



NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

Date : Monday 20th July 2015

Time : 16:30

Venue: Restaurant, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Libby Powell (L) (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Tom Schaffner (ET) (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Lily Clarke (H) (<i>Archway School</i>)	AP
Ollie Catchpole* (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Holly Abbott (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Ella Turney (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	Ap
Archie Holley (E) (<i>Marling School</i>)	Ap
George Gooch (D) (LD) (<i>Marling School</i>)	P
Emily Osborne (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
James Pain (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Toni McNee (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Tom Ambury (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Charlotte Bignell** (<i>Stroud Town Youth Forum</i>)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	Ap
James Preece (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	P
Lee Beldam (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
Ceren Tüzün (<i>Cam & Dursley Youth Forum</i>)	A
James Lauchlan (HWB) (<i>Stonehouse Action 4 Youth</i>)	P
Zara Morgan-Glass (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	A
Tom Brady (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	Ap
Sophie Wilkins, (<i>Nailsworth & Minch Youth Forum</i>)	P

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Kyle Roberts (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
Sabita Burke (<i>Chalford Cubed Youth Forum</i>)	P
Gemma Goodship (<i>Archway School</i>)	A
Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	Ap
Tom Rowland (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	AP
Lily Bryant (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	A
Tiarna Crowther (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	P
Ollie King (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	AP
Precious Kennedy-Hauilton (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	A
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	P
Richard Harper (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Jesse Winter (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	Ap

EX-OFFICIO

Kate Jones	A
Kirsty Driver	A
Millie Jotham	A
Sahaya James	A

CO-OPTIONS

Alex Lin-Vines	P
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**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair (L) = Leader (D) = Deputy Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given**

Principal Members: (ET) = Employment & Training, (H) = Housing, (E) = Environment, (LD) = Local Democracy, (HWB) = Health & Wellbeing

Others Present:

- Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer (Hear by Right), Stroud District Council
- Simon Gillings, CEO/Youth Worker, Youth and Community Services
- Mike Hammond, Community and Facilities Manager, Stroud District Council
- Jackie Godwin, Policy Officer, Stroud District Council
- Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council
- Alysha Bodman, Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud & Cotswold

Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guests inc. Mike Hammond, Jackie Godwin, Cllr Miranda Clifton and Alysha Bodman were also welcomed. Apologies were received from; Lily Clarke, Ella Turney, Archie Holley, Issy Llewellyn, Tom Brady, Kyle Roberts, Nyima Trawally, Tom Rowland, Ollie King and Jesse Winter.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – Monday 20th July 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: James Lauchlan; Seconded by: Holly Abbott.*

Matters Arising

a) Tenant Services ‘Have Your Say’ Community Event on 22 July – members attendance

Lily Clarke (Principal Member for Housing) is unable to attend – other members wishing to attend should see Steve, ASAP.

Correspondence

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting: Tuesday 22 September, 7pm, Stroud Police Station. It was noted that Libby and Charlotte will attend.

Updates from Schools, Colleges and Local Youth Forums (All)

Chalford Cubed Youth Forum – Speed Watch with the Police was very successful; located near to the schools, fastest speed recorded 46mph in a 30mph zone. Party in the Dark will be held on 24th October, subject to Parish Council approval. The group is still in discussions with contacts in France regarding a potential exchange. The new logo for the forum is now ready.

Thomas Keble – Student Council are looking at what they can do with an outdoor open space at school, which has been made available. This project will emerge in the autumn.

Katharine Lady Berkeley – Work Experience programme’s generally went well. The refurbished canteen will be completed by September.

Nailsworth/Minch Youth Forum – Progress to join the two youth forum groups (who’ve been meeting separately) together has been made - well done to all involved.

Marling – The building work which was supposed to be finished in January is now scheduled to be finished in September.

Archway – A meeting with the lead tutor for student participation (Steve Saville) has taken place, the school will now be developing closer links with the development of Cainscross Youth Forum.

Stroud Town Youth Forum – A forum logo has now been completed and coincides with the change in name to Stroud Five Valleys Youth Forum. Recruitment is underway, although the Synergy group at The Door Youth Project did not have reps’ available at present. The youth forum group are now meeting more regularly as projects emerge.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – Another SA4Y coffee morning bringing young and old people together, went quite well. New youth forum logo is ready to use.

British Youth Council Report (Charlotte)

Government Budget: The first budget of this Parliament saw the end of the university maintenance grants and a new minimum wage re-branded as a 'living wage' introduced for everyone except young people under 25.

Mental Health Youth Select Committee: Young representatives from across the UK will be questioning two Government Ministers as part of their inquiry into mental health, focusing on awareness, education and the current services on offer for young people. The Youth Select Committee is a British Youth Council initiative, supported by the House of Commons. The eleven committee members are aged 13-18 and include two Members of the UK Youth Parliament (MYPs), two youth councilors, a young Mayor, one elected representative from each of the devolved nations and three reserved seats.

BYC Annual Council Meeting (ACM): Held this year on Saturday 5th September in London, the ACM celebrates what BYC have achieved in the last year and also shapes the future work through discussion, debate and voting on policy motions. Delegates to the ACM are reps' from member organisations – SDYC rep's will be in attendance.

Men's and Mental Health Conference on 26 June 2015 – Report (James P)

James Pain and Issy Llewellyn attended with Steve. It was a good day, lots of representatives from a wide range of organisations with three topic based workshops complimenting the key note speakers. One workshop related to two people who set up a support group for men who have had bereavement. James spoke at another workshop that related to bereavement through suicide. Suicide is the biggest killer of men under 45; 70% of suicides are male – a big issue with men's mental health. Next year's conference will focus on young people's mental health; the organisers have asked if SDYC could play a facilitating role.

UK Youth Parliament - Alysha Bodman, Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) for Stroud & Cotswold

Alysha gave a brief overview of her role and highlighted that many MYP's have been working on the 'Make Your Mark' campaign (previously circulated to SDYC) - she encouraged members to become MYM Champions and through contacting students in all schools in the area, ask them to sign up to the campaign. Schools that have joined up to date: Archway, Deer Park, KLB, Rednock, Sir William Romney, Stroud High School, Westonbirt and Stroud College. The ballot boxes and the tally sheets will go out in October and powerpoint presentations will be held in assemblies. Other work undertaken by Alysha and her deputy, Esther Mounce includes researching all the services available to young people regarding mental health – this was noted as being complimentary to the work of SDYC. Alysha was thanked for her presentation and would be invited back again in the autumn to give an update.

Curriculum for Life (facilitated by Tom S & Simon)

This item was taken as a workshop style discussion on the Review Your School pack (previously circulated), whereby members worked in small groups to focus on typical PSHE curriculum subjects. The outcomes would inform current work of the Employment and Training Focus Group.

NHS CCG Health and Wellbeing Transformation Plan: Youth Engagement Event Invite

The NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is holding a youth engagement event specifically for young people in Gloucestershire to inform them about the quality of mental health services. This is in response to central government requiring CCG's to submit a 'transformation plan' with regards to improving such services. SDYC are invited to attend the event on Wednesday 22nd July, 10.30am to 1.30pm at Eastington Community Centre.

Arch to Uni Scheme – Presentation from Ollie Catchpole

Ollie presented details of a new scheme entitled 'Arch to Uni' which hopes to tackle the need for accurate guidance to higher education as it is emerging that much information was mainly given about getting apprenticeships. Whilst an e-survey has yet to have many responses, booklets are being given out about the scheme. It was suggested that meetings with local schools would be a good idea to raise the profile with tutors and student council's.

Reports from Focus Groups

- a) **Employment and Training:** A formal report from 6th July meeting was not required as the group meeting covered planning for the previously delivered Curriculum for Life workshop.
- b) **Health:** A formal report from 7th July meeting was not available. Highlights included an update on the Facts4Life project. A full report would be given at the next main meeting.
- c) **Local Democracy:** The formal report was proposed by George and seconded by Ollie C.

Votes at 16 Consultation – TO NOTE: Members of the group will be sent initial findings of the Votes at 16 surveys to analyze over the summer break – a final report will be drafted thereafter.

Autumn Democracy Event – PROPOSAL: SDYC should develop a presentation based upon the votes at 16 survey report for the Local Strategic Partnership, the Stroud Schools Partnership and other key officials.
RECOMMEND: An event should be organized in which schools send representatives to undertake workshops exploring the following: What is democracy; History of Parliament; Why politics makes a difference; What differentiates the political parties.

The report was accepted and members agreed with the decisions presented.

Reports from SDC Committee Meetings

23 June – Housing Committee: No SDYC members were able to attend.

25 June – Strategy & Resources Committee: No SDYC members were able to attend.

Any Other Business

Stroud Life Business Awards (16 June) - Libby and Charlotte accepted the invite to this event and thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which included meeting people from a variety of organisations as part of the award ceremony.

Too Hungry to Learn – Libby shared her recent volunteering experience with a London based organisation who were operating breakfast clubs for children who's education was being adversely affected as they were 'too hungry to learn'.

Chalford Photo' Project – this emerging activity was highlighted by Tom S.

Emily Osborne's Leaving – It was noted that this was Emily's last SDYC meeting as a voting member/rep' for KLB. Emily was thanked for her hard work over the three years of engagement and wished well on moving to London and beginning life at university.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 7th September 2015