



**NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:**

**Date : Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

Nyima Trawally (*Archway School*) A  
 Helen March (*Archway School*) P  
 George Adamson\*\* (*Berkeley Vale Youth Forum*) P  
 Oli King (*Cainscross Youth Forum*) AP  
 Micky Bailey (*Hardwicke Youth Forum*) P  
 Leon Linton-Blake (*Hardwicke Youth Forum*) P  
 Jonty Fuller **(L)** (*Katharine Lady Berkeley School*) P  
 Amy Jones\* (*Katharine Lady Berkeley School*) AP  
 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*) P  
 Lily Haines (*Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF*) P  
 Isabelle Llewellyn **(HWB)**(*Nailsworth&Minchinhampton YF*) P

**DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Katie Pugh (*Archway School*) P  
 Claire Gee (*Cainscross Youth Forum*) P  
 Baz Leach (*Hardwicke Youth Forum*) P  
 Lucia Oldbury (*Stroud High School*) AP  
 Mary Hutchinson (*Stroud High School*) A  
 Hannah Macadam (*Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF*) P

**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  
 Rebecca Hunt 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  
 Ellie Sherman, Berkeley Vale Youth Forum  
 Emma Champion, Berkeley Vale Youth Forum  
 Dr Louise Livesey, Co-chair of South West Regional Board of Remembering Srebrenica

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting especially members of Berkeley Vale Youth Forum Ellie and Emma. Apologies are listed on the record above.

## **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **a) Energy from Waste Centre Visit – Friday 26 October**

Members gave feedback on their visit to Javelin Park, they said the staff was very friendly and informative. They were reassured on their concerns on how environmentally friendly it was. Members said the presentation at the start was full of technical terms and not youth friendly.

### **b) Sustainability and Environment Education (SEEd) – Feedback on the survey**

The survey principally asked what people think about sustainability and youth attitudes to sustainability. A few members did the survey and those that did, felt there were a lots of questions (30 plus) maybe too long. They would like to invite SDYC to endorse it. The idea of a workshop was considered; members voted to attend a workshop.

### **c) Stroud Valleys Landscape Project/ Walking the Land**

Dates were discussed for those that had previously expressed an interest in this opportunity – a Wednesday or Thursday would be considered with dates likely to be later in November or early December.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **Retirement – Macy Stanton**

Macy Stanton has retired from her role as a Maidenhill School representative to SDYC.

### **EmpowHER Programme – Young Gloucestershire**

Kirsty Carden, Community Engagement Youth Worker at Young Gloucestershire has an opportunity to offer SDYC regarding a new project she is running called 'EmpowHER Programme'. This is a 12 week programme to support young women and girls aged 10-20 to increase wellbeing and empower change within themselves, their community and the world. The programme works with its partners British Red Cross. It was agreed that as this programme was aimed at young women and girls, the information would be sent to those expressing an interest. Amelie and Catherine asked for this information.

## **5. Presentation on Remembering Srebrenica**

Dr Louise Livesey, Co-chair of South West Regional Board of Remembering Srebrenica charity as welcomed to the meeting. Members received a very informative overview of the events that occurred in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1995, that led to the genocide of over 8000 people. Louise gave an insight into the work of the charity - named after a small town in north east Bosnia – a country that was part of the Yugoslavian federation which struggled and became under control of the Serbian army. Members learnt that Sarajevo (capital of Bosnia) was the most under siege city/ area in Europe for almost 4 years. Following the showing of a film, members were able to reflect on the courage of survivors and those effected by the atrocities. They subsequently discussed how they could advocate the importance of tackling hate crime locally, including raising the profile of the charity in schools. Members requested the presentation for members to advocate to schools, not in school curriculum.

Louise also discussed standing up to 'hate' in the UK and gave examples locally in Gloucestershire and South West region including Oxfordshire. Aspects of what charity does in the county were shared. A further discussion on how schools mark Holocausts was held – with little known locally on the events in Bosnia.

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

**Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF** – A recent presentation on plastic free lifestyle was received. A meeting with Stroud Town Council included; consultation on Park Gardens – a project emerging to clean and refurbish the park is emerging; and a discussion regarding Sub Rooms and being consulted on its development in the future.

**Marling School** – Year 10/11 have seen improvements in GCSE results.

**Archway School** – Gender equality being discussed as topic. Peer reading involving sixth form and year 7s.

**Katherine Lady Berkeley School** – New head started. Work alongside Senior Management Team and Board of Governors to reflect on achievements.

**Stroud High School** – Student voice network progressing slowly. Going to be raising money for children in need.

**Hardwicke YF** – Finishing touches on presentation to Hardwicke Parish Council.

**Cainscross YF** – Recruiting members, Clare is now a voting member.

**Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF** – Finalizing logo. Decision on MM project- members involved in looking at future projects.

**Cam & Dursley YF** – Recent meeting looking at bullying, SDYC reps; tour round C&D area with NHW Andy.

**Berkeley Vale YF** – Tales of old Berkeley Tour, the Jenner Museum event to raise money and awareness. Attending the Town Council to promote the group and they recently welcomed PCSO at the last meeting to consider future work.

## **7. Child/ Youth Friendly Gloucestershire Project**

### **a) Feedback from Workshop on 29 October**

Members generally felt the workshop was useful to explore the project proposal in more detail.

### **b) Presentation to Project Steering Group on 1 November**

Jonty and Helen highlighted the work done since the special project workshop on 29th October. They informed members that they both attended a meeting at Gloucestershire Police Headquarters on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 the consultation reported. Members were assured that SDYC involvement in this project would be on going.

## **8. Reports from Focus Group & Project Team Meetings**

### **a) Local Democracy Focus Group – 5 November 2018**

Progressing with Voter Registration Project – what can SDYC do? Get into schools and promote during June and July. The main focus being in September with year 12 & 13. It was recommend, that a time tabled plan of targeting schools and colleges from April through until December is agreed. Develop a bespoke plan for each school/ college & ask members to liaise with tutors and the student voice group. Proposed by Tom Haynes and Seconded by Tom Wickham- Bassett. The report was approved.

### **b) Health Focus Group – 12 November 2018**

Youth Friendly GP Surgeries project – It was noted that the presentation has been altered and finalised and is ready to present to the GP group.

Public Health School nursing – review of engagement to date. It was recommend that SDYC put on hold creating a project a project with school nursing while we are focusing on the youth friendly GP Surgeries.

Sexual Health Services – what do we (SDYC) want to see improved?

It was noted that the group have started to look at sexual health as an issue and possible avenues or projects.

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

**c) Anti-Bullying Project Team – 1 & 15 November 2018**

Youth Survey - It was proposed that SDYC should hold off of the draft survey until the next main meeting.

Gathering Information – It was noted that the project team is continuing to gather information from young people about how they feel about bullying and the way it is dealt with in schools.

Creating an Anti-Bullying Policy – It was noted that the project team is looking forwards to creating their own policy, which will be created from the results from the survey, and from schools policies.

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

**9. British Youth Council Report – Helen and Lily**

Preparations are underway for elections of BYC Trustees. 27<sup>th</sup> November is celebrating global citizenship day. Nominations for the BYC Youth Voice Star Awards are now open – categories include: Young Campaigner; Celebrating Diversity; Youth Led Organisation; Youth Voice Worker; Youth Voice Champion; and, Award for Personal Development.

**10. Forthcoming Meeting & Events:**

Members were asked to note the following meeting dates;

- a) SDYC Leadership Team Meeting – 28 November 2018
- b) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – 18 December 2018
- c) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – 12 December 2018
- d) SDYC Local Democracy Focus Group – To Be Confirmed

**11. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**12. Date of the next meeting**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.