



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date: Monday 21 June 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)
 Coban McGee (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)
 Amber Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)
 Annabelle McFadden (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)
 Miki Bailey (Hardwicke Youth Forum)
 Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)
 Beatrix Herbert (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)
 Archie Gent (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)

DEPUTY MEMBERS

P Conner Roberts (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum) A
 A Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum) A
 A Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum) A
 P Tom Werrett (Katharine Lady Berkeley School) A
 P Nell Porter (Katharine Lady Berkeley School) A
 A Tayla Handbury (Maidenhill School) A
 A Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF) AP
 A Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF) P#
 P Sophie Miles (Rednock School) A
 A Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum) A
 AP Freya Sinclair (Wotton Youth Forum) AP

EX-OFFICIO

Helen March A
 Claire Gee A
 Millie Radford A

CO-OPTIONS

**** = 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
 Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer
 Keith Gerrard, Director of Communities (#)
 (All SDC).

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, particularly those attending for the first time including Alfie Stick representing Marling School and Keith Gerrard, SDC Director of Communities. Introductions were given by those in attendance. Apologies are listed on the record above. It was confirmed that a quorum (minimum number of members present) was present and therefore formal decision-making could take place, including business from the Annual General Meeting that was rescheduled for this meeting.

2. Minutes of the Main Meeting on 22 March 2021

Due to a quorum not being present at the last meeting (Annual General Meeting), these minutes were formally presented and agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by: Cate James-Hodges; Seconded by: Brandon Watkins.

3. Informal notes of the Annual General Meeting on 24 May 2021

Due to a quorum not being present at the last meeting (Annual General Meeting), the notes needed to be formally accepted as minutes. This was approved. Proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Cate James-Hodges.

The minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record with an amendment made to the report from Maidenhill School, to state that, 'their school council had not met since February 2020'. Proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Brandon Watkins.

4. Matters Arising

Due to a quorum not being present at the last meeting, the following items needed to be formally approved;

- a) **Health Focus Group Report** – the recommendations and proposals from 12 April and 17 May were approved. Proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Cate James-Hodges.
- b) **Leadership Team Report** – the Manifesto Proposal from 18 May (Promotion of Racial Equality) was re-presented at this meeting and approved. Proposed by: Lily Haines; Seconded by: Cate James-Hodges.
- c) **Annual Review Report** – the report was acknowledged, with particular regard to projects and initiatives that feature in the list of What's Changed, Changing & Not Changed. The Key Projects and Issues for 2021/22 were approved. Proposed by: Tom Wickham-Bassett; Seconded by: Brandon Watkins.

5. Other Matters Arising

- a) **Nomination of 2nd Representative to Neighbourhood Watch Association (NWA)** – Tom put themselves forward for the remaining role. It was agreed that Lily Haines and Tom Wickham-Bassett would be representatives to the NWA.
- b) **Nomination of Co-Options – Update** – Steve explained that communication with Gloucestershire Young Carers and Gloucestershire Young Farmers was underway.

6. Correspondence

Retiring – Beatrix Herbert

Beatrix has recently informed us that she is no longer able to represent KLB School, having left following her exams. She will therefore be retiring from her role as SDYC representative – Beatrix was thanked for her participation.

GCRP Youth Empowerment, Diversity and Inclusion Project

Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership (GCRP) are looking to develop a new follow-on project that will ensure that the outcomes from the travel needs survey are taken seriously. This project will centre on the broad themes of 'diversity and inclusion', with a focus on access to rural and green spaces for urban-based

young people, particularly from the black communities. GCRP are looking for interest and commitment from SDYC, alongside other organisations.

Members felt they need more information on this and therefore it was agreed to send the project document to each member with view to discussing it further at the next meeting.

Barnwood Trust – My Pandemic

An opportunity from the Barnwood Trust was shared, which related to story-telling and the impact of the pandemic on individuals and communities. It was agreed that details on this will be sent to members, in which to explore themselves.

Educational Psychology Research Support Request

A request has been received from a trainee educational psychologist in Gloucestershire, who wishes to work with young people in school years 8 to 11, to undertake the first phase of some research regarding extracurricular activities and wellbeing. The initial stage would be to complete an online questionnaire. It was agreed that member would be sent this information via email and would be able to get further involved if they wish.

Community Roots – Anti-social Behaviour Survey

Members were given the opportunity to complete a four question survey from Community Roots regarding anti-social behaviour – this had been sent to all members before the meeting.

Stroud Young Peoples Communiversity

An opportunity has been offered to SDYC to give views and potentially get involved with a project that is being designed to equip young people (between 18 and 25) with the values, agency, vision, skills, experience and networks to become active leaders in the community, food and environment sector. The project is being led by Jade Bashford and is supported by the Communities Fund at the National Lottery – Stroud Valleys Project and Stroud Community Agriculture are also supporting this project. There was some personal interest from members, however it was agreed to invite them to a future main meeting to present and discuss opportunities further.

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

Archway School – the sad news of the recent death of a student dominates the school student community, with support coming from various organisations. As a result, exams have been postponed further.

Berkeley Vale YF – no representatives were present.

Cainscross YF – no report was available.

Cam & Dursley YF – held the first face-to-face meeting for many months and discussed matters to do with the lack of local activities for young people and subsequently started planning a potential summer activity programme. The group will also be involved with the annual town festival.

Chalford Cubed YF – no representatives were present.

Hardwicke YF – the group were still waiting to hear from Hardwicke Parish Council regarding the follow plan proposal to do joint tour of youth centre / provision buildings across the district in relation to the project for Hardwicke - the pandemic had held up a lot of progress. Anxiety amongst young people in the community was recognised.

Katharine Lady Berkeley School – no representatives were present.

Maidenhill School – the school council still hadn't met since February 2020.

Marling School – school council met recently, local elections were promoted. They are creating a survey to consider views and opinions on various matters in school, including canteen pricing and the environment, plus the treatment of school property.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – no representatives present.

Rednock School – the school council still hadn't met since September 2020.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – new members had been welcomed. New ideas had been discussed as a result. The group were generally getting used to meeting face-to-face again and were starting to review previously agreed projects that had made some progress before the pandemic brought them to a halt.

Stroud High School – whilst the school council hadn't met since the pandemic, year 10 were undertaking mock exams and an ice skating trip was being planned.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – the group had further discussions on the Bench's Project and were making progress with the co-ordination of this.

Thomas Keble School – recently, discussions had been had for the school council to raise the matter of more equality in school.

Wotton YF – no representatives present.

7. Health Focus Group Reports from meetings on 14 June 2021, presented by Ben Stone

Future Me Gloucestershire: Members were asked to note; that the HFG met with Future Me Glos and both organisations presented information regarding themselves and possible areas of collaboration were discussed. Members were recommended; that local youth forum and school representatives champion Future Me Glos's document on mental health and wellbeing in order to increase awareness of mental health services and advice.

Update from last meeting: Members were asked to note; that Jemma informed the group that there was no further update regarding sexual health training.

Future Meetings: Members were asked to note; that the HFG, were, possible, wished to meet in person (now that covid restrictions have begun to lift).

Healthy Lifestyle Officer Update: Members were recommended; that SDYC's school representatives remind teachers of the survey (sent to them about healthy lifestyles) and importance of filling it in.

Proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Maxie Wells. The report was approved.

8. British Youth Council (BYC) Report

The BYC Annual Council Meeting (ACM) will be held on Sunday 26 September via their virtual platform. The forthcoming BYC Members Meeting on 24 June, will include a breakdown of the timeline regarding policy motion submission ahead of the ACM – Ben and Fin agreed to attend. The deadline for submissions is 11 July. Applications to be a UK Young Ambassador are open, with opportunities for those successful to be representatives to the European Youth Forum or the Commonwealth Youth Forum.

10. GCRP / SDYC Transport Group Report – Survey Extended

Seb gave a brief update on progress of the work with the GCRP. Whilst there had been no need for the group to meet, it was noted that the survey had been extended (as requested by SDYC) to Friday 16 July. It was expected that findings will be shared thereafter and a need for the group to meet again may emerge.

11. Acknowledgement of Member's Service

Steve presented an overview of the volunteer hours carried out by members in the year up until April 2021.

The total number of hours from all members were: 544.3

The top five contributors were: Cate James-Hodges (63.9 hours); Ben Stone (60.0 hours); Tom Wickham-Bassett (44.3 hours); Skye Rees (31.3 hours); Helen March (27.7 hours).

All members involved were congratulated on their hard work and commitments.

12. Acknowledgement of Members Service – Keith Gerrard, SDC Director of Communities

Keith was welcomed to the meeting. He addressed members by saying how pleased he was to be accepting the invite passed on by Kathy O'leary (SDC CEO), who had initially been invited to attend, in which to present members with their service certificates and badges. Keith, highlighted that the work of SDYC was very much appreciated and recognised by the organisation – he acknowledged the recent presentation by Tom and Cate to the SDC Full Council as making members of the Strategic Leadership Team and District Councillors fully aware of the impact being made. He noted, how impressed he was that the organizational and participative processes relating to SDYC democratic decision-making were being

upheld to an excellent standard, with credit to the youth work team and all members for being such an excellent example.

Keith went on to present members with their one and three-year service certificates and certificates to those that had attended the Community roots, Community Organising course.

13. Election Results 2021/22 - Round 2:

The results of the online elections, were as follows:

- a) **Principal Member for Anti-Bullying** – Brandon Watkins
- b) **Principal member for Environment** – Cate James-Hodges
- c) **Principal Member for Health and Wellbeing** – Maxie Wells
- d) **Principal Member for Local Democracy** – Tom Wickham-Bassett

14. Nomination of Officers & Leaders 2021/22 – Round 3:

It was noted that nominations for the following positions would be open from 23 June;

- a) **Representatives to the British Youth Council:** 2 Positions

15. SDYC Project Teams and Focus Groups – self nomination (voting and deputy members)

Members were encouraged to become active members of either the two project teams (Anti-Bullying and Environment) which work on one project; and / or the two focus groups (Health and Local Democracy), which work on more than one project.

16. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- a) BYC Members Meeting (Online) – Thursday 24 June (5.30pm start)
- b) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 5 July
- c) SDYC Leadership Team Meeting – Monday 12 July
- d) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – TBC
- e) SDYC Environment Project Team Meeting – TBC
- f) SDYC Local Democracy Focus Group Meeting - TBC

27. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

22. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 19 July 2021