



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 15th January 2018

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Helen March (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
George Adamson (L) (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
Oli King (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
Rebecca Hunt** (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
Jonty Fuller (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap
Amy Jones (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	p
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Thomas Haynes (<i>Rednock School</i>)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett* (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
Lily Haines (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (HWB) (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
Luna Stephens (<i>Wotton Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Holly Hughes (<i>Wotton Youth Forum</i>)	Ap

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Katie Pugh (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Eden Kingston (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Paige Collard (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Claire Gee (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tyler Needham (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	A
Hannah MacAdam (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	A
Evie Bennett-Stone (<i>Wotton Youth Forum</i>)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Libby Powell	A
Charlotte Bignall	A
Tom Schaffner	A
Alex Lin-Vines	A
Lauren Davies	A
George Sutton	A

CO-OPTIONS

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

**Principal Members: (ET) = Employment & Training, (H) = Housing, (E) = Environment,
(LD) = Local Democracy, (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing**

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
 Hatty Davis, Elections Officer, Stroud District Council
 Elishia Helbrow, 2gether NHS Trust Primary Mental Health Team
 Bridget Gwynne, 2gether NHS Trust Primary Mental Health Team

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially guest Hatty Davis, Elishia Helbrow and Bridget Gwynne. Apologies are listed on the record above. The Chair explained that agenda item 5 will be taken after item 7 following the break.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 18th December 2017

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

3. Matters Arising

- a) **SDYC Residential Training Event 2018 – Confirm dates & booking arrangements:** Steve briefed members that the residential will be taking place from Saturday 10th February until Tuesday 13th February possibly Wednesday 14th February. It will be held at The Speech House Hotel, Forest of Dean with outdoor activity providers involved to compliment the tailor made programme for members.
- b) **SDC Youth Voice Representative Survey 2017/18:** Steve explained that the survey was now complete and ready for completion by current and former members. However he apologized that documents were not able to be given out at this meeting. Invitations and access codes will be sent via post, email and text in the next few days.
- c) **Curriculum for Life Project Voice-Over Recordings:** Oli has recording equipment for SDYC members to record the voice over. Tom Haynes, Tom Wickham-Bassett, Claire Gee, Amy Jones, Lily Haines, Helen March, Katie Pugh and Oli King as the techie will be taking part – the team will meet on Monday 26 February.

4. Mental Health Schools Project

Bridget Gwynne and Elishia Helbrow, from 2gether NHS Trust presented an overview on the Primary Mental Health worker role and their relation to the Primary Mental Health Team, which is the first point of access for young people needing their services. They highlighted their core offer to primary schools and secondary schools. Members spoke about negative aspects from social media, but some acknowledged the positives. Discussion was had on 'what to do' when you see/hear negative coverage. Bridget and Elishia clarified that this service was evolving as a result of the previous pilot project carried out in schools across the county including some from Stroud district in 2017. Whilst this particular programme is now in place, other outcomes of the pilot project are yet to be implemented. The chair thanked them for their attendance.

5. Correspondence

Prince's Trust Get Started with Sport & Leisure

Get Started with Sport and Leisure is aimed at young people who are 16-25 and not engaged in education, employment or training. The programme offers a range of skills to be learnt including; Learn how to coach and perform basic exercises both in and out of a gym environment, participate in a wide range of activities such as climbing and bubble football, explore the skills need to work in the sport and leisure sector, introduction to various progression opportunities with local leisure Centre and training academy's, meet new people and improve your communication and team work skills. The programme is also completely free with travel expenses paid, lunch provided and doesn't affect benefits. The programme runs from 26th February – 2nd March 2018, the information will be sent to members via email.

6. Update from School & College Council's and Local Youth Forum groups

Archway School – Student council meeting is next week.

Cainscross YF – Arts workshops and exhibition including competition, photography and celebration of young people creative skills. Recruitment was also discussed along with draft comment promotional banner and Mental Health video future.

Stroud High School – Head girl team being selected; school council meetings are led by staff not students.

Stroud Town and 5 Valleys YF – Ideas for a music event in unused shops formed the basis of recent meetings.

Wotton YF – No Report.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – Mock exams coming up. Looking at ways to improve 6th form area. They had Stroud District Council Planning Strategy Team in to discuss local plan review. Debates whether year 12's can park on site, year 13 already have a permit.

Berkeley Vale YF - Town Council had asked the youth forum for opinion on local provision, as part of their decision-making about search for a new youth work provider.

Rednock School – Just sat mock exams. Ofsted inspection next week.

7. Voter Registration & Elections Project

Hatty Davis from the SDC Election Service presented an overview of how democracy for male and females had evolved over time and made reference to the centenary of women's vote. The conversation also covered sharing ideas on encouraging 16 and 17 to register to vote. On the electoral register there are currently only 342 sixteen year olds and 742 seventeen year olds. Ideas to encourage 16 and 17 year olds to register to vote; via schools in PSHE lessons, via political groups (parties) cross party campaign, target adults to have conversations, SDYC focus group support, mock elections, local democracy week 2nd-6th July and reach out to youth projects/clubs. SDYC have been invited to event in Stratford Park Museum on Sunday 1st July 2018. Further work on this topic would be carried out by the Local Democracy Focus Group.

8. Report from SDC Local Plan Review Workshop

Members gave feedback from the Local Plan Review Workshop. Some were concerned that their input wouldn't be taken seriously and points made may appear as tokenism in the report. They added that they felt as though it was rather 'corporate', a little prescriptive and that points regarding Brownfield sites could be dismissed. A general concern was that the youth voice didn't matter. However, it was acknowledged by them, that they could be giving harsh feedback but felt frustrated that they had to say things twice to be heard. They suggested that if the workshop was more interactive it may have felt more positive but were really glad they had the chance to take part in the workshop. Steve explained that the SDC colleagues are creating a report of this consultation workshop which members will receive to amend if necessary and that final conclusions on this work may be best left until this is received, probably at the next meeting.

9. British Youth Council Report

No report available, however the South West Regional Convention is this Saturday 20th January in Dorset. Steve highlighted that due to limited staff capacity and a few other logistics, it may be difficult to get representatives to the venue and give support. Representatives were asked to contact him ASAP.

10. Report from S&BV Locality Executive Group on 20 December – Issy Llewellyn

In her absence, Steve reported that Issy attended the last meeting of the Stroud and Berkeley Vale Locality Executive Group. This group is led by GP's and also includes local health professionals and commissioners, who collectively confirmed that they would like to support the development of a youth friendly surgeries initiative, previously suggested by SDYC. They would commit £1000 funding for this initiative and through Issy, asked SDYC if they would draft a plan for this and share with them at a future meeting. It was agreed that the Health Focus group would carry out this work in the near future.

11. Any Other Business

Recruitment of SDC Youth Workers

Steve gave a briefing on the SDC recruitment process for new youth workers and highlighted that he would be contacting members from each local youth forum who were SDYC reps' to invite them to be part of a youth panel for the candidates young people's workshop presentation scheduled for 31 January.

12. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 19th February 2018