



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date: Monday 20 December 2021

Time: 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Cate James-Hodges **(EN)** (Archway School)
 Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)
 Saul Traquino (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)
 Fin Smith* (Cainscross Youth Forum)
 Maxie Wells **(HWB)** (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)
 Gabe Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)
 Ely McFadden (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)
 Miki Bailey (Hardwicke Youth Forum)
 Tom Werrett (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)
 Nell Porter (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)
 Bliss Ackland (Maidenhill School)
 Skye Rees (Maidenhill School)
 Ben Stone **(L)** (Marling School)
 Alfie Stick (Marling School)
 Megan Land (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)
 Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)
 Morgan Smith (Rednock School)
 Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)
 Lotty Trunks (Stroud High School)
 Alice Standing (Stroud High School)
 Lily Haines** (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)
 Tom Wickham-Bassett **(LD)** (Stroud Town Five Valleys YF)
 Brandon Watkins **(AB)** (Thomas Keble School)
 Carina Marlot (Thomas Keble School)
 Phoebe Davies (Wotton Youth Forum)
 Lily Stothard (Wotton Youth Forum)

EX-OFFICIO

Helen March
 Claire Gee
 Millie Radford
 Archie Gent

DEPUTY MEMBERS

P	Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
A	Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
A	Kai Bullivant (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	P
AP	Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
P	Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	A
P	Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	A
AP	Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum)	A

CO-OPTIONS

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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; (EN) = Environment; (LD) = Local Democracy

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer
 Seb Williams, Youth Work Officer

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair and Leader the group elected Tom Wickham-Bassett as the acting Chair for the meeting. Tom welcomed members to the meeting, particularly those attending for the first time. Acknowledging that a number of (now former) members had given their notice to retire, a quorum was present to enable decision-making to take place. Introductions were given by those in attendance. Apologies are listed on the record above.

2. Minutes of the last meeting on 22 November 2021

Minutes were formally presented and agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by: Brandon Watkins; Seconded by: Maxie Wells.

3. Matters Arising

a) Recruitment & Selection of new Youth Participation Officer

Steve gave an update on the process to recruit to the vacant youth participation officer role. The post was now being advertised across a wide range of recruitment platforms including the SDC website. The application closing date is 23 January, with shortlisting taking place soon after. Formal interviews will take place week commencing 31 January, followed by workshop based interviews involving youth voice representatives, scheduled for week commencing 7 February. The workshop based interviews will require approximately 10 youth voice representatives from across the district, to participate in this part of the process – those involved will subsequently have a significant input into the final decision-making ahead of appointing the successful candidate.

b) New Youth Voice Branding – Feedback on Design

Following feedback at the last meeting, amendments had been made to the new youth voice branding. An updated version was shared with members and general agreement was met on this latest version being acceptable. This branding would feature on new t-shirts for youth voice representatives.

4. Correspondence

Bus Service Improvement Plan - Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)

GCC have launched a survey to gather views on their Bus Service Improvement Plan, as well as bus services in general. The deadline for participating is 30 January 2022. – it can be accessed via: <https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementha.com/bus-service-improvement-plan-survey/>

My Way to Breathe Out – Pilot Project with Archway School

SDC Health and Wellbeing Service have purchased 12 copies of the 'breath out' book, developed in association with mental health charity, Mind – they are running a pilot project with Archway School. The plan is to copy a digital engagement project with that Mind posted on their website – so each young person involved, has time to use the journal (approx. Feb half term to Easter) and then submit to us, their favourite way to breathe out and their favourite activity from the book: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/your-stories/a-guide-to-teen-wellbeing/>

Four young people share their experiences reading Breathe Out, A Creative Guide to Happiness for Teen Minds, a book released in aid of Mind.

Retirement of Members

The following members have indicated that they have retired from their role:

Miki Bailey – Hardwicke Youth Forum

Tom Werrett – Katharine Lady Berkeley School

Bliss Ackland – Maidenhill School

Baz Leach – Hardwicke Youth Forum

Nell Porter - Katharine Lady Berkeley School

Skye Rees - Maidenhill School

They were all thanked for their service.

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

Archway School – Cate highlighted that she was preparing information about the youth voice representation opportunities to students, either to SDYC or a local youth forum group.

Berkeley Vale YF – no representatives were present.

Chalford Cubed YF – the group have begun meeting again in the parish offices and are trying to make links with Frith Youth Centre and Thomas Keble School, to re-launch their youth survey.

Cam & Dursley YF – the last meeting, featured a review on recent projects and activities regarding the Christmas programmes, at the Quarry Chapel in Cam and shop window competition judging in Dursley. There was also discussion on pedestrian safety in Dursley, this stemmed from the experience of needing to use the very narrow pavements whilst window judging, with the speed of traffic being an issue.

Cainscross YF – a brief tour around Ebley Mill featured in a recent session for the group.

Hardwicke YF – no representatives were present.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – no representatives were present.

Maidenhill School – no representatives were present.

Marling School – no representatives were present.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – no representatives were present.

Rednock School – Morgan met the head teacher for a second time to further the discussion on efforts to kick-start youth voice in the school. Steve offered support on this.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – no representatives were present.

Stroud High School – no representatives were present.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – it was confirmed by the town council that their work regarding the 'bench project' had been held up, due to long-covid of relevant staff.

Thomas Keble School – no report available.

Wotton YF – no representatives present.

6. SDYC / GCRP Transport Group Report from meeting on 8 December

Maxie reported that, a small group of members had met with Hannah from Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership. They went over, in more detail, the statistics previously presented to SDYC. They reflected on the work done and outcomes found so far. Their Kickstarter Officer was focusing on the findings relating to 'safety' and 'gender'. There would be more information to follow, once it's been made available – a suggestion from GCRP was to meet again in the future. Members agreed that SDYC's future involvement should be through a county-wide youth representative group, as previously suggested.

7. British Youth Council (BYC) Report

Cate attended the recent All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Youth Affairs online event regarding youth responses to COP26. Facilitated by the BYC, she was disappointed that no MP's were present, due to a covid related issue being discussed in parliament. It felt like there was little added to what was commonly known about already regarding COP26 outcomes.

8. Neighbourhood Watch Association Report from meeting on 22 November

Tom attended this meeting as the SDYC representative and highlighted that the meeting discussed crime in certain areas of the district, the promotion of their website and the 40th anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch. They are developing links with Deliveroo and the Hollie Gazzard Trust. The Police were promoting the new FLARE App regarding the reporting of inappropriate behavior and experiences relating to personal safety of women and girls. There was a focus on the theft of vehicle catalytic converters, plus scams regarding people impersonating police officers. Whilst he had no opportunity to report on the work of SDYC, he did enjoy listening to others in attendance. It was agreed to invite the SDC Neighbourhood Wardens to a meeting, to promote the FLARE App and discuss the matters relating to its use.

9. Local Strategic Partnership Report from meeting on 3 December

No SDYC representatives were able to attend. The meetings notes would be shared in due course.

10. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- a) SDYC Leadership Team Meeting – 10 January
- b) SDYC Local Democracy Focus Group – 17 January
- c) C-Card Training with The Eddystone Trust – week commencing 21 February

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

14. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 24 January 2022