



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 20th May 2019

Time : 16:30

Venue: Stroud Fire Station

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Helen March** (Archway School)
 Katie Pugh (Archway School)
 Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)
 Claire Gee (Cainscross Youth Forum)
 Shannon Griffin (Cainscross Youth Forum)
 Thomas Haynes (LD) (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)
 Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)
 Miki Bailey (AB) (Hardwicke Youth Forum)
 Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)
 Jonty Fuller (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)
 Amy Jones (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)
 Ben Stone (HWB) (Marling School)
 Marcus Fuller-Watts (Marling School)
 Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)
 Hope Edgell (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)
 Morgan Smith (Rednock School)
 Amelie McKenna (Stroud High School)
 Catherine Loewenthal (Stroud High School)
 Lily Haines* (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)
 Hannah Macadam (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)
 Frankie Fry (Thomas Keble School)

DEPUTY MEMBERS

P	Catherine James-Hodges (Archway School)	P
P	Denicia Blake (Archway School)	A
P	Jasmine Beese (Cainscross Youth Forum)	AP
P	Ryan Decarteret (Cainscross Youth Forum)	AP
P	Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
P	Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	AP
P	Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
P	Finlay Smith (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
P	Tom Wickham-Bassett (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP
AP	Millie Radford (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	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

1. Workshop Session

A short activity to place to welcome members less familiar with each other, including a quiz to consider various abbreviations and jargon used during meetings and general conversations. The youth voice vehicle (system and structure) was also referenced, as was a revised flow chart of the formal decision-making process for SDYC.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially those attending for the first time. Apologies are listed on the record above. The Chair mentioned that some agenda items may need to be postponed due to the previous workshop session taking more time than planned.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 29th April 2019 (Annual General Meeting)

The minutes of the annual general meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Claire Gee; Seconded by: Thomas Haynes.*

4. Matters Arising

a) **Voter Registration Workshop – new date:** It was noted that a new revised date of Monday 24 June, had been agreed with the SDC Elections Team. More details will follow nearer the time.

b) **Key Issues and Projects for 2019/20**

Members discussed the suggested list of issues and projects which were drafted at the AGM. In addition to those that were relative to the agreed manifesto, the following were confirmed as issues or projects to explore over the next year;

Young People's Health and Wellbeing: C-Card training; pressures and stress regarding exams; disability awareness including attitudes to education; and, healthy eating promotion.

Young People and Local Democracy: Redevelop relationship with previously 'Adopted' Lords; Interact with County Councillors, particularly regarding health and education issues; Interact with respective Members of Parliament for Stroud and Cotswold; Further develop relationship with SDC political group leaders. It was agreed (following a vote) that the Member of Youth Parliament and their deputy should be invited to main meetings in a non-voting capacity.

Other Projects: Continue to be involved with the Child / Youth Friendly Gloucestershire initiative; discuss a potential environment related project at the next and future meetings.

c) **Consider Co-options for 2019/20**

A conversation was held on the purpose of electing co-option members and their purpose. The role enables the youth council to elect up to 5 young representatives from organisations or groups that represent a demographic that is not already being represented by the general membership. The following were highlighted, in which to research and approach for consideration: Young Farmers; Young Carers; LGBTQ+; Homeless groups; Child in Care Council; Young Mum's, Disability awareness groups; Child and Young Peoples Mental Health Services.

5. Correspondence

Retirement of Stroud High School Representatives: We've had correspondence from SHS that Amelie Mckenna and Catherine Loewenthal are not wishing to be re-elected as their SDYC reps' and Mary Hutchinson is longer interested in being a rep. SHS will be carrying out elections from their student voice group very soon.

Change in Representation from Nailsworth and Minchinhampton Youth Forum: Evie Urquhart has replaced Hope Edgell as a voting rep' for the youth forum group. Hope was thanked for her short period as a rep' and will focus on her youth forum work.

Stroud Hospital League of Friends: Following a recent presentation by SDYC reps' at a Local Strategic Partnership,

the league of friends would like to invite representation from SDYC onto their committee. Whilst this had been already discussed by the Health Focus Group, members agreed that the opportunity would be better given to Stroud Town and Five Valleys Youth Forum.

5. SDYC Elections Results – Round 2

The results from the online elections for Round 2, are as follows;

- a) **Principal Members (PM):** PM for Anti-Bullying – Miki Bailey; PM for Health & Wellbeing – Ben Stone; PM for Local Democracy – Thomas Haynes.
- b) **British Youth Council Representatives (x2):** Maxie Wells and Leon Linton-Blake

As there were no nominations for Leader and PM for Environment, these will be received in Round 3.

6. SDYC Project Teams and Focus Groups for 2019/20 – formation of groups / teams

Members were encouraged to self-nominate for the respective groups and teams, which they wish to be part of for the year ahead. It was noted that the principal members would automatically lead their respective group or team.

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

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

8. Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups

- a) **Health Focus Group - 13 May:** the following was reported by Ben Stone;
Healthy Lifestyles Scheme (GP Referral) Consultation – members were asked to note that the group had been consulted on SDC's Healthy Lifestyle Scheme, with Hannah Drew (Sports & Health Development Officer) presenting details on the programme. Members gave a number of suggestions including; group classes rather than gym based, however these could be daunting for those with mental health issues; extra moral support for young people; and, youth friendly gym instructors.
Youth Friendly GP Surgeries – members were asked to note that new group members were updated on this project. Feedback was shared in the group on the presentation given to the GP Forum. The content of a GCCG document on changes to practice standards will be consider at the next group meeting.
C-Card and Sexual Health – members were asked to note the following; training date options regarding The Eddystone Trusts (ET) work with us: 1 July for C-Card Champion Training (over 16s only); 25 July for alternative training for under 16s. The ET surveys would be looked at during the next group meeting. The results from the CDYF survey that included reference to the C-Card.
Stroud Hospital League of Friends (SHLF) – members were recommended that the offer from the SHLF to have a place on their committee should be given to Stroud Town and 5 Valleys Youth Forum. However ideally it would be an SDYC representative from that forum that would take up the role.

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

9. British Youth Council Report

Details had been received from the BYC about the forthcoming Regional Convention on 22 June – these would be shared with the new reps'.

An invite to a celebration event in Westminster on 22 May regarding the work and achievements of the UK Youth Parliament was highlighted, however given the location and timing it was note feasible for us to attend.

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 Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – Tuesday 28 May 2019

- b) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting (Youth Friendly GP Surgery) – Wednesday 29 May 2019
- c) Youth Voice Introductory Training – Thursday 30 May 2019
- d) Local Strategic Partnership Meeting – Friday 7 June 2019
- e) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 10 June 2019
- f) Voter Registration Workshop – Monday 24 June 2019

15. Future Guest Presenters

The Chair suggested that invites should be offered to the Gloucestershire Children in Care Council and the Young Ambassadors, to enable SDYC to learn about their roles in ensuring youth voice is heard from the perspective of those that they represent. This was agreed and an update would be given at the next meeting.

16. Any Other Business

Members were asked to state whether they wanted future main meeting mailing either sent in the post or not – this was recorded and the admin system would be updated.

17. Date of the next meeting

Monday 17 June 2019 at Ebley Mill.