



## NOTES OF THE MAIN GROUP MEETING ON:

**Date: Monday 21 March 2022 (coinciding with Annual Review)**

**Time: 16:30**

**Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Cate James-Hodges **(EN)** (Archway School)  
 Jack Blakey (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)  
 Katie Bray (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)  
 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)  
 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)  
 Alyssa Pearce (Thomas Keble School)  
 Phoebe Davies (Wotton Youth Forum)  
 Lily Stothard (Wotton Youth Forum)

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

P	Jacob Bray (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	AP
AP	Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
AP	Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
AP	Kai Bullivant (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	AP
A	Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF))	A
A	Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum)	A
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#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Helen March  
 Claire Gee  
 Millie Radford  
 Archie Gent

#### **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 (Stroud District Council)  
 Seb Williams, Youth Work Officer (Stroud District Council)

## **1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and outlined that this short meeting was to consider various matters of youth council business, prior to the Annual Review workshop session.

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting on 14 February 2022**

These were not presented at this meeting, but this task would be done at the Annual General Meeting.

## **3. Local Democracy Focus Group Report from meeting on 28 February**

Statutory Youth Voice – develop a draft structure: The group reflected on the previous meetings report and acknowledged the decisions made at the last SDYC Main Group Meeting.

The group feel the following should be included as essential resources for a youth voice model:

- Young people – identify age range; determine if its paid or voluntary involvement
- Youth workers – qualified and experienced
- Transport – access to vehicles
- Meeting space – appropriate for the purpose
- Youth voice training – various programmes required
- Communication and facilitation – hardware and software
- Administration systems
- Refreshments for youth voice activities, events, and meetings
- Relationships with adult decision-making processes
- Internal reviews carried out by young people – on programmes and impact
- Adherence to Hear by Right (national standards for youth participation) and its award programme

Members were asked to consider the following recommendation: *That the list of essential resources drafted in this meeting, evolved into a formal checklist, and becomes part of the project / campaign.*

Report Proposed by: Tom Wickham-Bassett; Seconded by: Cate James Hodges.

Following a vote, the report was approved.

## **4. Leadership Team Plus Chair & Vice Chair Report from meeting on 7 March 2022**

Review Approved Report from Last Meeting on 10.01.22:

Members were asked to note, that the Leadership team acknowledged the approved report.

Updates on Project Teams and Focus Groups:

Members were asked to note, that the team did a brief run through of the work of the project team and focus groups.

Environment, Carbon Neutral and Climate Emergency 2030 Statement for SDYC Manifesto:

Members were asked to consider the following proposal: *'That the SDYC statement regarding the Environment, Carbon Neutral & Climate Emergency 2030 is proposed at the Annual General Meeting for inclusion in the SDYC Manifesto.'*

Meeting with the Stroud Member of Parliament:

Members were asked to note, that the invite to Stroud MP, Siobhan Baillie to meet with representatives of SDYC has been received and acknowledged. A date is being sought and a further reply is expected.

#### Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Review of SDC – Briefing for Meeting with LGA:

Members were asked to note, that the Leadership Team was briefed on the forthcoming meeting with the Local Government Association regarding the 'peer review follow-up', which SDYC had been invited to participate in.

#### Amendment / Addition to the Report – Youth Voice and Safeguarding Statement for SDYC Manifesto:

Members were asked to consider the following proposal: *'That the following statement is included into the 2022/23 SDYC Manifesto: 'SDYC believes that children and young people cannot be adequately safeguarded, unless they know their rights and are able to exercise all their rights according to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child UNCRC).'*

Report Proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Tom Wickham-Bassett.

Following a vote, the report was approved.

#### **5. British Youth Council Report**

A BYC South West Youth Voice Convention was being planned for **Saturday 25 June 2022** – it was hoped that it would be held face-to-face and a venue was being sourced.

**6. Date of the Next Meeting:** To be confirmed