



## NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

**Date: Monday 18 January 2021**

**Time: 16:30**

**Venue: Online via Zoom**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Cate James-Hodges (Archway School)	P
Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Saul Traquino (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Fin Smith* (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Jasmine Beese (Cainscross Youth Forum)	A
Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Coban McGee (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Amber Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	A
Miki Bailey (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Beatrix Herbert (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	AP
Archie Gent (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	P
Bliss Ackland (Maidenhill School)	AP
Skye Rees (Maidenhill School)	P
Ben Stone (Marling School)	P
Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	A
Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	A
Morgan Smith (Rednock School)	P
Ted Smith (Rednock School)	A
Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)	A
Lotty Trunks (Stroud High School)	P
Alice Standing (Stroud High School)	P
Lily Haines (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett** (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Brandon Watkins (Thomas Keble School)	P
Carina Marlot (Thomas Keble School)	P
Phoebe Davies (Wotton Youth Forum)	AP
Freya Sinclair (Wotton Youth Forum)	A

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Tom Werrett (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	AP
Nell Porter (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	AP
Tayla Handbury (Maidenhill School)	P
Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	AP
Megan Land (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	P
Sophie Miles (Rednock School)	A
Lily Stothard (Wotton Youth Forum)	A
Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum)	A

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Helen March	A
Claire Gee	A
Millie Radford	A

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

Amie Radford (Gloucestershire Young Carers)	A
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**\*\* = Chairperson \* = Vice-Chairperson (L) = Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given # = present for part of meeting**

**Principal Members: (AB) = Anti-Bullying, (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing, (E) = Environment, (LD) = Local Democracy,**

#### **Others Present**

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer, Stroud District Council; Seb Williams, Youth Work Officer, Stroud District Council  
Cllr Nigel Prenter, Stroud District Council  
Katie Adsett, Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud & Cotswold

An Introduction to Zoom took place from 4pm - whereby those in attendance who were not used to the online video platform and / or the format for this meeting, were able to question and test various aspects of this function. It also gave a chance for informal conversation between members to take place between those who had not done so for many months.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, particularly those attending for the first time, as well as Katie Adsett (MYP for Stroud & Cotswold) and Cllr Nigel Prenter. Apologies are listed on the record above.

### **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 14 December 2020**

The minutes of the last main meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: Archie Gent; Seconded by: Cate James-Hodges.*

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **a) Christmas Event on 16 December – Feedback (All)**

Members said it was nice to feel 'together' and the best online video gathering some had experienced. The programme from Seb and Steve was fun and engaging.

#### **b) Nomination of Co-Options - update**

There had been no reply to date from the respective organisations.

#### **c) Elections Round 4**

There were no nominations received – it was agreed that whilst nominations for remaining positions were still welcome, promotion and communication would not continue for the remainder of this short year.

#### **d) NHS Glos CCG consultation on mental health research – Feedback**

Those that took part agreed it was very good and expressed how friendly the researchers were – they felt listened to and taken seriously. Participants also completed a survey, which highlighted how important this involvement was to improving and developing mental health services. Participants were congratulated.

#### **e) Invitation to Transition Stroud – update**

There had been no reply to date from the organisation.

#### **f) Stroud Water Train Station Campaign – consider information & invite to main meeting**

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the campaign group should be invited to a future main meeting to explain more about the campaign and how it could benefit young people.

### **4. Correspondence**

#### **SDC Leisure and Wellbeing Review**

The Council were carrying out a full review of their leisure and wellbeing services including facilities and spaces across the district. SDYC were invited to participate in the consultation currently underway – the first opportunity was to attend the (adult) Councilors consultation event on 21 January. A future youth related event was also being planned, on which more information would follow.

#### **Sustainable Stories**

A programme from the museum in the park called Sustainable Stories, was shared with members – they were encouraged to make enquiries and get involved if they wish. Information was available via the Museum website.

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

Archway School – Cate recently met with the Head Teacher to discuss various matters including student voice. She will now have regular access to the Senior Leadership team at the school and will attend the student council meetings. A new bike shed and charging points were being installed. A focus the mental health of students was being developed. Cate was congratulated on her efforts to advocate the importance of student voice.

Berkeley Vale YF – a follow up on a consultation for redeveloping the facilities at Canon Park was being done - the groups opinion on the equipment choice, had been requested by the Town Council. The design of wider consultation regarding youth provision in the town, was also being considered by the group.

Cainscross YF – the main focus was that of recruitment, with some members moving on since September.

Cam & Dursley YF – no representatives present.

Chalford Cubed YF – the group were looking to meet with the youth worker from Frith Youth Centre and also participated in the NHS CCG mental health research.

Hardwicke YF – whilst no representatives were present. It was highlighted that following a boost from news about funding gained for local youth provision in Hardwicke, the group would be focusing efforts to recommence their work with the parish council on the project to create a dedicated youth building. The success of the funding bid was attributed to the hard work of the group over the last few years.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – whilst no student council meetings had taken place recently, efforts to create a sustainability forum were being made.

Maidenhill School – The school council still hadn't met since September.

Marling School – the student council had transformed into an online function and this was working well. Some charities were being considered for support. The 'House' system was being reformed. More SDYC representatives were also being considered.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – whilst the group hadn't met as a whole since the end of November, engagement with the community had continued. Work on the astro-turf area was underway. The group were meeting with the Friends of Forest Green and Community Roots to explore a community engagement training programme for young people.

Rednock School – no report was available.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – no representatives present.

Stroud High School – no report available

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – a recent meeting included the group assessing projects they were working on prior to the pandemic and would be exploring these with contacts again, including: the Town Council regarding benches project. They were also looking to welcome new Neighbourhood Warden, Craig Fellows at a future meeting.

Thomas Keble School – new representatives Brandon and Carina highlighted that a new extension to the lunch hall was being built.

Wotton YF – no representatives present.

## **6. Member of Youth Parliament for Cotswold's & Stroud: Katie Adsett**

Katie thanked members for the invite and welcome. She highlighted that she was still new to the role of MYP and was seeking to reach out to SDYC members and other youth voice representatives for support. The main focus was responding to the annual national Make Your Mark initiative, which was carried out in November and December 2020 – the youth consultation, carried out as a ballot resulted in 4 main topics being prioritized; two of which would be debated in the House of Commons (virtually this year due to covid restrictions). There were 680 ballots casts by young people in Gloucestershire, with the 25% of participants highlighting domestic abuse and mental health and 25% highlighting free universities – the latter has now become a national focus for the UK Youth Parliament. Katie stated that her passion was help to improve mental health, which in-line with the results for the county would be her priority – she added that she was a volunteer for the MIND charity. She expressed her interest in working in partnership with others including SDYC - an invite for SDYC was received to join her at a meeting with the Stroud MP, Siobhan Baillie. Katie also expressed an interest in getting involved with her local youth forum group, Stonehouse Action 4 Youth (SHA4Y). It was agreed that Ben (PM for Health and Wellbeing) would meet Katie to discuss SDYC's work on mental health; and that Jemma (SDC youth worker) would make contact to introduce her to SHA4Y. It was noted that the invitation to meet with the Stroud MP may be dependent on the availability of relevant members of the Leadership Team, given the limited time frame.

## **7. Reports from meetings of Project Teams and Focus Groups**

It was noted that no such meetings had taken place in the last month.

## **8. British Youth Council (BYC) Report** – presented by Cate James-Hodges

Cate shared details of upcoming events regarding the BYC, which included a four-part training / introduction programme which included planning for projects with a regional focus.

## **9. Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership (GCRP) – Overview and Update**

The work of the combined GCRP / SDYC Transport group was presented to the meeting and included members breaking out into small groups to analyse the draft survey. Feedback was taken from each of the groups and would be used to amend the survey at the next at the next transport group meeting – one key point was that efforts should be made to reduce or combine the number of questions, ideally to target of 20.

## **10. SDYC Project Teams and Focus Groups** – self nomination (voting and deputy members)

The process of self-nomination was explained and members were reminded of the difference between project teams and focus groups. Those set up to function for the remainder of the 2020/21 year are as follows;

- a) **Health Focus Group** - involves work on more than one project
- b) **Local Democracy Focus Group** – involves work on more than one project
- c) **Anti-Bullying Project Team** - involves work on just one project
- d) **Environment Project Team** - involves work on just one project

Both voting and deputy members were encouraged to get involved with the work of the project teams and focus groups.

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

- a) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – Wednesday 20 January
- b) SDYC Leadership Team Meeting – Monday 25 January
- c) SDYC Environment Project – TBC
- d) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – TBC
- e) Community Rail Partnership / Youth Transport Group – TBC
- f) SDC CS&L Performance Monitoring Meeting – 17 February (half term break)

## **12. Any Other Business**

The Chair highlighted that there was a government review pending on the exam schedule for this year. Members subsequently discussed how this uncertainty was affecting them.

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

Monday 22 February 2021