



NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON

07.04.2008

Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Rose Horton, Stroud High** A
 Natalie Smith, Archway A
 Freddie Whittaker, Archway P
 Thomas Lydon, Marling* P
 Rob Price, Marling P
 Meg Brown, Wotton YC A
 Alex Jones, Cam & Dursley YF Ap
 Emma Mears, Cam & Dursley YF Ap
 Ellie Cairns, Thomas Keble A
 Liam Baker, Thomas Keble A
 El Linsell, Stroud High P
 Matt Stump, Berkeley Vale Youth Project Ap
 Luke Smith, Berkeley Vale Youth Project Ap
 Harriet Dudbridge, Katharine Lady Berkeley's Ap
 Hilary Dixon, Katharine Lady Berkeley's P
 Toby Gardener, Stonehouse Youth Forum A
 Matt Hellier, Stonehouse Youth Forum A

DEPUTY MEMBERS

Rebecca Redding, Thomas Keble Ap
 Cameron Patterson, Thomas Keble P
 Kieran Nurdling, Archway A
 Beth Townsend, Archway Ap
 Rosemary Dickinson, Stroud High P
 Sophie Coleman, Berkeley Vale Youth Project Ap
 Jessica Howell, Cam & Dursley YF Ap
 Rebekah Batting, Cam & Dursley YF P
 Sian Ainsworth, Katharine Lady Berkeley's P
 Henry Guy, Katharine Lady Berkeley's P

** = Chair * = Vice-Chair P = present A = absent Ap = apology

EX-OFFICIO

Anna Pearson, Stroud College A
 Gordon Pritchard, Nailsworth YC A
 Mike Green, Nailsworth YC A
 Owen Wichard, Stroud College A
 Emily Thomas, Stroud High A
 Danielle Russell, Minchinhampton YC A
 Rhian Davies, KLB A
 James Austin, KLB A
 Erfan Fadaei, Marling A
 Amy Barker, Wotton YC A
 Tinake Van Ginkel, Stroud College A
 Ashley Skuse, Wotton YC A

CO-OPTIONS

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Miles, Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer, SDC
 Sinead Chambers, Business Support Assistant, SDC
 Danny James, Senior Youth Worker, GCC Youth Service
 Jemma Grieve, Youth Worker, GCC Youth Service
 Mel ?, Stroud Rural Peer Education Project
 Phil Sullivan, Head of Community Safety, SDC
 Jasmine Pritchett, Deputy MYP Stroud & Cotswolds
 CJ Phelps, Participation Youth Worker, GCC Youth Service

Youth Council Minutes

Welcome & Apologies for absence

The Vice Chair welcomed members to Ebley Mill and our guests Jasmine and CJ. Apologies were received from Alex Jones, Emma Mears, Jess Howell, Harriet Dudbridge, Beth Townsend, Sophie Coleman, Matt Stump and Luke Smith & Cllr. John Jefferys.

Matters arising

- *Email/Letter of support for Walled Garden Project*
Steve has drafted a letter to the organisers acknowledging that the Youth Council will support the project and has thanked them for inviting us to look at the garden and have an input at this stage into the project.
- *Germany Exchange – update*
Further to the update at the last meeting, Steve added that a meeting was to be held in Stroud with the youth worker from Germany when he visits at the end of April / early May. More information will be available after this date.
- *Cotswold Canal Restoration; Bridge to Bridge Project*
Steve has had communication with Neville Nolder from Cotswold Canals Trust who is the person that has taken over co-ordination of the project, a meeting on the 19th May has been set to consider the design of the leaflet – El, Nat and Alex have expressed an interest in carrying out this.
- *Members training*
Training had been delivered by Steve and Danny at Stroud Youth Centre earlier in the day, Tom & Rob had attended. A team building day was arranged for Wednesday 9th April at South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre, activities included problem solving, team challenges and raft building – members were asked to confirm who would be attending.
- *Meeting with Cam & Dursley Youth Forum – future of Dursley Youth Centre*
Cam and Dursley Youth Forum are pleased that SDYC have offered their support over this matter. Steve will be arranging a date with Jemma Grieve (the new youth worker for Cam & Dursley) for the two groups to meet up. The centre will be knocked down in January 2009.

Correspondence

- *SDYC involvement in the SDC scrutiny process*
SDC Cabinet has invited SDYC members to be a part of the scrutiny process for the district council. Whilst members agreed to this in principal they wanted more information on this. It was suggested that an overview should be given by the relevant SDC officers. Steve will arrange this ASAP.

Youth Parliament – presentation from Stroud and Cotswolds MYP

Jasmine Pritchett gave a presentation to the members about the Youth Parliament. Jasmine explained that the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) enables young people to use their energy and passion to change the world for the better. Run by young people for young people, UKYP gives the young people of the UK, between the age of 11 and 18 a voice, which is heard and listened to by

local and national government, providers of services for young people and other agencies that have an interest in the views and needs of young people.

Jasmine was thanked for her presentation. Questions were invited from attendees.

Danny highlighted that Stroud Youth Centre had held polling stations for the elections of MYP's but had never received any feedback afterwards. He added that they would be pleased to have a representative from UKYP to visit the youth centre. CJ apologised and said that they try and get letters to all the centres that arranged for polling stations to be at their premises, but they haven't gone out yet this year. CJ said that they would be happy to visit the youth centre in the near future.

During discussions it had been highlighted that similar issues were experienced by both groups from an operational perspective and some key issues for young people were being considered by the respective members. It was agreed to take the Transport and Bus fares discussion in the next agenda item.

Freddie suggested as a way of supporting each others work in addition to creating a natural link between the two groups, that one of the Co-option positions to SDYC should be considered for a member of UKYP representing Stroud & Cotswolds. It was agreed to consider this at a future meeting.

Bus Fares Issue

Whilst the working group set at the last meeting had yet to meet, it was identified that the complex issues around transport and in particular Bus Fares with Stagecoach needed a sustained long term approach for this to be effective. Jasmine highlighted that as it was a key issue for UKYP Glos this year, Freddie added that perhaps both UKYP and SDYC should work together to resolve the larger issue. CJ stated that the MYP's haven't formed a plan yet but they will be going to the House of Lords and will bring it up there.

It was agreed by SDYC members that these suggestion would be considered by the working group in due course. Steve will communicate with members of the group to arrange an initial meeting.

Stroud Fringe Festival

Freddie updated members on progress this for this years festival, highlighting that September 12, 13, 14 were the dates when the festival will take place. He added that the Sub Rooms were to be used as a 'youth' related programme and that opportunities would become available for SDYC members to participate.

Litter Recycling Pilot Project

EI briefly updated the meeting on progress and highlighted that Broxap had been chosen by the project team as the bin manufacturers. The T-shirt / polo shirts chosen to support the campaign will be manufactured via Harlequin Designs, Quedgeley.

Stroud Night Bus Report

Alex and Emma were absent, so no report was given.

Youth Cabinet Report

Freddie outlined the various Youth initiative Fund applications that had been received during the last quarter, brief details are as highlighted below;

The following was proposed by Freddie and seconded by EI;

Foxmoor Junior School - Financial support had been requested for a Year 6 student was experiencing great difficulties with financing certain off site school trips/visits – whilst the school bursary continued to help, additional support was needed. A total of £90 was requested.

Funding agreed - £90

Maidenhill School Student Voice supported by BFL Project – A substantial project was being undertaken by the school using the Behaviour for Learning concept. The total cost of the project will be £30,000 and will enable students to have a voice and access activities out of school under the programme strap line of *enabling, extending and enriching*. A total of £1000 was requested.

No funding agreed due to the very complex application and lack of clarity – a letter outlining the reasons will be sent.

Charlotte Strickland – As a student of KLB School Wotton under Edge, Charlotte is embarking on a World Challenge trip to Zambia and Botswana in July 2009 where she will be undertaking work in a local community. The total cost of the trip is £3500 and will last one month. A total of £500 was requested.

No funding agreed due to it being an application for personal funding – a letter outlining the reasons will be sent.

Root Music – A new mobile project based on the creation of music for young people using a wide range of workshops and seminars. The production of music and the learning attached will enable participants to experience a basis understanding of what it takes to become involved in the music industry. The cost of the project will be £7842. A total of £1500 was requested.

No funding agreed due to specific information missing from the application – a letter outlining the reasons will be sent.

Stroud Fringe Festival – The festival committee are planning a ‘youth’ section at this year’s event that will enhance and encourage the participation of young bands and musicians from the local area. The cost of the festival that attracts over 5000 young people each year is £30,300. A total of £1000 was requested.

Funding agreed - £1000

Minchinhampton Intergenerational Project – This project aims to bring a small group of young people and a small group of older people together to embark on a specific innovative project based at the youth centre and allotment area in Minchinhampton. The project costing £1800 is being jointly co-ordinated by local organisations and businesses and will deliver work on a variety of cross generational issues by using the growing of food as a common interest. A total of £700 was requested.

Funding agreed - £700

The above was agreed unanimously.

Hear by Right adoption – Thursday 17 April 2008

The forthcoming full SDC Council meeting signified the last stage in a major piece of work for the SDC Senior Youth Officer and SDYC in general. The HBR concept will be proposed by Cllr John Jeffreys on behalf of the SDC Cabinet. SDYC members were invited to attend with view to being involved with the presentation. Freddie agreed and others would confirm ASAP.

Updates from Schools and Local Youth Forums

Hilary reported that the Connexions Personal Advisor at KLB School was increasingly difficult to get appointments with and she asked fellow members if anyone else had similar experiences.

Becky reported that Cam & Dursley Youth Forum had recently received a local award from Dursley Town Council for their work in the community and will also be asked to formally open the Dursley Festival this year.

Any Other Business

There was no further business.

Date of the next meeting – Monday 21 April 2008 @ Stroud Youth Centre