



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 23rd April 2018

Time : 16:30

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Nyima Trawally (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
Helen March (<i>Archway School</i>)	P
George Adamson (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	P
Oli King (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	AP
Rebecca Hunt** (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
Jonty Fuller (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Amy Jones (<i>Katharine Lady Berkeley School</i>)	P
Alexandra Parker (<i>Stroud High School</i>)	AP
Thomas Haynes (<i>Rednock School</i>)	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
Lily Haines (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
Isabelle Llewellyn (<i>Thomas Keble School</i>)	AP
Luna Stephens (<i>Wotton Youth Forum</i>)	AP
Holly Hughes (<i>Wotton Youth Forum</i>)	AP

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Katie Pugh (<i>Archway School</i>)	AP
Claire Gee (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
Hannah MacAdam (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P

EX-OFFICIO

Libby Powell	A
Charlotte Bignall	A
Tom Schaffner	A
Alex Lin-Vines	A
Lauren Davies	P
George Sutton	A

CO-OPTIONS

**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair (L) = Leader (D) = Deputy Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given
= present for part of the meeting**

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

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer, Stroud District Council
Jemma Grieve, Youth Participation Officer, Stroud District Council
Rachael Hill, Youth Work Officer, Stroud District Council
Hatty Davis, Elections Officer, Stroud District Council
Rachael Lythgoe, Communications Officer, Stroud District Council
Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council
Cllr Doina Cornell, Leader of the Council, Stroud District Council
Cllr Steve Robinson, Stroud District Council
Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, former SDYC Member & Chairperson

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially to guests; Hatty Davis, Rachael Lythgoe, Cllr Miranda Clifton, Cllr Doina Cornell, Cllr Steve Robinson and Robin Ellis-Cockcroft. Apologies are listed on the record above.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 19th March 2018

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Tom Wickham-Bassett; Seconded by: Lily Haines.*

3. Matters Arising

a) Mental Health First Aid Training Course- Confirmation of Date: Monday 14th May 2018

The MHFA Training course was confirmed as: Monday 14th May 2018.

b) #IWill: Youth Social Action Event – feedback from attendees

The event took place on 19th April and was co-ordinated by Gloucestershire Community Foundation. Oli and Tom H attended with the youth work team and gave a presentation on youth voice in Stroud District. Tom commented that it was a positive event whereby young people did some networking following presentations from various youth organisations/ groups from across the county regarding the #Iwill Campaign. There is potential for a follow up event.

c) Healthwatch Gloucestershire survey for priorities - report from meeting (Steve)

Healthwatch Gloucestershire Survey for priorities, Steve gave a short report on his meeting with Healthwatch staff. He highlighted their desire to create a 'youth watch' but plans were at an early stage. They were impressed by our youth voice model and projects/ initiatives etc.

4. Correspondence

Period Poverty – Gloucestershire County Council

Eleanor McCloskey the Labour & Green political assistant at Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) wishes to liaise with SDYC regarding an issue raised at a recent GCC meeting regarding Period Poverty, following an amendment put forward by the Labour group to the proposed budget that would see all secondary schools in the county provided with sanitary provision that female students could access for free. The amendment was altered to provide £50,000 over the next two years to tackle period poverty in Gloucestershire by targeting the most vulnerable women in the county. She is currently finding out more about this issue from various community groups including youth groups. It was agreed that an initial reply should explain what SDYC said at the 2017 BYC Annual Meeting and that the Health Focus Group should consider the issue further at the first meeting this year.

Health Visiting and School Nursing Services Consultation – Report on the findings

Hannah Elliott a commissioning officer from Public Health Gloucestershire wishes to thank members for their support during the recent public health nursing consultation entitled 'bringing together health visiting and school nursing services'. Whilst the full report is available at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PHN, they are keen to present their findings in person as requested by SDYC following the dedicated workshop in January. Members agreed they should be invited to either the May or June main meeting.

5. Chairpersons Report for 2017/18 – Rebecca Hunt

Rebecca highlighted a number of important aspects of the last year in her report, which she described as a 'roller coaster' having witnessed a lot of changes. She mentioned the work of local youth forum groups including mental health projects, improving street lighting and the hosting of music events. Whilst noting that the 'Curriculum for Life' project is close to completion, she added the voice of Stroud Districts young people was heard at the BYC ACM on gender issues and sanitary products with representatives speaking on both topics. Rebecca also spoke positively about the new youth voice website and the work of the youth grant fund panel. However she reflected honestly with regards to the SDC youth participation contract with PP ending and the difficulties caused through having less

contracted staff during their tenure and virtually no staff (other than Steve) since September. Such experiences were felt to have shown how strong and resilient members have become. Whilst thanking Steve for his commitment and passion she also welcomed Jemma and Rachael to the youth work team as new staff. She finished by saying it had been a rewarding and inspirational experience as well as an honor to have been chair of an incredible organisation. Rebecca signed off by quoting HRH Prince Harry at a young persons event in Buckingham Palace in June 2017; ‘don’t let anyone tell you young people cannot influence change’.

6. Presentation of Members Service Awards – Cllr Doina Cornell, SDC Leader

Cllr Doina Cornell was welcomed to the meeting to present the following members with their service award certificates and badge: Nyima Trawally (3 years); Helen March, George Adamson, Rebecca Hunt, Claire Gee, Thomas Haynes, Tom Wickham-Bassett, Lily Haines, Luna Stephens and Holly Hughes (all 1 year). Cllr Cornell congratulated members on their achievements during the last year and highlighted to members her plan to present a motion to SDC Council on 17 May, regarding support for lowering the voting age to 16 and increasing young people’s involvement in local democracy.

7. Reflections & Travels of a Former SDYC Member – Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, former SDYC Chairperson

Robin E-C gave an enthusiastic, poignant and passionate presentation on his story that included his early years and family life ahead of joining SDYC as a school representative and then a founder of Stroud Town and Five Valleys Youth Forum group. He spoke candidly about his time as SDYC Chair, sharing memorable moments that enhanced his learning of being in a group and working with adults to enable young peoples views to be heard. Robin reflected on a range of youth council projects and initiatives that have since paved the way for better employment and training opportunities in the district, as well as developing life skills through such voluntary engagement. Since retiring from SDYC, his time has been spent in Fiji working with local communities around better sustainable living; followed by a few years at university to set up his ambitious plans for the future. However a family member’s need for support has changed in his path. Robin highlighted that the empowerment of women and the art of listening, both feature as two huge aspects of his life so far. He encouraged members to take the opportunities that are offer and make every effort to maximise them for the benefit of them and others. Members were hugely appreciative of his inspirational story.

8. Calendar Dates for 2018/19

The following dates for SDYC Main Meetings and Annual General Meeting were discussed and agreed upon.

Date	Type	Where	When
Monday 21 st May 2018	Full Council Meeting	<i>Council Chamber, Ebley Mill</i>	4:30pm
Monday 18 th June 2018	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 16 th July 2018	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 17 th September 2018	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 15 th October 2018	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 19 th November 2018	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 17 th December 2018	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 21 st January 2019	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 25 th February 2019	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 25 th March 2019	Annual Review	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 29 th April 2019	Annual General Meeting	<i>Council Chamber, Ebley Mill</i>	4:30pm
Monday 20 th May 2019	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 17 th June 2019	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm
Monday 15 th July 2019	Full Council Meeting	<i>To be confirmed</i>	4:30pm

9. SDYC Election Results

Following the nomination process, online elections took place over five days prior to the meeting. Nominees and results are as follows:

a) Chairperson

- George Adamson – Elected
- Helen March
- Tom Wickham-Bassett

b) Vice Chairperson

- Amy Jones – Elected

c) Leader

- Jonty Fuller – Elected

d) British Youth Council Representative (1 of 2)

- Lily Haines – Elected

10. Proposed Key Issues and Projects for 2018/2019

The following key issues and projects were proposed by Tom Haynes and seconded by Tom Wickham-Bassett, then agreed by members;

Young Peoples Health & Wellbeing

- Continue to have involvement with CCG/NHS commissioners for youth counseling services
- Improving sexual health services
- Relationship with GP surgeries – develop youth friendly services initiative
- Research alcohol and self-harm services
- Body image project – link to schools and youth groups
- School nursing – SDYC would like the results from the consultation
- Mental health first aid training

Young Peoples Employment & Training

- Continue working on the Skills for Stroud employability Charter
- Curriculum for life project

Young People & Local Democracy

- Voter registration and work with election services
- Votes @ 16
- SDC Local plan consultation
- Adopt a Lord initiative

Other – possible ongoing projects & general actions

- Young Researchers project – feedback needed from this project
- Anti-bullying project – explore initial work & consider for future
- Environmental project – consider for future
- SDYC speaking at BYC Annual Meeting – plus keep up links and attend all regional meetings
- Local Youth Forum group development – practical support from SDYC members
- Increase social media presence

11. Local Democracy Week (1st to 6th July 2018) – Events in Stroud: SDYC involvement

Hatty Davis, SDC Elections Officer presented an update to the program previously discussed by members earlier in the year. An event was being held on Sunday 1st July at Museum in the Park, Stroud that will bring adults and young people together – a series of presentations and workshops will take place. Members agreed in principle to support this and suggested the LDFG should consider specific involvement for SDYC. This would be focused upon, along side the voter registration work with the SDC Elections team.

12. Mental Health Awareness Week (14th to 20th May 2018) – Event in Stroud: SDYC involvement

Members were informed about the plans of various agencies working together for a series of events during Mental Health Awareness Week. Whilst members would be undertaking MHFA training on 14th May, they also agreed in principle to attend the dedicated private viewing event that will feature exhibitions of art work at the Museum in the Park, Stroud on Friday 18th May.

13. SDYC Project Teams & Focus Groups for 2018/19

Members agreed to be part of the following project teams and focus groups:

Health Focus Group:

George, Tom H, Hannah, Lily, Amy, Nyima, Jonty, Helen, Rebecca, Issy.

Employment & Training Focus Group:

Claire, Hannah, Lily, Helen, George.

Local Democracy Focus Group:

Claire, Tom H, Tom WB, Hannah, Lily, Amy, Nyima, Jonty, Helen, George, Rebecca.

Anti-Bullying Project Team:

Claire, Nyima, Jonty, Tom H, Amy, Helen, Tom WB, Lily, Hannah, George.

14. Agree Principal Member Roles for 2018/19

Members agreed to have a Principal Members for the following themes of work:

- Young Peoples Health and Wellbeing
- Young Peoples Employment & Training
- Young People and Local Democracy

Others would be considered if and when needed.

15. Election of Co-options

A discussion was had on the purpose of a co-option member. It was agreed that contact should be made with the following; Young Farmers, Glos Young Carers, alongside inviting them to present at future main meetings. Scouts and Guides would be spoken to informally by Helen. Following specific debate and a formal proposal by Helen which was seconded by Tom WB, other groups of young people were suggested as being potential co-options were; teenage parents and young people with disabilities.

16. Any Other Business

George (as incoming chair) thanked Rebecca for her leadership and work as chair, he wished her well for exams and the future. Rebecca thanked all members and supporters.

17. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next has been agreed for Monday 21st May 2018.