alex discussed the activities of his school council. He said that they had been working to implement policies to encourage people to do their homework, such as detentions if someone missed two homework assignments. One member said that her school implemented a 5 stage punishment policy in order to encourage people to do their homework, but she stated that teachers did not always stick to the policy.

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum

Libby updated members on the activities of the Chalford Cubed Youth Forum. These included a 'bring a friend' night which was becoming increasingly popular. Their forthcoming programme includes a community based event where people would learn about speed cameras and a second event that focuses on anti social behaviour, alcohol and drug abuse. The forum is also looking to set up an internet radio station in order to publicise the views of the youth.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum

Ceren informed members that Cam and Dursley Youth Forum will be launching a self-harm awareness project on the 29th January. Steve suggested that the SDYC Health Focus Group attend this project launch event as giving such support would be of mutual benefit. She also highlighted that the new youth centre in Dursley, entitled The Vibe will be open late January. The forum is also working with Dursley Pool on consulting young people on the building development.

Berkeley Vale Youth Forum

Tom explained that Berkeley Vale Youth Forum were still planning to stage a gig which would help to raise money for bus shelters and get the skate park revamped. Toni added that the Town Council were still working on getting the lease for the park completed.

Marling

George gave an update on the building work – it had ceased due to issues with the contractors. He also highlighted that the school was looking to expand on the total number of students in the future.

Archway

Each representative gave an update: Year 7 had raised money for the Guide Dogs charity through a recycling project; The sixth form had a none uniform day which raised money for the Foodbank Charity; A winter ball was being organized and a virtual bike / row between the respective capital cities of the British Isles would take place early 2015. The school is also looking to raise money in respect of the recent fatalities on the Ebley by-pass road.

Stroud High

Holly highlighted that Stroud High were also looking to increase their number of students. She also mentioned that they were holding a 'Snow Ball'.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth

James reported that they were recruiting new members and were also working on filling vacant representative roles to SDYC. Some specific activity days were also being planned as part of the wider provision in Stonehouse.

Report from SDYC Leadership Team Meeting on 3rd December 2014

Report Proposed by; Libby Powell: Seconded by; James Lauchlan.

The Role of Leadership Team – members were asked **TO NOTE** that the team felt they may at times; wish to invite Ex-Officio members to some Leadership Team meetings in respect of experience and support with certain issues.

The Role of Principal Members - members were asked **TO NOTE** that Principal Members were happy with their respective responsibilities.

Dates of SDC Committee Meetings - members were asked **TO NOTE** that a Principal Members will be attending respective SDC Committees from January 2015.

Planning & Facilitating Focus Groups - members were asked **TO NOTE** that Principal Members will meet / discuss with respective youth worker (Steve/Simon/Jess) at least four days before each meeting to prepare Agendas.

Presenting Reports at SDYC Main Council Meetings - With view to engaging more members in discussion at main meetings and consequently have greater overall participation, members were asked **TO NOTE** that reports will (where possible) be sent out with the Agenda for the Main Meetings. All reports to feature a decision making point for each agenda item, as per the following: either; **'TO NOTE'**; **'TO RECOMMEND'**; or **'TO PROPOSE'**.

Exchange of Contact Details - members were asked **TO NOTE** that each Principal Member is responsible for sharing their contact details with team members.

The date of the next Leadership Team meeting is Monday 26th January 2015. The report was adopted by members.

Report on Project Teams and Focus Groups

SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting on 9th December 2014

Report Proposed by; James Lauchlan: Seconded by; Lily Clarke

Facts 4 Life (F4L) – An overview of this program was given, including details of F4L being a charity. The opportunity to receive a presentation on F4L was highlighted. It was **PROPOSED** that this should be accepted.

Apps for Good – Communication with the Youth Support Team and Apps for Good was proving difficult. Members were asked **TO NOTE** that Jess would pursue the respective organisations.

Sexual Health Statement – A statement had been worked upon over recent months with two variations now being further developed. It was **RECOMMENDED** that members should give their feedback or comments on the two versions which have been emailed to respective members.

Sexual Health Training for Members - members were asked **TO NOTE** that the training will take place on 17th December 2014 at Ebley Mill.

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women - members were asked **TO NOTE** that a recent seminar on this topic was held at Ebley Mill and hosted by Serene Communications / CSW. School Nursing - members were asked **TO NOTE** that an invite to Glos Care will be sent for the February' Focus Group meeting.

Healthwatch Gloucestershire - members were asked **TO NOTE** that an invite to Anna Rarity from this organisation will be sent for the January' Focus Group meeting.

The report was adopted by members.

Report on Local Strategic Partnership Meeting on 5th December 2014 - Libby

Libby reported that she and Charlotte attended this partnership meeting for the first time as the new reps' from SDYC – they were made very welcome. The recent peer assessment by Local Government Association deemed that SDC were in good shape. The Ambitions Event in November was also very successful and will be repeated again in 2015. A presentation by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) highlighted that a huge amount of young people were employed through smaller business. Discussions after the meeting with partners, led to conversations about SDYC doing possible joint work with Stroud Older Persons Forum and potentially meeting up with the FSB – it was agreed that the latter point should be considered by the Employment and Training Focus Group.

First Great Western / Stroud Train Station – Potential Project

Steve reported on his and Simon's visit to Stroud Train Station to follow up on initial approach from First Great Western (FGW) regarding a potential community engagement project. Principally, FGW would like to involve young

people in a project that could make aesthetical changes to the station from a young person's perspective. During discussions, other potential engagement opportunities were highlighted. Consequently, an opportunity for SDYC to work with FGW has arisen and through further discussion amongst members, it was agreed that a project team would be formed to carry out initial engagement with FGW. The following agreed to be Project Team members; Tom Schaffner, Lily Clarke, James Lauchlan, Libby Powell, Holly Abbott, Nyima Trawally, Kyle Roberts, Ceren Tuzun and Charlotte Bignell.

British Youth Council Report - Charlotte/Lily

Ongoing issues with not receiving the weekly e-newsletter from the British Youth Council (BYC) were highlighted. A delegation of members from SDYC would be attending the forthcoming BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention on 22nd December – the programme includes; a national consultation on potential changes to the electoral system and networking opportunities with other regional representatives from organisations such as the UK Youth Parliament and NHS Youth Forum and other youth councils.

SDYC 15 Year Anniversary – to receive nominations for a Project Team

Whilst further discussion was had on a potential programme, the following members agreed to form a Project Team to draft proposals; Tom Schaffner, Lily Clarke, James Lauchlan, Libby Powell, Holly Abbott, Kyle Roberts, Ceren Tuzun, George Gooch, Alex Lin-Vines and Charlotte Bignell.

Votes at 16 /Political Education Survey

George highlighted the importance of promoting the survey in schools. The deadline has been extended until the end of January 2015. Whilst it had been noted that some schools were having technical issues, they have now been dealt with. Other work on this project included; meeting with Baroness Corston on 30th January 2015 and probable meeting with Olivia Maybank on the 26th January. It was possible that a meeting with local political party group leaders may also take place in January. George asked members to email him over the festive break to express interest in being part of these activities.

Any Other Business

Members Training – Steve highlighted that youth workers were currently searching for venues for the members training scheduled for mid February. Dates would depend on venue availability. However members would be informed of dates as soon as possible.

Alex Lin-Vines, expressed members thanks to Kevin Ward, General Manager of the Museum and his staff team for hosting the meeting. Kevin highlighted that the potential to hold a summer meeting at the Museum could be made possible.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 12th January 2014