



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 18th September 2017

Time : 16:30

Venue: Committee Room, Ebley Mill, 4:30pm

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

VOTING MEMBERS

Nyima Trawally (*Archway School*)
 Helen March (*Archway School*)
 George Adamson (**L**) (*Berkeley Vale Youth Forum*)
 Chloe Harvey (*Berkeley Vale Youth Forum*)
 Oli King (*Cainscross Youth Forum*)
 Rebecca Hunt** (*Cainscross Youth Forum*)
 Tom Schaffner (*Chalford Cubed Youth Forum*)
 Noella Osborne (*Chalford Cubed Youth Forum*)
 Jonty Fuller (*Katharine Lady Berkeley School*)
 Amy Jones (*Katharine Lady Berkeley School*)
 Alex Lin-Vines (*Marling School*)
 Olivia Porto (*Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF*)
 Thomas Haynes (*Rednock School*)
 Alexandra Parker (*Stroud High School*)
 Lauren Davies (**E**) (*Stroud High School*)
 Tom Wickham-Bassett* (*Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF*)
 Lily Haines (*Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF*)
 Isabelle Llewellyn (**HWB**) (*Thomas Keble School*)
 Luna Stephens (*Wotton Youth Forum*)
 Holly Hughes (*Wotton Youth Forum*)

DEPUTY MEMBERS

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

Libby Powell	A
Charlotte Bignall	P
George Sutton	A

CO-OPTIONS

**** = Chair * = Vice-Chair (L) = Leader (D) = Deputy Leader P = Present A = Absent AP = Apology given**

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
 Cath Warren, Youth Participation Contractor, Participation People
 Conrad Moore, Principal Planning Strategy Officer, Stroud District Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially to guest; Conrad Moore SDC Principal Planning Officer. Apologies are listed on the record above.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 24th July 2017

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

3. Matters Arising

- a) **Anti-Bullying in School Policies & Pastoral Care** – Members agreed to set up a project team to look at the issue in more detail. Tom Haynes, George Adamson, Lily Haines and Alexandra Parker agreed to be part of the team. The objective is to produce an example policy and action plan then look at ways of sharing it with schools.
- b) **SDYC Youth Grant Fund Panel** – A series of dates were shared with panel members for meeting to further assess the applications. It was agreed that Mondays and Tuesdays would be most suitable.
- c) **Make Your Mark (MYM)**. The Chair encouraged members to check on schools participation for this year's initiative. In 2016 there was a 3% turnout in Gloucestershire. Unfortunately only Members of Youth Parliament can only see the live participation figures.
- d) **Multi Media Young Researcher Project: *Youth Place and Possibility***
Over the summer break, some members had undertaken the opportunity to participate in a young researcher project with the theme of 'youth, place and possibility'. Led by Claire Levy, a visiting lecturer in TV documentary and a PhD candidate in visual sociology at Goldsmiths University in London, further progress on the project is being done this week using a range of multi media approaches.

4. Correspondence

Stroud Ambitions 2017

This annual event will be held on 8 November at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. Whilst it was promoted to all members, an opportunity has arisen for SDYC to create a small team to carry out evaluation work at the evening event. It was discussed that members who have been trained as Skills for Stroud Employability Charter assessors may be best placed to do this. A decision would be taken at the next meeting as to who would attend.

SDC Corporate Consultation

Steve gave overview of how SDC consults residents and businesses annually and highlighted that SDYC have participated in the past through an organized event with SDC Corporate Team and District Councillors. Questions for young people are currently being considered – an update will be made at the next meeting.

Public Health Gloucestershire – Health visiting & School Nursing services

Information was received from Julie Craig (Public Health Outcome Manager) regarding their wish to consult with young people on proposed changes - they would particularly like to engage with SDYC and a number of Stroud based secondary schools. Members agreed to engage with this in principal but more information will follow in the future.

Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust - School Nurse Text Service for young people

A new School Nurse text messaging service for the counties 11 to 19 year olds has been launched and provides confidential advice about health and wellbeing. Messages sent to a dedicated number (07507 333351) are delivered to a secure website and respond to by Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust. The service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm. This information will be circulated to all members.

5. SDC Local Plan Review- Conrad Moore SDC Principal Planning Officer

Conrad gave an overview of the current SDC Local Plan Review, highlighting that it identifies where building development will take place in the district for housing, employment, retail and community growth is required up until 2031. He explained how SDYC have been involved in the past, when the plan was created prior to adoption in

2015. He explained how previous active involvement by young people was acknowledged by the planning inspector and seen as being vital for this review. Members have the opportunity of a full presentation and/or a tailor made bespoke workshop. The review is being carried out until mid November. Members agreed to invite Conrad back to the next meeting with view to also holding a workshop in half term break.

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

Rednock School – Tom H gave a report on the latest news from Rednock, highlighting student frustrations on getting their voice heard on key issues.

Cam & Dursley YF – The work with Dursley Library regarding the ‘book reviews’ are on going.

Thomas Keble Schools – Issy gave a report on the latest news from TK, highlighting student frustrations on getting their voice heard on key issues.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton YF – The Girls Get Active project is about to commence with promotion taking place for the free beginner/taster sessions, starting on 20th of September at the Nailsworth Arkell Centre, 6:30-8:30pm. The programme is aimed at those who are aged 11-16 and do under 3 hours of physical activity a week. It consists of yoga, salsa dancing, drumming, carnival dancing, cheerleading and roller skating.

Berkeley Vale YF – Short term projects regarding recruitment and promotion is being planned, with the designing of a sign to be seen outside the Town Hall in Berkeley being the current project.

Wotton YF – The last event in the Edgefest series was very well organized and featured local live bands and DJs. In attendance we people talent scouting for the local Blues Festival and Party in the Park, the emerging bands that performed were deemed as being very good. Some of the profits will go to a young peoples counseling and mental health charity.

Katherine Lady Berkeley School – There hasn’t been a school council meeting since the new term start, but there is one planned for the 19th September. A careers convention is coming up and the student council will be analysing the teaching and learning community programme.

Cainscross YF – Oli is currently editing recordings for the mental health video entitled ‘What I’d like you to know’.

Archway School - Open day for year 6 is coming up. SDYC representatives were not invited to recent school council meeting and reasons why were being sought. Repairs to the building are on going and the school has a new gate.

Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF – The group are still looking for a new venue as the Old Town Hall is regularly booked. Attendance at Stroud Fringe Festival with a market stall went well and young people felt that it was a good experience. Millie and Wilbur Radford have retired as SDYC representatives with Lily now taking up the voting role and Hannah MacAdam a new deputy representative.

Stroud High School - Phones have been banned for years 7, 8 and 9. Year 10 and 11 can use their phones during lunch time only. It was subsequently noted that other schools like Katherine Lady Berkeley and Severn Vale already have similar policies. RAG charities for each house based on women charities.

Maidenhill School – It was noted that George Sutton and Tom Brady have now retired as SDYC reps, with George taking up an Ex-Officio role. New reps have yet to be decided.

7. British Youth Council (BYC) Report

Luna presented the report; she gave an overview of the BYC annual meeting in London on 2nd September which was attended by a SDYC delegation. She highlighted that they proposed two amendments regarding policy motions for BYC manifesto - one related to the tax being removed from sanitary products with SDYC proposing that it should be free to all those living under the poverty line. The second policy motion amendment related to making feminism lessons compulsory in schools with SDYC proposing that it should be broadened to all gender issues. A full list of motions debated can be found at www.byc.org.uk.

BYC Awards - Members were reminded of the current BYC award programme with the following categories; *best campaign, celebrating diversity, youth voice worker of the year (youth star award), youth voice campaign and award for innovation*. The Youth Voice Star Award will seek to reward workers who go the extra mile in their respective role, nominations are open until. Deadline for nominations is 27 September 2017.

NHS Youth Forum – they have launched a short film campaign and need your help. Three short films have been produced to advise young people that they have got rights and what these rights are. They come with a set of posters. The films and posters are about young people’s rights in healthcare; about confidentiality, independence

and feedback. They ask for help to get the message out and need the films to be shared everywhere and the posters in your local health care setting. You can find the films on the NHS youth forums Twitter page and Facebook page. The deadline is the 27th September 2017.

8. Local Strategic Partnership - Report from meeting on 8th September

Rebecca and Lauren attended the meeting, hosted by South Gloucestershire and Stroud (SGS) College at their new Berkeley Green campus - there was two main agenda items: An update of the farming industry by Will Fraser of National Farmers Union, where he highlighted various impacts of industry as result of Brexit and the on going issues with particular reference to young people entering the industry – a post meeting discussion with Will led to his interest in SDYC and a possible link up with young farmers clubs being mentioned for a future initiative. A presentation on the changing landscape of education by Jonny Walker of SGS College was given whereby he gave an overview focusing on changes in the grading system and demands for greater employability skills development. SDYC representatives gave an overview of current projects being worked upon during partner updates.

9. Leadership Team Report from meetings on 3rd August and 15 August

Meeting on 3 August:

Role of Leadership Team and Principal Members – members were asked to note that the positions of PM for Housing; PM for Local Democracy; and PM for Employment and Training were vacant and need filling.

Key Projects and Issues for 2017/18 – members were asked to note that SDC youth work team were asked to ensure the Curriculum for Life Project became a priority for the current contractors until the end of September.

Focus Group/Project Team Reporting Process to Main Meeting – it was recommended to members that they ask questions and scrutinise the report items presented, before making their decision.

Attending SDC Committee Meetings – members were asked to note that team members will endeavour to attend SDC committee meetings where possible.

Youth Grant Panel - agree two members from Leader/Chair/Vice Chair – members were asked to note that Tom Wickham-Bassett and George Adamson were nominated as the panelists from the Leader/Chair/Vice Chair positions.

SDC Youth Participation Contract – overview & selection process – members were asked to note that assurances were given by SDC regarding SDYC members being involved in the selection process.

BYC Annual Meeting – Policy Motion Proposals – members were asked to note that due to time constraints this item was not discussed. It will be held at the next team meeting. The SDYC reps to the BYC would be invited to attend the next team meeting which was on Tuesday 15th August at 3pm.

This report was proposed by George and seconded by Rebecca. Members adopted the report.

Meeting on 15 August:

BYC Annual Meeting (2 September) Policy Motion Proposals – members were asked to note that the SDYC (delegation to the BYC ACM) would be proposing two policy motion amendments and also voting on all other motions at the BYC Annual meeting (see BYC report for outcomes and results).

The report was proposed by George and Seconded by Luna. Members adopted the report.

10. SDC Youth Participation Contract Update

Steve gave an update on the recent procurement process that was set up to search for a suitable provider to support the SDC Youth Participation Service. Whilst a comprehensive process was undertaken, unfortunately no provider was found and plans as to how the service would be delivered from October were currently being looked at by SDC officers and the Corporate Team. Members were assured that service delivery would continue but may need to be revised in the short term. The Councils current contractors, Participation People were thanked for their services. A further update would be made at the next meeting.

11. LYF Member Activity Day- 24 September 2017

LYF Members were invited to attend the Local Youth Forum Members Activity Event on Sunday 24th September 2017 at Viney Hill Adventure Centre, Forest of Dean. The event promised to be fun and packed with indoor and outdoor activities, consisting of team building exercises, problem solving and communication challenges. It will enable members to further knowledge about the role as a member of a local youth forum group and will encourage delegates to develop new skills.

12. Any Other Business

Curriculum for Life Project – Update

An update on the project was received from Participation People who had also emailed it to project team members. Due to time and other commitments of the team, the project had developed into an animated film and the next session is Friday 22nd September. Members were encouraged to attend.

SFS Employability Charter – assessment of Katharine Lady Berkeley School

KLB reps highlighted that the support for work experience at their school was very good and that this may be of interest to the SFS Employability Charter assessment programme. This would be shared with them in due course.

Participation People – Cath Warren

Cath was thanked for her services to SDYC and LYF groups during her short time as a participation officer for Participation People (PP). Whilst her contract with PP was drawing to a close at the end of September, it was possible that some members may see her again in the district. Cath thanked members for their support and willingness to engage with her, making her time very enjoyable.

13. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 16th October 2017

The meeting was followed by a visit to Snow Business Headquarters in Ebley.