



**NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:**

**Date : Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Council Chamber, Ebley Mill**

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

Nyima Trawally ( <i>Archway School</i> )	Ap
Helen March ( <i>Archway School</i> )	P
George Adamson ( <b>L</b> ) ( <i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i> )	P
Chloe Harvey ( <i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i> )	A
Oli King ( <i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i> )	P#
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
Thomas Haynes ( <i>Rednock School</i> )	P
Alexandra Parker ( <i>Stroud High School</i> )	P
Tom Wickham-Bassett* ( <i>Stroud Town &amp; Five Valleys YF</i> )	P
Lily Haines ( <i>Stroud Town &amp; Five Valleys YF</i> )	P
Isabelle Llewellyn ( <b>HWB</b> ) ( <i>Thomas Keble School</i> )	Ap
Luna Stephens ( <i>Wotton Youth Forum</i> )	Ap
Holly Hughes ( <i>Wotton Youth Forum</i> )	

**DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Katie Pugh ( <i>Archway School</i> )	A
Eden Kingston ( <i>Archway School</i> )	A
Paige Collard ( <i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i> )	A
Claire Gee ( <i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i> )	Ap
Tyler Needham ( <i>Maidenhill School</i> )	A
Hannah MacAdam ( <i>Stroud Town &amp; Five Valleys YF</i> )	P
Evie Bennett-Stone ( <i>Wotton Youth Forum</i> )	Ap

**EX-OFFICIO**

Libby Powell	A
Charlotte Bignall	A
Tom Schaffner	A
Alex Lin-Vines	A
Lauren Davies	A
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**

Steve Miles, Senior Youth Officer, Stroud District Council  
 Conrad Moore, Principal Planning Strategy Officer, Stroud District Council  
 Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council  
 Cllr Steve Lydon, Leader of Stroud District Council

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially to guests; Conrad Moore SDC Principal Planning Officer, Cllr Miranda Clifton and Cllr Steve Lydon (Leader). Apologies are listed on the record above.

## 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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

## 3. Matters Arising

- a) **Stroud Ambitions event – 8th November 2017** – Members discussed the up coming Ambitions careers event on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November held at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. One of the counties largest career events, it is unique and interactive and will give members and other students the opportunity to talk to over 50 different employers. Members volunteering to help out are; Nyima, Issy, Lily and Rebecca.
- b) **SDC Corporate Consultation - SDYC involvement - Update** – Steve explained the background and history of young people having an input into the Councils corporate annual residents and business consultation. There is an opportunity for SDYC to answer questions that feature in this years survey – it was suggested that these questions could be included in the SDYC/LYF survey due out soon (item 5). Cllr Steve Lydon stated he would be keen to hear results of member’s survey and highlighted the importance of the Council listening to young people and hearing what they have to say.
- c) **SDC Local Plan Review – SDYC Members Workshops Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** - Conrad highlighted plans for the young people’s workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm to 4pm; members are encouraged to engage with process. The Stroud District Local Plan identifies the housing, employment, retail, and community development that is required to meet local needs up until 2031. The government wants all local authorities to review their local plans every 5 years. Drop-in sessions and exhibitions feature around the district during October and early November. Some members expressed that they were unable to attend on the 27<sup>th</sup> and it was agreed to look at other date options – these would be circulated very soon.
- d) **Local Youth Forum Member Activity Day** - Feedback from Lily and Tom W–B was received, they stated it was great to meet Hardwicke Youth Forum and looking forward to engaging with them again.
- e) **Young Researchers Project** - Rebecca gave an overview of the project, other members stated it was fun but it was time consuming. They highlighted that it was good to be involved and promoted learning of life skills.
- f) **Visit to Snow Business HQ** - Members said that the visit to Snow Business was exciting, great to learn about snow, eye opening and great to have knowledge about local businesses and industries. Impressed by how environmentally friendly the company is and members felt that it was an inspiring visit.

## 4. Correspondence

### **BBC Report – Young people ‘not engaged’ in local elections**

The Electoral Commission has warned that young people are not getting engaged in local council elections even though an increased turnout was recorded at the general election. Surveys by the commission suggest there was a “stark difference” in how informed people felt at May’s local elections and the general election a month later. They also show there was a “clear disparity” between young and old about how informed they later felt. Nearly half of 18- to 34-year olds said they did not have enough information to make an informed decision, the commission said, adding: “more work must be done to ensure that all voters have access to information about these elections and who they can vote for and that they use that access”. The study also found most people back the commission’s proposal for automatic enrolment when people received their national insurance numbers aged 16. Members agreed this information would be used when engaging with SDC Election Services when undertaking project work regarding voting registration.

### **Retiring Members**

It was noted that Tom Schaffner, Noella Osborne, Olivia Porto, Alex Lin-Vines, Anna Rogers and Lauren Davies had all retired from their roles as representatives from respective schools or local youth forum groups due to changes to their further / higher educational commitments. The Chair wished them all well and thanked them for their services.

Tom, Alex and Lauren had all expressed a wish to be Ex-Officio Members for the year ahead. Lauren's retirement meant that her role as PM for Environment was now open for nominations – subsequently details of the opportunity to nominate eligible members for the vacant roles will be emailed to members soon.

## **5. SDC Youth Participation Contract Update & Members Survey**

Members were informed that a letter containing the following statement had just been sent to them regarding changes to the youth work team: *An extensive four month search for a new external supplier commenced in May, but was unsuccessful - regretfully this has since caused a gap in service delivery for which the council is very apologetic. However, as a result the Council has now taken the decision to recruit suitable staff who will be employed direct by the Council in a similar way to Steve and the Wardens. This is very much considered a positive move and one that will help address many of the concerns shared to date by you as recipients of the service in your role as youth voice representatives. Your volunteering work as a member of the above groups is still highly valued by the Council and all those with whom you work. Naturally we hope to keep the impact of these changes to a minimum.*

Steve added that the process of recruiting new youth workers is now underway and the Council hopes that a team will be in place by January 2018. Meanwhile we will be using project workers on a short term basis to help facilitate some of the groups, including local youth forums. These will be introduced to you soon.

To help us deliver a better service in the future, a member's survey will be introduced soon. A draft of the survey questions will be sent to the Leadership Team for approval.

## **6. Update from School & College Councils and Local Youth Forum groups**

**Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF** – The Get Girls Active project has been very successful, with one more session to still take place. Most participants had expressed an interest in joining the youth forum group.

**Thomas Keble School** – As there had been no meeting since the summer break, students were finding it frustrating.

**Archway School** – Students had agreed they need to set realistic goals for their Student Council – a training day was coming up with laser tag as one of the activities. The reform of religious assemblies was on the agenda - students are asking for a variety of different religions to be taught.

**Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF** - No report.

**Stroud High School** – A series of new RAG Councils will be led by year 11's. Recent training for the school council had been delivered by Participation People. The phone policy is not working as hoped for by students.

**Maidenhill School** – The results of school council elections were due out soon.

**Wotton YF** - No report.

**Katharine Lady Berkeley School** – Students are due to meet the Chair of Governors this term. Members of the Green Party were also scheduled to visit the school council soon.

**Rednock School** – An anti-bullying working party had not functioned yet. Support was offered by Jonty with Katherine Lady Berkeley's model possibly being used as a good example. It was agreed that SDYC should revisit the setting up of a project team on the issue of Anti-Bullying.

**Cam & Dursley YF** – A planning meeting between Tom and Steve had taken place. The project with Dursley Library would be pursued in November and there would be a focus on recruitment.

**Cainscross YF** – It was understood that the video of the mental health project had been sent by Participation People to Oli for editing – having left the meeting prior to this item, it was hoped that he would clarify this soon.

**Berkeley Vale YF** - No report.

## **7. Curriculum for Life project – Feedback on Film Animation**

Members had been sent the film animation in advance of the meeting and watched it again during the meeting – whilst it was noted that no sound had been included in the production yet, feedback comments were as follows: *voice-overs should be from SDYC members; character expressions were sometimes ‘a bit weird’ and out of sync with what was being said – the scratching of ones head a lot for mum and dad was felt to be ‘a bit annoying’; the speed of some message / speech bubbles needed to be slightly slower, some quicker. But ideally make the length of the film overall slightly shorter; whilst noting the dialogue was written by members, a few comments suggested that the inclusion of ‘how did you catch that?’.* Comments from those not present would be added in due course. All feedback would be given to Participation People to undertake changes – the second draft would follow.

## **8. British Youth Council Report**

**LIVE with Make Your Mark** – This will commence at 5:00pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**NHS Youth Forum** – They have produced three short films to promote young people rights regarding their health. They come with a set of posters. The films and posters are about young peoples rights in healthcare particularly confidentiality, independence and giving feedback to services. This forum would like help to get the messages out. BYC have two calls to action, to share and spread the word about the films on social media. To download and display the posters in a local healthcare setting (hospital) – and to share a selfie of the poster on the wall. Download and print the posters on youth rights in healthcare from <https://www.england.nhs.uk/participation/get-involved/how/forums/nhs-youth-forum/>.

**Holocaust Memorial Day Trust: Youth Champion Workshops** - The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust are holding free Youth Champion Workshops in London, Cardiff, Glasgow and Manchester for anyone aged 14-24 who is interested in learning from the past to create a future free from hate. At the work shops, attendees will:

- Develop a public speaking skill which build confidence, looks great on a CV or university application and increases employability.
- Learn how to become a Youth Champion and have the opportunity to represent HMDT at the UK Ceremony, meet the survivors of the Holocaust and Genocide and much more.
- Meet like-minded people, participate in activities and hear tips from Youth Champions who held their own HMD activities last year.

## **9. Social Media Outline Plan**

Steve presented an outline plan of how social media could be used to support the work of the Councils service to SDYC and LYF groups. It included using Facebook and Twitter to compliment the new Stroud Youth Voice website. More will be shared on this in due course once developed.

## **10. Any Other Business**

**Stroud News and Journal Article** - Rebecca highlighted that an article on her and Laurens presentations regarding their visit to the UN HQ in New York was featured in the SNJ recently.

**Christmas Meeting** – looking ahead to the December Main Meeting, Rebecca suggested that ‘fancy dress’ and ‘secret santa’ should feature for the Museum in the Park festive meeting.

**11. Date of Next Meeting** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017