



## NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

**Date : Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Time : 16:30**

**Venue: Council Chamber, 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*)  
 George Sutton (*Maidenhill School*)  
 Tom Brady (*Maidenhill*)  
 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-Basset\* (*Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF*)  
 Millie Radford (*Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF*)  
 Isabelle Llewellyn (**HWB**) (*Thomas Keble School*)  
 Luna Stephens (*Wotton Youth Forum*)  
 Holly Hughes (*Wotton Youth Forum*)

#### **DEPUTY MEMBERS**

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| P  | Katie Pugh ( <i>Archway School</i> )                        | P  |
| Ap | Eden Kingston ( <i>Archway School</i> )                     | A  |
| Ap | Paige Collard ( <i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i> )          | A  |
| A  | Claire Gee ( <i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i> )                | A  |
| P  | Tyler Needham ( <i>Maidenhill School</i> )                  | Ap |
| P  | Wilbur Radford ( <i>Stroud Town &amp; Five Valleys YF</i> ) | A  |
| Ap | Lily Haines ( <i>Stroud Town &amp; Five Valleys YF</i> )    | P  |
| Ap | Anna Rogers ( <i>Wotton Youth Forum</i> )                   | Ap |
| Ap | Evie Bennett-Stone ( <i>Wotton Youth Forum</i> )            | A  |
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#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Libby Powell  
 Charlotte Bignall

#### **CO-OPTIONS**

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**\*\* = 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  
 Cllr Miranda Clifton, Stroud District Council  
 George Richmond, Deputy Member of Youth Parliament for Cotswolds & Stroud  
 Vinciane Guyard, French Exchange Student with Rebecca Hunt

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, especially to guests; George Richmond, Deputy Member of Youth Parliament for Cotswolds and Stroud, Cllr Miranda Clifton and Vinciane Guyard, a French exchange student. Apologies are listed on the record above.

## **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Lauren Davies; Seconded by: Oli King.*

## **3. Presentation on trip to United Nations HQ in New York – Rebecca, Lauren & Colleagues**

Rebecca and Lauren gave a presentation on their self funded visit to the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York whereby the Commission on the Status of Women met for a four day event earlier this year. They have been presenting their work to various organisations with view to encouraging support locally. They are particularly keen to increase support for the Stroud Women's Refuge and explore the setting up of a county based organisation affiliated to the National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO). They are also wishing to increase awareness of the UN's sustainability development goals and want to encourage the teaching of gender equality within schools. As the latter two points also relate to the issues being advocated by SDYC, members asked how they could help. It was suggested that the project teams and focus groups should consider these issues.

## **4. Matters Arising**

- a) **Anti-Bullying in School Policies & Pastoral Care** - Feedback view on Rednocks policy includes no 6<sup>th</sup> Form input into their anti-bullying working group, meaning overall lack of student voice. KLB system was set up by students and includes training for students to observe behavior and profiling the policy regularly in assemblies - a Talk in Confidence (TiC) programme involving senior students, supports the policy and there is a strong relationship between students and school senior management team (SMT); students meet with SMT at the end of term. Maidenhill have a system relating to students emotional and active learning (SEAL). Archway have been approached by Tom W-B and Helen, who have recommended the TIC system which was met with positivity and may be set up post September. Stroud High's policy document was presented and included a restorative intervention approach with formal warnings and sanctions – the next review would take place in February 2018.
- b) **New Stroud Youth Voice Website** – further comments about the new website, included: '*very engaging*'; '*much better than before*'; '*will all youth forum's feature on the site?*'
- c) **SDYC Mailing options** - Oli King has opted out of receiving mail for main meetings via the post.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **Princes Trust Get Started with Motor Vehicles**

This programme is aimed at young people who are 16-25 and not engaged in education, employment or training. The programme includes design and building a motor vehicle, brake fitting, engines, electrics and ignition systems, work with experts in the motor vehicle industry. It is happening on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. The programme runs from 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August, times are likely to be 10:00am-4:00pm. This programme will be held at Catherine house in Gloucester.

### **Multi Media Research Project Opportunity**

A local Stroud resident, Claire Levy who is currently a Senior Lecturer in TV documentary at bath University and a PhD candidate in visual sociology at Goldsmiths University in London, would like to offer members the opportunity to be involved in a research project she is undertaking as a fieldwork study. Members were invited to attend an information evening on the project with view to taking part as young researchers over the summer. The theme relates to young people living in rural areas. Members interested, were encouraged to contact Steve ASAP.

## **6. George Richmond - Deputy Member of Youth Parliament for Cotswold and Stroud**

George gave an overview of the plans that he and Hanna Doherty, fellow member of youth parliament for Cotswold and Stroud, over the next year. They have three main themes:

Supporting the national campaigns - Votes at 16; Curriculum for Life

Local campaign – setting up a mental health questionnaire regarding mental health system in schools

Personal campaigns – research into what provisions are available to gifted musical people who are disabled.

Members asked George, what SDYC can do and suggested a link up with St Roses School in Stroud.

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

**Maidenhill School** – the ‘prom’ was very successful. Assistant head teacher has returned and is in charge of youth voice. SDYC reps were hoping to build better relations during the year ahead.

**Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF** – Hosted a celebration event a few weeks ago which marked Molly Jones’ pending departure back to Australia following a tour of Europe. The event was a huge success and saw young people from each of the nine local youth forum’s present, who reflected upon their experiences with Molly as their youth worker.

**Stroud High School** – whilst it was almost the end of term, an enrichment week was recently held. Planning for the Raising and Giving (charity) Week in September was underway. The Green Flag was awarded to the school for the second time. The Prefect role had changed and included doing projects. The recent ban on ‘FitBit’ like devices hit international news.

**Katherine Lady Berkeley School** – a school dog had been adopted for calming and therapy work. The Science block is being refurbished over the summer break.

**Wotton YF** – The date of meetings has changed, which isn’t suiting all members. There is a query over the date of the next Edgefest summer music event, which is hoped will be set soon.

**Archway School** - Summer concert went well. English literature book has been produced on creative writing.

**Thomas Keble School** – they have recently reviewed how student council works and it is hoped this will be evident at the return in September.

**Rednock School** – they have recently held a year 6 induction day and a day dedicated to STEM subjects.

**Cam & Dursley YF** – whilst the planned meeting in August may not go ahead the project with Dursley Library is going well, with book reviewing now taking place.

**Cainscross YF** – the ‘What I’d like you to know’ video project is still ‘live’ but is in need of a refocus from members. It was noted that some SDYC members had been interviewed / filmed during the break at this meeting in relation to this project.

## **8. British Youth Council report**

Whilst Luna and Helen were not in attendance, it was noted that the forthcoming BYC Annual meeting would be attended by them. It was agreed that the SDYC Leadership Team would consider the policy motion proposals to the meeting, once they were known and therefore determine how the representatives would vote.

## **9. Local Strategic Partnership - Report from meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Tom W-B presented the report. He highlighted the LSP’s purpose was to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the people of the Stroud district. The partnership is made up of leaders from the private, community, public and voluntary sectors.

Emily Gravestock, from the UK Space Agency, gave a compelling presentation about the UK Space Agency and the ways in which satellites and other technologies used in space are able to assist us back on earth. Emily discussed various technologies which have proven to be very important to developing better knowledge and services e.g. the technology in an iPhone was initially developed in space.

Kevin Hamblin, LSP Chair and Principal of South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS), presented the progress of SGS College over recent years. Kevin talked of how SGS aims to do what is right for students, instead of doing what is necessary to achieve an ofsted 'outstanding' score. This was felt to be 'heartening' by members.

#### **10. SDC Youth Participation Contract Update**

Steve gave an overview of the District Council's progress with the procurement process (search for a service provider) for the youth participation support service. He explained that Participation People had their contract extended in April up to September, but had decided not to bid for the new contract. Further to that, the buying in of a service provider to facilitate the local youth forum groups and support the SDYC project teams and focus groups was expected to be a complex process. It was hoped that some members would be involved with the selection part of the process – more details would follow and be discussed by the Leadership Team.

#### **11. Skills for Stroud Employability Charter – Assessor training**

Information on assessor training for the Charter was presented. Oli gave an overview of the charter and reflected on his involvement to date – this inspired the following members to express interest in taking part in a training session; Lauren Davies, Amy Jones, Nyima Trawally, Issy Llewellyn, Lily Haines and Rebecca Hunt. Members not present would also have this opportunity presented to them. A date would be arranged in due course.

#### **12. Make Your Mark – Annual Ballot & SDYC Involvement**

An update was given by Rebecca and George Richmond. It was believed that 27 schools in Gloucestershire have signed up for Make Your Mark (MYM) initiative, with most of the Stroud Secondary Schools being involved. Members were encouraged to promote MYM when they return to school in September.

#### **13. Any Other Business**

Oli promoted The Door Youth Project summer activity programme. Lauren (as PM for Environment) highlighted her desire to set up a project team to scope ideas, issues for action. These members wished to be involved; Lauren, Amy, Oli, Nyima, Tom H, Issy and Rebecca.

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting** - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017