



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 18 November 2019

Time : 16:30

Venue: Ebley Mill, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Catherine James-Hodges (Archway School)	P
Helen March** (Archway School)	P
Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	AP
Claire Gee (Cainscross Youth Forum)	A
Shannon Griffin (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Annabel Broderson (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	P
Miki Bailey (AB) (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Ben Stone (HWB) (Marling School)	P
Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	A
Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	P
Morgan Smith (Rednock School)	P
Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)	AP
Lotty Trunks (Stroud High School)	AP
Alice Standing (Stroud High School)	P
Lily Haines* (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Hannah Macadam (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP
Frankie Fry (Thomas Keble School)	A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Denicia Blake (Archway School)	A
Jasmine Beese (Cainscross Youth Forum)	AP
Ryan Rumble (Cainscross Youth Forum)	A
Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	AP
Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	AP
Finlay Smith (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Millie Radford (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P#

EX-OFFICIO

Lauren Davies	A
Holly Hughes	A
Luna Stephens	A
Rebecca Hunt	A
Issy Llewellyn	A
Marcus Fuller-Watts	P
Jonty Fuller	A
Amy Jones	A
Katie Pugh	A
Thomas Haynes	A

CO-OPTIONS

Amie Radford (Gloucestershire Young Carers)	AP
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** = 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 and Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer, both Stroud District Council
 Cllr Nigel Prenter & Cllr Steve Robinson, both Stroud District Council
 Coban McGee, Cam and Dursley Youth Forum (Observer)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Acknowledgment was given to those attending for the first time including those observing from Cam and Dursley Youth Forum. Apologies are listed on the record above. Members were reminded of how the voting card system works to enable formal decision-making to function, with voting members having the choice of three options using the respective coloured cards.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 16th September 2019

The minutes of the last main meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: Maxie Wells.*
Seconded by: Fin Smith

3. Matters Arising

a) Museum in the Park, Community Display Area: 20th Anniversary

Member's views on the opportunity presented by the Museum regarding using their proposed community display area, were mixed. Some felt that the space available and venue, would not be suitably relevant to promote the work of SDYC. However, others disagreed and felt that a static display relevant to the 20th Anniversary of SDYC would be suitable and enable promotion to be carried out in a different place. It was not certain how long a display would be on show, but this aspect could be confirmed.

A formal proposal was put forward: 'To pursue the principal of an SDYC promotional display at the Museum'; the outcome of the subsequent vote was: For: 7; Against: 2; Abstain: 3. the proposed motion was agreed.

b) Energy from Waste at Javelin Park re Visitor & Education Centre

An update on communication with the centre was given. Whilst their ability to interact with members was queried, the majority of members expressed an interest in a visit - it was agreed that arrangements would be made to visit on a Monday.

c) Child/Youth Friendly Gloucestershire Workshop (23 October) – Feedback

Members who attended gave feedback on the event, with many claiming it felt like Gloucestershire was 'in crises'. They agreed it didn't go on long enough and the co-ordination of the workshop was not good - particularly as it wasn't clear what was being asked of them as attendees. Any future engagement needs a revision to the format and the timing amended. Other comments included: the presenters used a lot of adult terminology; and there was constant interruption from 'an adult' during round table discussions. The chance to mix with young people from other areas during discussions, would have also been good. However, on a positive note; members felt their comments were received well and taken seriously with the event being generally meaningful and productive. The adult presenters definitely listened to attendees and a follow up event would be good, as long as it was more adapted to young people.

d) SDYC 20th Anniversary – ideas on celebrations (All)

Discussion was had on how the anniversary could be celebrated. Members enquired as to how the 10th anniversary was marked. They subsequently agreed that an event (ideally held in March) whereby current and former members were brought together, would be the best way of 'kicking off the year'. Ideas for the event included, local bands playing live, a celebration cake and various presentations from past members reflecting on their experiences of being an SDYC member. Millie offered to assist with event planning as part of her event management course.

e) Statutory Youth Voice - Letters to SDC Group Leaders (Helen)

Helen updated members on the reaction to her and Lily's letter to SDC Group Leaders. She reported that two of the four leaders had replied and added, that a depersonalized template of the letter had been included in the Youth Work Strategy Report background paper pack, for the forthcoming SDC Community Services and Licensing Committee.

4. Correspondence

Neighbourhood Watch Association - Representation from SDYC

Contact had been received from the Valley and Vale Neighbourhood Watch Association, enquiring if SDYC would still like to have representation at their meetings. Following a brief explanation from Steve about the associations purpose, where he highlighted previous representation had been made by SDYC, it was agreed that it would be preferable to keep the connection with them. Their next meeting is on Tuesday 3 March, 7pm at Nailsworth Sub Rooms. Lily, Helen and Evie expressed an interest in attending.

Christmas Fayre – Cashes Green Community Centre

Members were informed about a Christmas Fayre at Cashes Green Community Centre on 1st December, 1pm to 5pm, whereby homemade gifts would be on sale.

The Barn Youth Theatre

Information had been received from The Barn Theatre Company, based in Cirencester highlighting their new initiative that aims to give young people a creative voice, safe space to develop creative practical artistic entrepreneurship for 15 to 21 year olds. More details about the emerging youth theatre company, would be sent to all members via email.

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

Archway School – The school council and the eco council have now merged. The Children in Need fundraiser gave £200 at the recent social event.

Berkeley Vale YF – In Emma absence, Jemma reported that District Cllr Lindsey Green attended a recent meeting for a question and answer session with the group. The next meeting the group will meet the new town council clerk and will discuss plans for the new play equipment.

Cainscross YF – Unfortunately the group had not met recently, as the venue had a heating and plumbing problem.

Cam & Dursley YF – Unfortunately District Councilors invited to visit a recent group meeting, didn't arrive. However Neighbourhood Warden, Andy Beamish came to the following meeting to gain advice on speaking to primary schools about fly tipping, general littering and recycling. The group recently reviewed their work of the last year and have been invited to the Festive Dursley Event which involved the Christmas Light Switch-on.

Hardwicke YF – The forums first working group with Hardwicke Parish Council is set for 19 November – this will pursue the agreement to work together on developing youth provision in the locality.

Marling School – There's been no meeting of the school council met recently.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – District Councilors attend a recent meeting, whereby forum members explained their projects and discussed various matters. Members also attended the Child/Youth Friendly Gloucestershire consultation event. Olivia attended a recent MUGA project meeting, which is considering the matters of concern with noise from the facility – progress is being made with a petition to keep it open helping to look at ways to solve the problems whilst keeping the facility open for young people. They are now looking at the funding required to build a new one.

Rednock School – the school have secured 10 student places at the anti-bullying event in Bristol. The youth work team (Jemma and Steve) have recently met with the lead tutor for the student council, to help support the early development of the body. The 6th Forum Committee are setting up a Ball and Christmas Fair which will raise money for charity.

Stroud High School – Year 8 have now been involved with choosing the Circle of Life charity. They have formed a group to lead the AAA Project, which includes 7 categories and goal setting.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – the group are making progress with compiling the results of their local survey. They recently welcome Kate, the deputy clerk of Stroud Town Council and discussed the potential of a 'bench project' which would see town centre benches painted using an artistic theme as a basis. If developed, it could coincide with the Stroud Paint Festival – a new event for 2020.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – the group will be helping out at the forthcoming Stonehouse Goodwill Festival and are busy making hair and wrist 'scrunches' for selling at the event. They are also involved with the Intensive Engagement Project being led by a multi-agency group to increase community cohesion and tackle anti-social behavior. Charlie regularly sits on this group.

Wotton YF – whilst no representatives to SDYC have been elected yet, Jemma reported that the group were slowly

developing through a close working relationship with KLB School. Meeting would be taking place at the local youth centre in the town next month.

6. Sexting / Online Safety for Parents – report on meeting re videos

A meeting took place at Stroud Police Station to prepare for making video / voice recordings for a forthcoming event on 23 November, aimed at parents learning more about online safety of their children. Members involved were recording their own views on the issue, which would then be played at the event. Members over 16 were invited to attend and all members were encouraged to recommend this to parents as well – information about the Police led event were circulated.

7. Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups

a) Health Focus Group – 11 November 2019: the following was reported by Ben Stone;

Youth friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Update:

Members were asked to note; that the pilot assessment had taken place at May Lane surgery and amendments were made to the initiative according to the outcomes of the pilot run. A report has been written for the surgery, which highlighted that they had been awarded a 'Silver' status.

Sexting and Sexual Health:

Members were asked to note; that the health focus group was updated on the progress of the sexting and sexual health project, by Jemma.

PPG Cluster Presentation:

Members were asked to note; that the health focus group will prepare a presentation for the Patient Participation Group Cluster, which will likely take place in January and will cover the Youth Friendly GP Surgery Initiative.

The next group meeting is scheduled for 25 November.

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

8. British Youth Council Report

Maxie gave an overview and round-up of various news items and opportunities from the BYC. These included; new member organisations being welcomed to the BYC 'family'. A 'thank you' to organisations that submitted policy motions and spoke at the annual meeting, this included SDYC. The announcement of a Youth Select Committee report on Knife Crime would take place on 20 November, which BYC members could attend an event to discuss and question the findings. The Make Your Mark initiative results were due to be announced soon. The NHS Youth Forum were recruiting young people to be part of their work. A call for evidence was announced regarding the Independent Review of Prevent, the governments counter terrorism and border security policy.

9. SDC Youth Work Strategy - Update

Steve gave an update on progress of the future youth work strategy for SDC. He thanked those members who had submitted comments and testimonies in relation to the strategy proposal. He highlighted that the Task and Finish Group (SDC Officers and Councilors), had completed their work and the subsequent formal report had been written with supporting background papers; all of which would be considered by the SDC Community Services and Licensing Committee on 28 November. All members were invited to attend the meeting, which would see Steve presenting the report with support from Helen and Miki. The Committee will decide if the proposed strategy is approved at this meeting.

10. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

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

- a) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 25 November 2019
- b) SDC CS&L Committee Meeting - 28 November 2019
- c) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – Monday 2 December 2019

Miki commented that new members would be invited to attend the anti-bullying (AB) project team meeting. Cate highlighted that Archway School had a homework portal, which she had encouraged the school to use to promote the AB project survey.

11. Any Other Business

Annual General Meeting & setting the SDYC key issues and projects

Ben queried how the youth council's key projects and issues were decided upon and suggested that more input should be made by the project teams and focus groups. Steve briefly explained that the Annual Review carried out in March should cater for this. However he acknowledged that this aspect may not have been given as much time as it should have and that the 2020 annual review members workshop, should ensure this happens next time.

17. Date of the next meeting

Monday 16 December 2019 at Stroud Fire Station