



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 16th September 2019

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

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*)
 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

P	Denicia Blake (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
P	Jasmine Beese (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	A
P	Ryan Rumble (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	A
P	Conner Roberts (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
P	Ellie Archer (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	P
P	Baz Leach (<i>Hardwicke Youth Forum</i>)	P
P	Finlay Smith (<i>Hardwicke Youth Forum</i>)	P
P	Tom Wickham-Bassett (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
AP	Millie Radford (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
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EX-OFFICIO

Lauren Davies
 Holly Hughes
 Luna Stephens
 Rebecca Hunt
 Issy Llewellyn
 Marcus Fuller-Watts

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CO-OPTIONS

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

**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
 Cllr Nigel Prenter, Stroud District Council
 Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council
 Pat Comer, Lions Clubs International
 Jo Holloway, Public Health Gloucestershire (Community Public Health Team Nurse)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Apologies are listed on the record above. Members were reminded of the new voting card system. The cards will be required to be shown when formal voting takes place.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 15th July 2019

The minutes of the last main meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record with the amendment of Miki Bailey having presented the Health Focus Group report not Ben Stone. *Proposed by Thomas Haynes. Seconded by: Tom Wickham-Bassett;*

3. Matters Arising

a) Youth Voice Summer Social/BBQ & Healthy Relationships (25 July) – Feedback from members:

Whilst those that attended had already fed back initial comments, this was a chance for further comments to be noted. The event was good, albeit on the hottest day on record which impacted on the amount of rounder's being played. The healthy relationships workshop focused on some aspects that were not relevant and some were too focused on a feministic view. It was highlighted that these and previous points would be fed back to The Eddystone Trust.

4. Correspondence

SDC News

Members were informed that the annual SDC newsletter to the public had now been circulated to all residential addresses in the district – it contains almost a whole page dedicated to youth voice and highlights some of the key aspects of work carried out in the last year. It was felt this was an excellent promotion.

5. Presentation on School Nursing – Jo Holloway, Community Public Health Team Nurse

Jo was welcomed to the meeting. She expressed how pleased she was to attend and discuss matters regarding school nursing, recognising it was in the SDYC manifesto. Jo asked members how they accessed health information, with members giving some feedback – this included: *young people don't know where to go in school to find the school nurse, signage, posters, dates, times and location are all important.* Other points were: *via internet or parents.* The conversation evolved and members highlighted other related issues, including: the need to focus on mental health and it not being a good idea to situate the nurse with first aid rooms in school. Jo highlighted that there was not a dedicated website for young people but the Gloucestershire Care Services website contained aspects relating to young people – members felt that it might be a good idea to steer young people away from websites, as sometimes the need is for a face to face conversation.

Jo also highlighted a pilot in some schools involving young people as champions. She also asked for feedback on images they were thinking of using in relation to 'identifying health needs, emotional health support, and bladder and bowel advice and support – most of the feedback was fairly negative.

Jo was very appreciate of all the feedback and expressed a desire to come back and discuss matters further in the future. It was agreed that the SDYC Health Focus group should consider how this future interaction could work.

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

Archway School – There's been no school council since the new term start. The head teacher, Colin Belford has announced he will be departing / retiring next year. Head students have been carrying out their 'speeches' as part of that process.

Berkeley Vale YF – The group took stock of the feedback received regarding them hosting the youth voice summer social event. Further discussion about linking up with the nuclear power station community group. They have also given comments to the town council on their community survey.

Cainscross YF – group members noted the departure of Rachael (SDC youth worker). They'd begun discussions on hosting a talent show, a brick-a-brac event with recycled items.

Cam & Dursley YF – the group have reviewed the ‘Scratch n Skate’ event and taken stock of the positives and negatives. Tom H was due to leave the group for university soon, so members were considering how his representative role could be filled.

Hardwicke YF – the group have been (and will continue to) prepare their presentation to the parish council regarding the consultation carried out during the spring and summer. The presentation will be carried out at a council meeting in a few weeks.

Marling School – the schools canteen system is changing as a result of the school council’s work last term. The next school council meeting is due to be held soon.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – work with the Miles Marling recreation field development project has now finished and declared a success. There is now a petition being carried out by the local youth club to keep the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) open – issues included perceived noise levels being too high for local residents. SDYC members were encouraged to support this – petition forms were available at the meeting. A new member (Olivia) had recently joined the group.

Rednock School – the student voice body is being set up and is split into ‘communities’. Jemma is helping the school with some of this.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – the group have received information that a new sports activity programme may evolve. They are also having input into community consultation to improve the area.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – consideration is being given to a litter pick in the spring and the potential opportunity to be involved with painting the benches in the town centre, through the links with the town council.

Stroud High School – a new canteen system is being introduced which separates the year groups. The student voice is yet to meet.

7. Presentations on Lions Young Persons Award (Young Leaders in Service) – Pat Comer, Lions Clubs

Pat was welcomed to the meeting, and he was attending following the recent information received via correspondence. He explained that the award was usually presented to young people by a younger member of the Lions Club, however she was unable to attend this meeting due to work commitments. The Lions are run principally by volunteers and has a long history of supporting and recognising the work of young people in their community. There are two Lions Club branches in the Stroud district. Pat explained via a power-point presentation how the programme worked and particularly how volunteering hours are used to complete the award. It was confirmed that the volunteering work and hours which members accumulate, would be used to participate in the award programme. Members would be offered this opportunity on an on-going basis.

8. Local Strategic Partnership Report – meeting on 6 September

Helen and Ben attended as the SDYC reps’. The meeting theme was ‘Health and Wellbeing’.

An update on the progress of the SDC Carbon Neutral 2030 work was given, with partner organisations now being identified – a new dedicated officer, Rachel Brain was now in post to lead this work.

A presentation was given on the Council’s health and wellbeing plan (2019-2022) by Emma Keating Clark, among its highlights are: *the district has an aging population and by 2036 30% will be over 65; young people are generally leaving the district in search of jobs and affordable housing; 12% of young people have poor mental health; and 11% of young people are growing up in poverty.* The work with SDYC was acknowledged by Emma.

A presentation from the Independence Trust was also given. They recently won the Pride of Cotswolds’ Community Award. They are one of a number of community wellbeing providers in the county.

Among the partner updates, Helen and Ben highlighted the work that SDYC were doing with The Eddystone Trust regarding sexual health and the C-Card.

9. Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups

a) Anti-Bullying Project Team – 19 August: the following was reported by Miki Bailey

Youth Survey Extension

An update on progress of the survey was given, with 332 responses so far – it was noted that a number of schools had yet to enable their students to participate. It was proposed that the online survey remains open until the end of school term in December rather than closing in September as originally planned.

Schools Participation in Youth Survey

The aforementioned issue on participation of schools was further discussed by the team with specific solutions being offered. It was proposed that SDYC members may put themselves forward to be anti-bullying champions within their schools to help promote the survey. The 'champions' would also be invited to attend the next project team meeting.

Discussion on the average number of surveys that could be targeted by each school/champion, it was suggested that 100 per school was not many, but would bring in approximately 700 responses.

Survey Data Processing

Members were asked to note that the project team have been thinking about ways to process the data and is ready to begin work on this. Also, that with Rachael's departure, Steve would be facilitating the team meetings as an interim arrangement.

The report was proposed by Miki Bailey and seconded by Thomas Haynes. Following a vote it was approved.

b) Health Focus Group – 9 September 2019: the following was reported by Ben Stone;

Youth friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Next Steps:

Members were updated on progress. A recent meeting with the Chair of the Stroud and Berkeley Vale GP Forum confirmed that the main aspects of the initiative were now complete and ready for the pilot. The budget for the ongoing work and an initiative logo would now be considered. It was proposed that the initiative would be implemented.

SDYC Key Projects and Issues for 2019/20 – Health and Wellbeing

Members were asked to note that the focus group were updated on key projects and issues for 2019/20 (relating to health and wellbeing) and what work is currently being done and needs to be done.

C-Card Scheme

Following discussion on how the C-Card Champions could enhance the work on this project, it was felt that communication between them and the health focus group would be beneficial. It was recommended that the C-Card Champions should communicate with the focus group and that the group should look at ways to further publicise the scheme.

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

10. British Youth Council Report inc Annual Meeting (Maxie)

Members were asked to recall the communication via email over the August period with regards to the submission of motions from SDYC and the opportunity to express opinion of the various other motions being put forward at the BYC annual meeting.

Maxie gave an overview of the recent annual meeting, whereby among themed workshops regarding the work of the BYC membership, policies of the BYC are decided and the manifesto is changed. This year SDYC reps' put forward 2 manifesto change motions with regards to 'Statutory Youth Voice' and 'Education on and around disabilities', both of which were debated and supported by a large majority after a formal vote – Helen and Lily gave the respective speeches, with Maxie and Leon also in attendance. There were 11 motions in total debated and decided upon. Furthermore, the BYC membership also elected new Trustee's, Treasurer, UK Youth Ambassadors and Honorary Presidents.

The Chair added that with regards to the success of the 'Statutory Youth Voice' motion, she felt it was important to inform SDC Councilor's of this significant development - she suggested it would be good to write to political group leaders highlighting this and subsequently call on them to continue their support of the Stroud Youth Voice Vehicle.

11. Members Service Awards

Members service award certificates (signed by the SDC Chief Executive, Kathy O'Leary) and respect badges were given to Ben Stone (one year) and Tom Haynes (three year). Of particular note was the overall number of volunteering hours (over 400) that Tom had given to the role since he joined Cam and Dursley Youth Forum and subsequently became an SDYC rep' – this was recognized by members as a significant achievement and contribution. Tom announced he would be retiring from the respect roles imminently to pursue a university course.

12. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

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

- a) Healthy Relationship Workshop (Beresford Group) – Monday 23 September 2019
- b) Mental Health First Aid for Young People – Monday 7 October 2019
- c) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 14 October 2019
- d) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – to be confirmed

16. Any Other Business

Resignation of Rachel Hill

Whilst already known to members, it was noted that Rachael Hill, SDC Youth Work Officer had recently resigned from her post to pursue a university course – Steve explained that this would leave a significant gap in the workforce of the staff team and asked for members understanding and patience with regards to the need to possibly change some programmed work and rescheduling of regular meetings both with SDYC and local youth forum groups. Rachael was thanked for her services and wished well for the future.

Tom Haynes Retirement

As previously noted, Tom was retiring from his respective roles, including that of Principal Member for Local Democracy.

SDC Youth Work Strategy

Steve updated members with regards to the work of the SDC Youth Work Strategy being carried out by a Task and Finish Group. He highlighted that various aspects of the current strategy were being reviewed and potential changes were likely. The involvement of youth voice reps' had been noted as being important and opportunities to give an input in this work would emerge in due course.

New Members – from School and Local Youth Forum group

It was noted that new SDYC members had been nominated from Stroud High School and Chalford Cubed Youth Forum. It was expected that they would attend the next meeting.

Co-option – Gloucestershire Young Carers

The Chair was pleased to announce that Gloucestershire Young Carers had accepted the opportunity of a co-opted member and this was being taken up in the near future.

17. Date of the next meeting

Monday 21 October 2019 at Museum in the Park