



NOTES OF THE MAIN GROUP MEETING ON:

Date: Monday 26 September 2022

Time: 16:30

Venue: New Build Meeting Room, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Jack Blakey (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Katie Bray (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	P
Fin Smith (BYC) (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	P
Maxie Wells* (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Arlo Lowery (Chalford Cubed Youth Forum)	A
Megan Land (EN) (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	P
Brandon Watkins** (Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF)	P
Morgan Smith (HWB) (Rednock School)	AP
Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth)	A
Alice Standing (BYC) (Stroud High School)	P
Cate James-Hodges (L) (Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF)	AP
Alyssa Pearce (Thomas Keble School)	P
Lily Stothard (Wotton Youth Forum)	AP

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Jacob Bray (Berkeley Vale Youth Forum)	AP
Ellie Archer (Cam & Dursley Youth Forum)	A
Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	A
Barney Cookson (Thomas Keble School)	A
Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum)	A

EX-OFFICIO

Tom Wickham-Bassett
Lily Haines
Ben Stone

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

(BYC) = Representatives to the British Youth Council

Others Present

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer (SDC)
Seb Williams, Youth Work Officer (SDC)
Maya Samuel, Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud & Cotswold

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chairperson (Brandon) welcomed members and guest (Maya Samuel) to the meeting. He acknowledged the reduction in SDYC membership compared to earlier in the year and highlighted that a quorum had still been easily met. Apologies are listed on the record above, plus Cllr Nigel Prenter (SDC Community Services and Licensing Committee).

2. Minutes of the last Meeting on 18 July 2022

Proposed by Megan Land and Seconded by Jack Blakey. The minutes were approved, as being accurate following a vote (6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained).

3. Matters Arising

a) Round 3 Nominations

In view of the retirement of Tom Wickham-Bassett, the role he occupied as Principal Member Local Democracy has now become available for nominations, alongside that for the Principal Member Anti-Bullying, regarding Round 3. Details for this will be emailed to voting members as soon as possible.

b) SDYC Safeguarding Standards Group – Update

A further meeting took place of the group, which culminated in the creation of a new title and a fresh set of objectives for the respective audit standard. All previously agreed content / principles were included in the proposal document – members were shown the final details. This document had been sent to the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Partnership for consideration and inclusion in this year's audit process.

c) Cotswold Canals Connected: Paddleboarding Sessions in August & September

Seb explained that communication with the Cotswold Canals Connected had been held up due to the working pattern of their respective staff, some dates had been offered to all youth voice representatives – however, it was noted that most of these came after the school / college summer break had ended. Subsequently, no youth voice representatives took part in this activity, nor at the annual raft race. Future opportunities will be pursued.

4. Correspondence

Retired Members

It was noted that **Tom Wickham-Bassett** (Stroud Town & Five valleys Youth Forum); **Lily Haines** (Stroud Town & Five valleys Youth Forum); and **Ben Stone (Marling School)** had all retired from their respective voting representative roles. However, they had all agreed to be Ex-Officio Members for the next 12 months.

Creative Sustainability CIC, Planet Cheltenham, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust & InterClimate Network – Climate Action Survey

A reminder was given, of the county-wide survey to investigate how young people (aged 11 – 25) are engaging in climate action. It focuses on the topics of climate change, eco-anxiety, and solutions. The aim is to gather the thoughts of young people to better address their needs, understand where they are getting information from, and how best to support them in making change. Deadline for responses is 4 October. A link would be placed in the SDYC WhatsApp group.

Claire Levy - Visiting Lecturer in TV Production: iDoc update and User Testing Opportunity

An opportunity to members had been offered by Claire, regarding a 'user testing session' to help with the design of an iDoc. More details were available via the link below, which asks participants to take part in an online feedback session once they have had time to use the iDoc. The feedback session would take 90 minutes: <https://player.slices.co/stories/-MDUDDjhFnAsy8W1lh4-> Parent/Guardian consent was being sought. Claire stated that she was happy to meet a group interested in taking part. Ideally, she would like to run this session in the next month.

Gloucestershire Cycling Forum – Invitation

The Gloucestershire Cycling Advisory Group (CAG) is a councillor and officer group who meet three times a year, to support Gloucestershire County Council's ambitions to vastly increase cycling across the county, using information, engagement, and promotion. The group aims to ensure a broad representation of cyclists and potential cyclists across the county will be at an annual event. They would like representatives from other organisations to join them.

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

Archway School – no representatives were present.

Berkeley Vale YF – the local youth club provision has now opened on a Monday. Krunch are the provider and it's for young people aged, 10 to 13. Entry is £1. The group are looking to meet with Krunch soon.

Cam & Dursley YF – the group have not been able to meet this month.

Cainscross YF - no representatives were present.

Chalford Cubed YF – no representatives were present.

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 – Megan joined online from her university. Discussed ideas for recruitment.

Rednock School – no representatives were present.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – no representatives present.

Stroud High School – whilst the student council have yet to meet, Prefects have been chosen from the Diversity, Wellbeing and Cross Collaboration groups, which have projects being developed under Each one.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – no representatives present.

Thomas Keble School – a new head teacher is in place. Support for student voice exists. The Year 11 Leadership Team have replaced the prefect system which existed up to last year.

Wotton YF – no representatives present.

6. Presentation from Member of Youth Parliament for Stroud and Cotswold, Maya Samuel

Maya was welcomed to the meeting. She was elected in March 2022 to the role and wished to discuss her campaign for the year, titled: Diversity. Members responded well to Maya's questions – which included: What does diversity mean to you? What do you learn in school about diversity? Many members highlighted a lack of diversity in the curriculum. This triggered the next two questions: How does the lack of diversity in the curriculum affect your learning? If you could change how the curriculum is run, what would it be? Maya stated that she would include members responses into the development of her campaign, which will in-turn influence her work at a regional and national level through the UK Youth Parliament. Maya was thanked for her attendance and inspiring good debate in the meeting.

7. SDYC Manifesto

a) Launch - Review & Feedback

It was highlighted that twenty-two social media 'Likes' had been received, plus a good number of positive comments from adult stakeholders / councillors.

b) #ManifestoMonday Campaign - Launch

It was agreed that the first statement would be the one titled: Environment, Carbon Neutral and Climate Emergency. A list of future weekly posts will be developed.

8. Leadership Team Report, 12 and 14 September 2022 presented by Brandon Watkins

National Mourning – Death of HM The Queen

Members were asked to note; that a statement of condolence from the SDYC Chair (Brandon) was placed on SDYC social media.

BYC Annual Council Meeting (Saturday 17 Sept)

Members were asked to note; that SDYC representatives at the BYC Annual Council meeting (Alice, Cate,

and Brandon), researched and prepared themselves for presenting the SDYC policy motion titled, Youth Rights, Youth Voice and Safeguarding. Plus, debating and voting on this and other policies, as well as the election of Trustees.

Meeting with the Stroud Member of Parliament – Update

Members were asked to note; that no reply had been received to-date on the dates offered to the Stroud MP.

SDC Committee Work Plans – Response from Officers and Members on SDYC Feedback

Performance Monitoring – Feedback on Recent Work

Planning for Project Teams and Focus Group Meetings

Members were asked to note; that due to the absence of all Principal Members at both meetings, these items were not discussed.

Formation of Youth Grant Fund Panel – one off meeting for historic application

Members had it recommended to them; that the Leadership Team will meet and function as a review panel for an unspent youth grant fund matter, with authority to resolve it accordingly. This was agreed.

SDYC Manifesto Launch – review & response to date

Members had it recommended to them; that the SDC Equality Champions are invited to a future SDYC Main Group Meeting to discuss Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity Awareness. This was agreed.

Rescheduling for #ManifestoMonday Initiative, Sexual Health Week and SDYC Main Group Meeting

Members were asked to note; that due to the recent death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, it was necessary to delay the launch of SDYC's #ManifestoMonday Initiative. National Sexual Health Week and SDYC Main Group Meeting was also rescheduled in respect of the news regarding the Monarch.

The report was proposed by Brandon Watkins and seconded by Megan Land.

Following a formal vote, the report was approved.

9. British Youth Council (BYC) Report – Alice / Fin / Brandon

Policy Results and Election Results from Annual Council Meeting (ACM) on 17 September

- a) Policy Results: Cate and Brandon attended the BYC ACM and participated in issue-based workshops and policy debate on sixteen new policies and three amendment policies. Cate presented the new policy proposal from SDYC titled, Youth Rights, Youth Voice, and Safeguarding. This proposal and all others were approved for inclusion in the BYC 2022/23 Manifesto.
- b) Election Results: Online hustling debates took place prior to the ACM, with voting and results being conducted at the meeting, as follows: Chair – Zara Khan. Trustees – Tiegan Bingham-Roberts; Conner Naughton; Harry Twohig. Honorary Presidents – Victoria Atkins MP; Navendu Mishra MP; Kirsty Blackman MP.

Regional YouthCon – 2 October

The next South West Regional YouthCon Event is scheduled for Saturday 3 October – it will be held in Bristol. More details will follow soon, meanwhile representatives were asked to confirm their attendance.

Anti-racism language guide consultation

The BYC's work on inclusion and diversity has led to the process of creating of an anti-racism language guide. A consultative meeting will take place on 3 October.

Make the Most of Your Membership

A member organisation meeting in which to discuss and learn about the various opportunities, will take place on 4 October.

10. Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group (GYCG) – Update from Megan Land

Megan ported that the recent online meeting had focused on recruitment, team media and social media. An event had taken place at Nailsworth Library, which had a focus on their environmental work. Visits to various places and organisations had also been experienced by the group. They will be looking at Gloucestershire County Council's 2050 policy soon.

11. SDC Performance Monitoring (Housing; CS&L; S&R) – Feedback (Brandon)

Brandon explained that Cate, Megan, and him attended all three meetings between them (Brandon for the first time at S&R). Each meeting looked at of performance of services delivered in the last quarter (3 months) under the respective SDC committees of Housing, Community Services and Licensing, Strategy and Resources. Whilst all three had been a slightly different experience of interacting with Council officers and elected members, one (S&R) was notable as it didn't have any adult representatives present. The invite to the Environment performance monitoring meeting was yet to be received.

12. GSCP Section 11 Audit Panel Event: 7 November 2022 – Panel Selection

SDYC have been invited to form the youth section of the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Partnership (GSCP) Section 11 Audit Panel for 2022. This follows last year's initial experience and the subsequent work that SDYC have done during the last year – including revising the audits Standard related to children and young people's voice; the creation of an SDYC manifesto statement relative to safeguarding; and the aforementioned (now) approved policy for BYC relative to safeguarding.

The panel sitting is provisionally set for 7 November. It is expected that around five youth panelists will be required. Members will have the opportunity to express their interest over the next few weeks.

13. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- a) **Young People & Educators COP27 Discussion – 27 September 2022:** An initial discussion with SDC officers in the 2030 team, on the feasibility of an event relative to the SDYC Manifesto commitment on the environment, carbon neutrality and climate emergency, is scheduled for 27 September. Cate, Brandon, and Megan had agreed to attend – others were welcome. Feedback on this will be shared at the next main group meeting.
- b) **SDYC Leadership Team Meeting:** this will be confirmed as soon as possible.
- c) **BYC Regional YouthCon (Bristol) – 8 October 2022:** Representatives to the BYC were reminded on this forthcoming event in Bristol.

11. Any Other Business

Creation of a Youth Voice Engagement Charter

The idea of creating a formal statement for demonstrating to adult-led organisations and groups of how best to work with youth voice representatives, was briefly discussed. It was agreed that either the leadership Team or a project team or focus group should look at this in more detail and report back in due course.

Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership (GCRP)

Seb reported that he and Steve had recently met with officers of GCRP, to discuss their progress and explore potential opportunities for working with SDYC. A successful meeting, which highlighted that GCRP still strongly valued the previous work they had had with SDYC, and it had been the springboard for much development in tackling travel issues raised and respective planning for the future. Some discussion was had on issues which had emerged from GCRP's wider work, regarding people experiencing climate anxiety and their general understanding of what sustainability was or looked like – subsequently, they have created four workstreams, titled: Community; Youth Education; Leisure and wellbeing; and Transport Planning. It was agreed that GCRP should be invited to a future SDYC meeting to discuss these and more.

12. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 17 October 2022