



## NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

**Date : Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

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

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

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

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Lauren Davies	A
Holly Hughes	A
Luna Stephens	A
Rebecca Hunt	A
Issy Llewellyn	AP

#### **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

Emma Keating Clark, Health & Wellbeing Development Officer, Stroud District Council

Cllr Nigel Prenter, Stroud District Council

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially those attending for the first time. Also, Cllr Nigel Prenter and Emma Keating Clark. Apologies are listed on the record above. A new voting card system was introduced as a trial – designed by the Chair and Vice Chair, 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 – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

## **3. Matters Arising**

- a) **Key Issues & Projects for 2019/20 – to note revised document:** Members were asked to note the changes suggested at the last meeting and agree the list for the year ahead. *Proposed by, Leon Linton-Blake; Seconded by, Maxie Wells. This was approved.*
- b) **Youth Voice Member Training (30 May) - feedback**  
Members generally felt it was good fun and they got to know each other more. Detailed evaluation from individuals was taken at the end of the training and will be fed into planning for future events.
- c) **Meeting Venues - Stroud Fire Station**  
Some members asked for a discussion on meeting venues, with Stroud Fire Station (previous meeting venue) considered by them as being cramped and not having enough chairs. Other factors regarding this venue included: the car park being too small for pick-ups and drop-offs; visitors having to wait outside due to the door locking system; the room was felt to be quite warm; the operational response alarm for the station is annoying. Following a vote, members agreed this venue should not be used in the foreseeable future.  
Suggestions for future venues included: Forest Green Rovers; The Chantry Centre in Dursley; School Halls; and the Museum in the Park. It was generally felt that a change of venue from Ebley Mill occasionally would keep things fresh, however the logistics of transportation may be an issue.

## **4. Correspondence**

**Name Change – Ryan Decarteret:** It was noted that Ryan had formally changed his surname and would be now known as Ryan Rumble.

## **5. SDC Health and Wellbeing Plan – Presentation/Workshop: Emma Keating Clark (SDC HWB Development Officer)**

Emma introduced the Council's draft health and wellbeing plan with view to members having an input into its development. Emma highlighted that a number of the objectives featured the work of SDYC and local youth forum groups, emphasising the importance of young people having a voice and being heard. Members participated in break-out group discussions on the various features of the plan and gave feedback to Emma. It was agreed that Emma should be invited back to review the initial comments and further her planning and input from members.

## **6. SDYC Elections Results – Round 3**

It was noted there were no nominations for Leader and PM for Environment. It was agreed these positions would remain open and elections would be held once nominations had been received.

## **7. Updates from School & College Councils and Local Youth Forum Groups**

Archway School – The Student Council have met recently. Discussion was had on the change to a two week lesson timetable with five lessons taking place per day. The mobile phone ban is being introduced. A conclusion room has been created to support students with detention. Plans for the Prom and Summer Ball are almost complete.

Berkeley Vale YF – Members are planning the youth voice summer event with a sexual health workshop featuring alongside the Rounder's activity and BBQ. Invites and flyers will be sent out soon.

Cainscross YF – Two new members were welcomed recently. The local youth survey has now gone 'live' and sent out locally.

Cam & Dursley YF – Four new members have been welcomed as a result of doing recent youth consultation. Work for the 'Scratch n Skate' event on 8 August has progressed with finalising of plans now underway. The group will be hosting two stalls at the Dursley Summer Festival.

Hardwicke YF – Members are analysing the data obtained from their local youth survey, which will be shared with the parish council in due course. Other work with the parish council include building a 'kissing gate' across a local footpath. Members will also be present at the Family Fun Day on 29 June.

Marling School – The school council have met twice since it's relaunch. Credit was given to Ben Stone for encouraging the lead tutors to re-establish a student voice body. It was planned that further development would occur after September.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – Members had been recently invited by BBC Radio Gloucestershire to feature on a discussion programme involving youth issues. Articles have featured in the local Nailsworth news magazine. Members attended the recent Miles Marling Project Team Meeting and furthered their involvement in the project.

Rednock School – Efforts have been made to try and set up a school council. A Deep Learning Day programme will soon take place, featuring a youth voice training day facilitated by SDC youth workers at Dursley Fire Station.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – their local youth survey has now been launched, with feedback already coming in. It is hoped outcomes will give the group issues and projects to focus on for the year ahead. Members have been invited to help design new signage for the town as part of a re-branding for the whole of Stroud town. However the meetings were not felt to be youth friendly.

## **8. Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups**

- a) **Health Focus Group - 13 May:** the following was reported by Ben Stone;

Youth friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Update & Next Steps:

Members were asked to note the amendments made to some of the award criteria categories, with more to do at the next group meeting.

C-Card Champion Training

Members were asked to note that the C-Card Champion training on 1 July was for those over 16 only – this was a directive from the Fraser guidelines specific to young people contraception and sexual health.

Other Sexual Health Training with the Eddystone Trust

It was proposed that a sexual health workshop (delivered by the Eddystone Trust) be held on 25 July at the Summer Rounder's and BBQ event, open to all youth voice representatives.

Report proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by Leon Linton-Blake. Following a vote, the report was approved.

## **9. British Youth Council Report**

Maxie Wells and Leon Linton-Blake reported on the recent correspondence from the BYC, this included the following: An article from the deputy Chair, Lewis Addington on the work of the trustee board; an article from Ambitious about Autism; and news that a work experience action group was recently launched to implement recommendations from the 2018 youth select committee regarding improving the quality of work experience programmes and their access. Other information included news on the Votes at 16 cross parliamentary party campaign report published a few months ago.

The forthcoming regional convention in Exeter will see the annual Make Your Mark (MYM) consultation become a key feature of the event. Members were asked 'What do we know about MYM and what we don't know about it?' – Whilst the general response was 'very little' it was hoped the workshop will inform SDYC reps and subsequently help

SDYC gain a greater understanding. Other features of the convention will be, 'how to work successfully with your MP' and 'how to promote campaigns'.

#### **10. Local Strategic Partnership Report from meeting on 7 June - Helen**

Helen gave a report of the meeting, which featured themed discussions on the reduction of carbon emissions and how partners can work together. Presentations came from SDC's Chief Executive, Kathy O'leary and Leader, Cllr Doina Cornell regarding the Council's priorities for 2019/20 and then, SDC's Director of Development Services, Barry Wyatt regarding a carbon neutral district by 2030 (CN2030) – this follows the adoption by SDC of an climate emergency. Helen highlighted that she felt there was potential for SDYC to have a voice in the CN2030 programme. The community level approach needed, would be very akin to the work of local youth forum groups going forward. Helen had encouraged the partnership to involve young people from the very earlier stages and not follow the example by Glos2050, of not involving young people until after the objectives were set. A project to make the district plastic free was to be launch on 1 July. Stroud MP, Davis Drew stated that he would be very pleased to meet with SDYC Members.

#### **Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events**

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

- a) BYC Regional Youth Voice Convention – Saturday 22 June 2019
- b) Voter Registration Workshop – Monday 24 June 2019
- c) C-Card Champion Training (over 16s) – Monday 1 July 2019
- d) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 8 July 2019
- e) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – to be confirmed

#### **16. Any Other Business**

**SDC Youth Work Strategy – Future Development:** Steve informed members that a Task and Finish Group made up of SDC Officers and Councilors, were due to begin meeting soon. The purpose is to develop and implement a new 4 year youth work strategy, which will commence from April 2020. Members were reminded that the strategy is the main driving policy that enables the service they receive to be delivered by the youth work team. Further updates will made at future SDYC Main Meetings.

#### **17. Date of the next meeting**

Monday 15 July 2019 at Ebley Mill.