



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 17th September 2018

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Nyima Trawally (Archway School)	P
Helen March (Archway School)	P
George Adamson** (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Oli King (Cainscross Youth Forum)	p
Rebecca Hunt (Cainscross Youth Forum)	Ap
Jonty Fuller (L) (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	AP
Amy Jones* (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	AP
Macy Stanton (Maidenhill School)	P
Ben Stone (Marling School)	P
Marcus Fuller- Watts (Marling School)	P
Thomas Haynes (LD) (Rednock School)	P
Amelie McKenna (Stroud High School)	P
Catherine Loewenthal (Stroud High School)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	Ap
Lily Haines (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (HWB)(Nailsworth&Minchinhampton YF)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Katie Pugh (Archway School)	AP
Claire Gee (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Lucia Oldbury (Stroud High School)	AP
Mary Hutchinson (Stroud High School)	AP
Hannah Macadam (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Evie Bennett – Stone (Wotton-Under-Edge YF)	A

EX-OFFICIO

George Sutton	A
Tom Schaffner	A
Alex Lin-Vines	A
Lauren Davies	A
Holly Hughes	A
George Sutton	A
Alexandra Parker	A
Luna Stephens	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
 Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer, Stroud District Council
 Rachael Hill, Youth Work Officer, Stroud District Council
 Cllr's Nigel Prenter and Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council
 George Richmond, Deputy Member of UK Youth Parliament for Cotswold & Stroud

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting especially guest, George Richmond. Apologies are listed on the record above.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 16th July 2018

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record following changes to page three, stating that; 'Human Rights fortnight involved the whole school and organised by year 10s'. *Proposed by Lily Haines; Seconded by: Oli King*

3. Matters Arising

a) Gloucestershire 2050 Update (Steve)

Meeting last week was postponed, awaiting new date.

b) Youth Voice Rounder's & BBQ Event – Feedback (All)

Feedback was all positive and members rated it 4/5 or 5/5 for enjoyability. A few comments said 1 or 2 things could've been different.

c) Canal Volunteering Days – Feedback (All)

Members said it was good fun and that they would do it again next year, it was hard work and they learnt more about the canal project.

d) NHS CCG Future in Mind Refresh Event (on 24 August) – Feedback (All)

Members said it was really good to meet those from other organisations and backgrounds – some positive links were made.

4. Correspondence

Energy from Waste Centre (Javelin Park Incinerator) Visit

The centre are developing an education program for visitors and would like to offer SDYC the opportunity to help them. Members were keen to on this idea and to view what the venue looks like. The majority of members were keen to visit (most likely on a Monday) with view to acting as advisors on their programme.

Sustainability and Environment Education

Sustainability and Environment Education want to know if sustainability and climate issues are something that young people are thinking about, what issues within that topic are focused upon, and how young people feel about these in regards to their futures. The quest for the information stems from their desire to tailor their learning, teaching and facilitation techniques to better meet the needs of the young people that they will be working with in the future. The survey would be circulated soon.

Summer Opportunity for History Students

Creative Sustainability CIC have been offered a rare opportunity by Gloucestershire Archives to take a group of young people to explore original materials from the Stroudwater Navigation Archive, dating back to 1776, including maps, minute books and landowner letters. They would like to invite sixth form students with a genuine interest in history to take part in this event.

5. Make Your Mark 2018 – George Richmond, Deputy Member of Youth Parliament (Cotswold & Stroud)

George gave an overview of the national Make Your Mark initiative. He reported that few schools in the district had responded, with only Stroud High School having signed up to date. George promoted and encouraged this programme. Tally sheets were distributed. George also highlighted their work on mental health consultation – members felt it would be good to link with SDYCs work on this topic. An enquiry was made with regards to viewing the MYPs mental health consultation results. George also promoted the Member of Youth Parliament opportunity to

stand in elections in January 2019.

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

Berkeley Vale YF – Berkeley Vale Youth Forum is meeting tomorrow and have four new members. They will be promoting the groups and youth club facilities.

Cainscross YF – Litter picking and cake sale is planned to take place on the 29th September, 6 different groups to go to 6 different areas and it is a fund raiser for the youth forum and the youth and community centre. The survey is being distributed.

Cam & Dursley YF – New group formed over summer and new several potential projects are being considered.

Archway School – Voting taking place for new school council. Elections for head people and committee and building walled garden.

Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF – Future projects and recruitment; visit to Stroud foodbank is coming up.

Stroud High School – Set up a period of learning about how the school council works prior to elections.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – Signed up to help a refill scheme locally via an app and helping with Miles Marling project to regenerate a field at Forest Green into a public recreational play park.

7. Reports from Focus Group & Project Team Meetings

a) Health Focus Group – 30 July & 15 August 2018

Report of meeting 30th July

NHS CCG – Your Journey, Health Care fund brochure consultation

It was noted that the group assessed the 'Your Journey' health care fund brochure for children in care and have given feedback to the NHS CCG.

Public Health School Nursing

It was noted that the group will pursue with the work with Public Health Glos' on this matter.

Youth Friendly GP Surgeries

It was noted that the group will progress this project at the next meeting.

The overall report was proposed by Issy Llewellyn and seconded by Oli King. Report was approved.

Report of meeting 15th August

NHS – Future in Mind

It was noted that members plan to attend this event and continue the ongoing work with the NHS CCG.

Public Health Glos' School Nursing – Video invite

It was noted the group hopes to be consulted on the school nursing video at the next meeting.

Youth Friendly GP Surgeries

The draft plan for an award system was approved. Subsequently, contact will be made with the NHS CCG and the appropriate GP Surgery group, for consideration as the first stage of this project.

The report was proposed by Issy Llewellyn and Seconded by Tom Haynes. Report was approved.

b) Local Democracy Focus Group – 13 & 22 August 2018

Review of National Democracy Week

It was recommended, that future events regarding promoting democracy should see SDYC more involved in the planning. The Report was proposed by Thomas Haynes and Seconded by Oli King.

Voter Registration

Current Data – The group received the report of current data for Stroud District. Increase of 260 16-17 year olds since January 2018. RAG (Red/Amber/Green) reports updated twice a year. Direct communication with households. SDC – 98% return rate with Canvas. Current 16 & 17 year old registration data: 47%. Registration Year: December to November. Ideas for SDYC Involvement:

- Help with annual Canvas (Aug to Dec)
- Staged events: Question Time style event involving a panel debate followed by mock polling in schools (Years 10 to 13)
- SDYC to potentially work in Red (RAG Report) areas first
- Need ongoing statistics. Current Opt-In system
- Barriers: Polling Stations are daunting

Questions & Future considerations:

- Are SDYC members 16+ registered?
- National Average (16-17 & 18 plus)? District Average? (All ages)
- A step by step guide is being created by Elections Team. Advice from Elections Team is to not target geographical areas until December when new figures will be available.

Future project/ campaign - Registration with SDC: 50% by Nov 2018; 60% by Nov 2019; 70% by Nov 2020; 80% by Nov 2021. Key messages:

Why - Can't vote if not registered...why vote? You have a greater say locally & nationally; be part of the solution not the problem; vote on issues that matter to you; No Vote No Voice; Registered 18 to 24 year olds have voted against the country's outcome, because of low turn-out; give you a right to complain;

When- when you are aged 16 & receive your National Insurance number

Who - Aged 16 or over with National Insurance number can register using two addresses. Including boarding school students.

How - Online; Post via Canvas;

Decision to recommend that progress is continued on a project/ campaign with regards to Voter Registration, using the information and ideas listed above. Decision to propose that we will formally ask SDC to work with us to increase voter registration figures for, as follows; 50% by Nov 2018; 60% by Nov 2019, 70% by Nov 2020; 80% by Nov 2021. Proposed by Thomas Haynes, Seconded by Oli King.

Communicating with Adopted Lords & Local MPs

Discussion was had on how and what, we should be communicating to Adopted Lords and MP's. It was felt the each edition of the new quarterly Stroud Youth Voice Newsletter should be sent to them. A series of meetings (ideally during UK Parliament Week, 12 to 18 November) should be set up with each of them, whereby the Leadership Team would have face to face discussions. The was highlighted as topics for discussion;

- Votes at 16 – progress with local campaigning and recent decision by SDC
- Health and wellbeing issues and projects
- Ask them about their role and how they work

Some consideration was also given as to whether a conversation should be had with Lords and MP's on Voter Registration Reform – the idea being that registration could automatically take place alongside National Insurance registration. It was felt that the Department of Work and Pensions and Electoral Commission would need to be lobbied through the Lords and MP's.

It was recommend the leadership team meet with Adopted Lords and MP's to discuss relevant topics relating to SDYC projects including those concerning health and wellbeing. Each edition of the quarterly newsletter is sent to them. Proposed by Thomas Haynes and seconded by Lily Haines.

The overall report was proposed by Thomas Haynes and seconded by Oli King. Report was approved.

c) Anti Bullying Project Team 19 July & 30 August 2018

Understanding Bullying - Decision to note the project team have been exploring their own understanding of what bullying is and how it affects young people.

Research of Current Policies in Schools - Decision to note the project team are researching current school

policies on Anti-Bullying.

Youth Survey - Decision to recommend that the project team create a survey, which can be sent out to young people in schools across the district, to gather current and realistic data on how young people feel that bullying is dealt with in schools and how this can be improved- Proposed by Thomas Haynes and Seconded by Helen March.

Creating an Anti-Bullying Policy - Decision to propose that the project team create an anti bullying policy using collected data that can then be presented to other organizations – Proposed by Thomas Haynes and seconded by Helen March.

The report was proposed by Thomas Haynes and seconded by Oli King. Report was approved.

8. Leadership Team Report

The Leadership Team met over two occasions to prepare for and consider, the BYC policy motions being presented at their Annual Meeting in Cardiff on 1 September.

9. British Youth Council Report

a) BYC Youth Voice Convention – Saturday 13 October

Members explained their involvement at the event – highlighted the 4 workshops themes. Vacancies for the UK Youth Ambassadors were promoted. Elections of chair, trustees and honorary presidents were undertaken.

10. Local Strategic Partnership Report – From meeting on 7 September 2018

Tom H attended with Steve and through partner updates, gave an overview of SDYC's recent progress. The news on social mobility in the Stroud district was presented by SDC's CEO whereby the contribution of youth work and young people having a voice etc to the current position of being ranked 43rd in the country.

11. Social Media Update

The Youth Work Team highlighted what had changed over the last few months and a discussion was held with regards to promoting the page and members posting direct to Stroud Youth Voice page. Greater 'sharing' was encouraged as was the need for input from members 'following' the page. Suggestion to include articles from lead members. Discussion on the progress to have Twitter and Instagram was also had, with both now set to launch in early November.

12. Forthcoming Meeting & Events:

The following meetings and dates were promoted.

- a) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – 19 September 2018**
- b) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – 1 October 2018**
- c) SDYC Local Democracy Focus Group – TBC**

13. Any Other Business

Main Meeting Finish Time

A short discussion was had on whether meetings could finish at 6:15pm rather than the current 6:30pm with regards to transport logistics and Neighbourhood Wardens new work schedules. Members feed back included bonkers, no way, unable to start earlier, less items not feasible, exclude.

14. Date of the next meeting

Monday 15th October 2018.