



## NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

**Date: Monday 27 September 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)  
 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)	AP
AP	Baz Leach (Hardwicke Youth Forum)	A
P	Tom Werrett (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	A
P	Nell Porter (Katharine Lady Berkeley School)	A
A	Olivia Burke (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	A
AP	Billy Smeaton (Nailsworth and Minchinhampton YF)	A
AP	Joel Clark (Wotton Youth Forum)	A
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#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Helen March	A
Claire Gee	A
Millie Radford	A
Archie Gent	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  
 Cllr Jessie Hoskin, Stroud District Council  
 Jon Harris & Hannah McDonnell, Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership

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

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Introductions were given by those in attendance. Apologies are listed on the record above.

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting on 19 July 2021**

Minutes were formally presented and agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by: Tom Wickham-Bassett; Seconded by: Cate James-Hodges.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **a) 2030: A Strategy in Action – Feedback on SDC’s Climate Change film**

Members felt the quality of the production wasn't great, particularly the sound, which had a harsh echo. The length of the film was too long and it's was subsequently difficult to take away much learning

### **b) Stroud Young People’s Communiversity – feedback on discussion**

There was no further feedback, other than what had already been given during the meeting. Those members that were particularly keen at the time, wanted to hear more. It was noted that Jade had not been back in touch since.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **Retiring – Leon Linton-Blake**

Leon has recently informed us that he is no longer able to represent Hardwicke Youth Forum, having moved on from engaging with the community to focus on his formal education. He will therefore be retiring from his role as SDYC representative – Leon was thanked for his participation.

### **Retiring – Coban McGee**

Coban has recently informed us that he has moved from the district, having left following his exams. He has retired from Cam and Dursley Youth Forum and his role as SDYC representative. Coban was thanked for his participation.

### **SDC Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy**

The formal strategy document was approved in early September at the Community Services and Licensing Committee, having received input from SDYC via the consultation stage. Members were asked if they would like to view the document and discuss the content, with view to further participation – this was generally agreed, with a shortened version (if available) being sent out prior to an invitation for the lead officer (Ange Gillingham) to attend a future SDYC Main Meeting.

### **Gloucestershire Food Survey**

This is being run by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) and Gloucestershire Food Revolution (GFR). It's a general survey giving all residents, parish and town councils in the county the opportunity to comment on food security, access and equality. 21 questions in resident's survey, 18 questions in council's survey. Potential for more involvement in creating a county food and farming strategy. Funds are available to help with post survey participation. It was agreed that this should be sent to all members.

### **BBC Radio Gloucestershire - COP26 discussion**

This stems from the interaction Nailsworth and Minchinhampton Youth Forum had with BBC Gloucestershire earlier this year. It's a 'project' relating to the international COP26 climate conference in October 2021, giving an opportunity for young people to talk about their thoughts on the climate emergency and environment in general. It was agreed that the Environment Project Team should receive this invite.

### **Office of the Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner - Police & Crime Prevention Draft Plan**

The county has a new Police & Crime Commissioner. Their 'office' has contacted us (Deputy CEO) to enquire if SDYC would like to assess and give feedback on, their draft plan. The draft plan is 29 pages and will need careful consideration. However, it does highlight the commissioners desire to consult and work with young people. Members felt it was important to get involved to ensure the voice of young people is heard

and agreed that the document should be sent to them. Members also agreed, that a follow-up workshop (if offered) would be the best way to participate.

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

Archway School – the school head students of 6<sup>th</sup> Form had now been elected. The student council had recently met, which involved discussions on plans for what could be worked on for the next term – the authorizing of black trainers as suitable foot wear was the most favoured issue.

Berkeley Vale YF – no representatives were present.

Cam & Dursley YF – the last meeting reflected on the summer programme, which included the Holiday and Food (HAF) activities.

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 – the first school council meeting since the summer break would be held in a few weeks.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – no representatives were present.

Rednock School – no report available.

Stonehouse Action 4 Youth – no representatives were present.

Stroud High School – no representatives were present.

Stroud Town & 5 Valleys YF – the Bench's Project had progressed, with two potential locations now identified. A plaque is being obtained by the supporting 'chat bench' charity.

Thomas Keble School – The Ambassadors had met for the first time recently, when they welcomed a visitor from the Frith Wood COP26 project.

Wotton YF – no representatives present.

## **6. Leadership Team Report – meeting on 23 August**

Assessing SDC Committee Work Plans: It was recommended to members; that the aspects of the SDC's Committee Work Plans identified by the Leadership Team as being relevant to young people, are actively pursued by SDYC as opportunities for greater involvement, as follows:

- **Strategy and Resources**: Corporate Delivery Plan; Modernisation Programme (Fit for the Future) with input into community access testing.
- **Community Services and Licensing**: Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy; Food Justice Strategy; Health and Wellbeing Strategy; Gloucestershire Health Overview Scrutiny (influencing health matters on a county wide basis); Hear by Right and the Youth Service.
- **Housing**: whilst no aspects seemed to relate to young people, the team felt that affordable housing for young people was one aspect that could be influenced by SDYC.
- **Environment**: Tree Strategy; 2030 Strategy and Action Plan.

These are in addition to SDYC's involvement in each Committee's Performance Monitoring, which has already commenced.

SDC Council Plan (formerly known as Corporate Delivery Plan): Members were asked to note; that the Leadership Team was presented with the new SDC Council Plan, which had received contributions from SDYC for the first time ever!

SDC Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Consultation: Members were asked to note; that the Leadership Team provided specific comment as part of the consultation on SDC's Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

Update on SDYC Key Projects and Issues: Members were asked to note; that the Principal Members provided an update on the work progress regarding Key Projects and Issues.

Proposed by: Ben Stone; Seconded by: Brandon Watkins. The report was approved.

## **7. Travel Needs Survey Report – Presentation from Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership (GCRP)**

Jon and Hannah from GCRP were welcomed again to the meeting. They presented findings from the survey, which received 862 responses that could be verified. 'Snap-shop' conclusions focused on 46% said they felt unsafe using transport during covid; over 50% reported that the cost effected their ability to get about; 59% said they felt 'accurate information at bus stops' was the biggest improvement. 92% said they had experienced some form of discrimination during their travels, although 73% highlighted that it was not on a school bus. There is a huge amount of data to analyze, so it was agreed that the SDYC Transport Group should meet again to debrief and look into this information in more depth, with GCRP. A press statement would also be written, to reflect the work and acknowledge the survey participant prize winners. Members were hugely positive about this work and were thanked by Jon and Hannah for their hard work and commitment, enabling this to happen.

SDYC were subsequently invited to be the core membership, of a cross-county transport group that would take on the work of advising, lobbying and working towards changing travel for the better throughout Gloucestershire. Other members of this group would include those survey participants that expressed an interesting in staying involved with such work.

Jon and Hannah were thanked for their attendance.

## **8. Health Focus Group Reports from meetings on 25 August & 6 September 2021, presented by Maxie Wells**

### **25 August**

Healthy Lifestyle Officer Update: Members were asked to note; that the group discussed with David Rawlings, ideas for future projects aimed at the improvement of young people's mental health and wellbeing, including; Eating Disorders Support Group; Creative Journaling; Reading Well; and Pets Therapy.

The Heart Bus and iBme proposal from Kareem Ghandour: Members were asked to note; that the group discussed the proposal from Kareem and would discuss initial thoughts further at the next meeting.

Youth Friendly GP Surgeries Initiative: Members were asked to note; that Jemma is waiting for communication from GP Practices and Sue Burling about the initiative starting back up.

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

### **6 September**

Healthy Lifestyles Update: Members were asked to note; that the group discussed additional thoughts about David Rawlings' PowerPoint from the previous meeting and how the books from his "Reading Well" project should be distributed.

Future Me Gloucestershire: Members were asked to note; that the Health Focus Group were reminded of the meeting with Future Me Glos in October and that they will prepare some questions to ask their reps on the day.

Sexual Health and The C-Card: Members were asked to note; that the sexual health training for members will still go ahead as planned, but will now take place on a Monday instead of a half term.

Exam Stress and School Pressures - Kooth and TIC+: Members were asked to note; That the group has reviewed the material Kooth has produced and that an email has been written to be sent to schools encouraging the promotion of this material within school areas.

Proposed by: Maxie Wells; Seconded by: Brandon Watkins. The report was approved.

## **9. British Youth Council (BYC) Report – Tom and Brandon**

Tom and Brandon reported that at the recent BYC Annual Council Meeting, there were 8 policies that were

presented and debated, with all being approved. SDYC representatives raised a number of questions in the debates – a full list is available via [www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)

### **10. Results of Elections – Round 3: Representatives to the British Youth Council (BYC)**

The result of the online elections for one of two representatives to the BYC was announced as: Charlie Hayward (Stonehouse Action 4 Youth).

### **11. Report from Neighbourhood Watch Association – Tom Wickham-Bassett**

Tom gave a brief report on the meeting. He highlighted that discussions on stereotyping and attitudes to involving young people in the work of the association, were an aspect they would like to help change. Some future opportunities may emerge. The association would like to consult with SDYC on how this could happen. Members felt this was viable, but could not commit in the near future.

### **12. Report from Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Meeting on 10 September - Tom Wickham-Bassett**

Tom reported that the meeting theme of 'employment' led to presentations from Ecotricity and Renishaw. Both reflected on the challenges faced during the pandemic, with the loss of staff and subsequent recruitment, with latter being possible using the governments kickstart programme support. Tom mentioned the work SDYC had been involved with many years ago with the LSP with a programme called 'Skills for Stroud' Employability Charter.

### **13. 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.

### **13. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings and Events**

- a) SDYC Local Democracy Focus Group Meeting – 29 September
- b) SDYC Health Focus Group Meeting – 11 October
- c) SDYC Leadership Team Meeting – TBC
- d) SDYC Anti-Bullying Project Team Meeting – TBC
- e) SDYC Environment Project Team Meeting – TBC
- f) COP 26 Fringe Festival, Stroud District - TBC
- g) SDC CS&L Performance Monitoring Meeting – 20 October
- h) BYC Regional Convention (Online) – 30 October

### **14. Any Other Business**

There was no other business

### **15. Date of the Next Meeting:** Monday 18 October 2021