



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 21 October 2019

Time : 16:30

Venue: Museum in the Park, Stroud

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Catherine James-Hodges (Archway School)	P
Helen March** (Archway School)	P
Emma Champion (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Claire Gee (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Shannon Griffin (Cainscross Youth Forum)	P
Maxie Wells (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Annabel Broderson (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	P
Miki Bailey (AB) (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	P
Leon Linton-Blake (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
Ben Stone (HWB) (Marling School)	P
Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	P
Evie Urquhart (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	P
Morgan Smith (Rednock School)	P
Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)	AP
Lotty Trunks (Stroud High School)	P
Alice Standing (Stroud High School)	P
Lily Haines* (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	P
Hannah Macadam (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	A
Frankie Fry (Thomas Keble School)	A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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

EX-OFFICIO

Lauren Davies	A
Holly Hughes	A
Luna Stephens	A
Rebecca Hunt	A
Issy Llewellyn	A
Marcus Fuller-Watts	P
Jonty Fuller	A
Amy Jones	A
Katie Pugh	A
Thomas Haynes	A

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 and Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer, both Stroud District Council
 Cllr Mattie Ross, Stroud District Council
 Alexia Clark, Museum in the Park, Stroud District Council
 Coban McGee, Cam and Dursley Youth Forum (Observer)
 Olivia Burke, Nailsworth and Minchinhampton Youth Forum (Observer)

1. Introduction & Tour of the Museum

Members and guests were introduced to the museum by Alexia Clark, Documentations and Collections Officer from the Museum. Alexia led a tour around the main building, whereby members were able to see the various items of interest on display. A community display area was highlighted as being a potential space for community groups to profile their work, project or initiative. Members were encouraged to think of how this could be used - it was muted as having potential for an SDYC 20th anniversary display.

Following the tour, business continued as usual.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Acknowledgment was given to those attending for the first time including those observing from Cam and Dursley Youth Forum and Nailsworth and Minchinhampton Youth Forum. Apologies are listed on the record above. Unfortunately the voting card system was not available at this meeting, so formal decision-making would be done by voting with a raised hand – those with voting responsibilities were highlighted.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 16th September 2019

The minutes of the last main meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by: Lily Haines. Seconded by: Connor Roberts.*

4. Matters Arising

a) Lions Young Leaders in Service Award – feedback

There were no further comments from members. However it was highlighted that information about the award programme would be sent to members.

5. Correspondence

Stroud Lido Consultation

Information on the latest round of consultation regarding improvements to Stroud Lido was shared. The facility owned by SDC being considered for improvements. The consultation is being coordinated by Tricolor Associates a heritage development company. Members were encouraged to access their web page, Facebook page or Twitter to undertake the survey.

Gloucestershire Energy from Waste – Javelin Park Visitor and Education Centre

An invitation from Diane Green, Community Liaison Officer of Gloucestershire Energy from Waste at Javelin Park had been received. She highlighted that the Visitor and Education Centre was near completion and wished to offer SDYC the opportunity to give the organisation their views and ideas about how this part of the facility could be developed. Some outline ideas have already been suggested and views on these would also be welcome. Members generally felt this was an opportunity to pursue, now that the facility had moved beyond and building site (as it was during the initial visit a year or so ago). A site visit maybe set up. It was agreed that more details of how this will evolve, would be presented at the next meeting.

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

Archway School – An email has been sent to students offering the opportunity to be part of the school council. All expressions of interest were being collated as a way to kick-start the student voice body.

Berkeley Vale YF – Discussions about linking up with the nuclear power station community group were ongoing. Another opportunity has arisen, with a local metal recycling facility approaching the group offer the chance to develop a community project from scratch, with funding provided. The group also recently welcomed a number member.

Cainscross YF – The group were still pursuing the idea of hosting a talent show and/or a brick-a-brac event using

recycled items. As members limited experience of this, they decided that it would be good to speak to other local youth forum groups to learn how they had coordinated such community events. Contacts had yet to be made by members.

Cam & Dursley YF – the group has been planning the session due to take place this week, which would see District Councillors visit them during the meeting. It was hoped that discussions on SDC's future youth work strategy, plus a question and answer on various topics would be had.

Hardwicke YF – the group presented the findings of their youth consultation to Hardwicke Parish Council. The views and opinions of 386 young people were received very positively and the group were commended on their work. The parish council suggested a joint working group of youth forum members and parish councillors, to discuss the outcomes further and plan a way forward. The Chair congratulated on their outstanding work.

Marling School – the school council met recently. It has now developed a little more, with the introduction of representatives from year 7 involved. There is no news yet on more representatives to SDYC.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – The petition with regards to the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) staying open has progressed and more will be known by the next main meeting. The cycle path from Nailsworth to Stroud is also progressing with a dedicated support group. The youth forum have been preparing for the visit of District Councillors at the next meeting, with a presentation and information to share with them.

Rednock School – progress with the student voice body is being progressed slowly. Morgan reported that she was not being invited to her 'community group', but highlighted the issue with not enough seats being available on the school bus.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – no reps' were present at the meeting.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – the recent meeting involved starting the compilation of survey results. The group hope to visit the Stroud Food Bank in November.

Stroud High School – new representatives, Lotty and Alice were welcomed to the SDYC Main Meeting.

7. Healthy Relationships Workshop with The Beresford Group (23 September) - Feedback

Members generally felt it was a much better learning experience than the summer workshop relating to healthy relationship facilitated by Tiger (The Eddystone Trust's sub-contractor). A good focus on demographics, some content was a little young but also quite heavy at times. There was a focus on teen relationships and coercive control, which was unsettling for some but considered very interesting and helpful.

8. Mental Health First Aid Training (7 October) - Feedback

Members felt this was really good and engaging. It was very interesting and the general feeling was that another workshop should be held, particularly as delegate numbers were limited. Some thought it was a good introduction to mental health first aid, but a more comprehensive workshop might be worth considering. A waiting list of 10 members existed, so it was agreed that another workshop should be coordinated for the first half of 2020.

9. Reports from Project Teams and Focus Groups

- a) **Health Focus Group – 14 October 2019:** the following was reported by Ben Stone;

Youth friendly GP Surgeries Initiative – Update:

Members were asked to note that the group had created a scoring system to be used during the assessments. The first pilot assessment would be held at May Lane Surgery, Dursley probably in October half term break. Discussion had been had at the group meeting on logo designing, which members would carry out the assessment.

C-Card Scheme

The group were informed that various SDC services had an initial meeting with The Eddystone Trust about becoming a C-Card Distribution Centre - this stemmed from a meeting between SDYC and the SDC political group leaders (that occurred last year). Following the positive response from the officers of the services, a report was required to be presented to the SDC Senior Leadership Team on this development. It was proposed that a letter of support in relation to the C-Card scheme being endorsed by SDC, should be added to the aforementioned report.

Sexting and Sexual Health

The group were informed that the Police had approached Jemma about a workshop aimed at educating parents around sexting and what they can do to discuss this with their children. The group felt they could put a short video to convey messages from a young person perspective – those potentially involved could do so anonymously. Many members were interested in being involved and more information would be sent out on how this can happen. It was proposed that SDYC would support this initiative.

Feedback on School Nursing Presentation from the Main Meeting

Feedback was given by members on the school nursing presentation at the main meeting. Members were asked to note, that whilst the nurse was keen to have feedback on the changes made to the service, it was felt that changes should still be made. It was also proposed that future work with school nurses would be best suited to the Health Focus Group in which to have more detailed discussion.

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

10. British Youth Council Report Inc. Regional Convention

Maxie, Lily, Leon and Helen attended the recent south west regional convention. Support Workshops included: Plastic Free Penzance, which included how a campaign to clean up beaches and waters became an environmental success. Although members felt this was not engaging enough.

Dorcas Media and Save Plymouth Lido Campaign, was presented by two people who were an experienced campaigner and media consultant and a journalist respectively. Both shared information, advice and guidance on carrying out campaigns involving many community stakeholders and the local media.

Instagate UK, a campaign on racism and female genital mutilation (FGM) which empowers young people to take active and positive role in transforming society about this exploitation issue and its links radicalisation, gang and drug culture.

Regional Campaign Groups included: Knife Crime, where plans to make a documentary progressed; Votes at 16, which includes links to Curriculum for Life project.

Helen and Lily were approached by BYC Trustee's to ask if SDYC reps' would like to present at a future convention, an overview of youth voice in Stroud district and how this has an input into national policy making and subsequent influence on government. This was received very positively and seen as an acknowledgment of the increase in participation at a regional and national platform by SDYC.

11. SDC Youth Work Strategy - Update

Steve gave an update on progress with the development of the future youth work strategy for SDC. He summarized objectives in the current strategy and those additional objectives being proposed for the future strategy. He highlighted that the Task and Finish Group (SDC Officers and Councilors), as follows;

Current Provision (2017 to 2020)

- 1) Professional youth and community workers delivering practice in larger youth populated areas of the district - this will involve: *Facilitating 9 local youth forum groups, their projects and programmes; Delivering youth and community work projects and programmes which are informed and led by young people; Liaising with local community stakeholders (including parish and town councils, youth partnerships and schools)*
- 2) Professional youth and community workers delivering practice for district youth council based work - this will involve: *Continuing youth voice programmes locally, regionally and nationally; Facilitating specific issues based projects; Ensuring projects and programmes link to locality work.*
- 3) Facilitate district youth work network for practitioners, providers and commissioners
- 4) Help develop practice within SDC with regards to the national Hear by Right standards

Future Provision (2020 to 2024) - All current provision (above), plus the following;

- 5) Develop an enhanced social media presence for interaction with young people and supporters
- 6) Increase youth voice in SDC decision-making, including - this will involve: *Young people having input into committees and work/forward plan; Young people being consulted more specifically and more broadly on matters that affect them; Young people involved with performance monitoring of all policy making and service delivery.*

- 7) Councilors further championing SDC youth service and encourage other providers to support young people to engage with local youth forum groups

Staffing

It's also being proposed that the current arrangement with regards to a staff team, of three dedicated youth and community work officers, will continue.

A formal report will be presented to the SDC Community Services and Licensing Committee on 28 November, to which all members are invited. The Committee will decide if the proposed strategy is approved.

Members were asked for their response to the proposal and would be sent an email giving them the opportunity to comment.

12. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

Members were asked to note the following dates and confirm attendance at those invited to attend;

- a) Child/Youth Friendly Gloucestershire Workshop – Wednesday 23 October 2019
- b) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – Monday 11 November 2019
- c) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – to be confirmed

16. Any Other Business

SDYC 20th Anniversary

Members were reminded that 7 March 2020 is the official 20th birthday of SDYC. Informal conversations about this had begun, however it was felt important that members did so formally to gather support for how this should be celebrated. Steve highlighted that the 10th anniversary was marked with a showcase event at the Stroud Sub Rooms. Ideas were welcomed as to how the 20th year could be celebrated.

Support for Statutory Youth Voice – Letter to SDC Group Leaders

Helen highlighted that her and Lily had written a letter to all SDC political group leaders, outlining the successful policy motion to the BYC manifesto that SDYC reps' had carried out recently. The letter also called upon the group leader's support for the emerging national campaign, as well as the continuation of the Councils current youth work strategy.

17. Date of the next meeting

Monday 18 November 2019 at Ebley Mill