



NOTES OF THE MAIN MEETING ON:

Date : Monday 26th June 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*)
 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

A	Eden Kingston (<i>Archway</i>)	P
P	Paige Collard (<i>Berkeley Vale Youth Forum</i>)	A
Ap	Claire Gee (<i>Cainscross Youth Forum</i>)	P
A	Tyler Needham (<i>Maidenhill School</i>)	Ap
Ap	Wilbur Radford (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	Ap
P	Lily Haines (<i>Stroud Town & Five Valleys YF</i>)	P
Ap	Anna Rogers (<i>Wotton Youth Forum</i>)	A
Ap	Evie Bennett-Stone (<i>Wotton Youth Forum</i>)	Ap
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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
 Cath Warren, Youth Participation Contractor, Participation People
 Molly Jones, Youth Participation Contractor, Participation People
 John Davies, Facts4Life Project
 Dr Hugh Van't Hoff, Facts4Life Project

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair gave a special welcome to John Davies and Dr Hugh Vant Hoff from the Facts4Life Project. Apologies are listed on the record above, plus Cllr Miranda Clifton.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 5th June 2017

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

3. Matters Arising

- a) **Elections of Co-options** – Following discussion, members agreed the Leadership Team should approach the following groups or organisations etc: Home education, Young Farmers, Young Carers, Environmental Refugees, Disabilities, LGBTQ+, Children in Care (inc Care Leavers), and Excluded from school.
- b) **United Nations Presentation on trip to New York** – this has been postponed until main meeting on 24th July.
- c) **Bullying in Schools** – During further discussion, members questioned whether parents and students were informed of the procedures? However they had heard of good examples at KLB regarding their Talk in Confidence (TiC) buddy system led by year 13's. Members agreed to collate Anti Bullying policies and Pastoral Care policies from their respective schools and bring to the next meeting.

4. The Facts4Life Project – presentation from Dr Hugh Vant Hoff & John Davies

Hugh and John presented an overview of the Facts4Life project, highlighting that 90% of contact by patients with the NHS is at a GP Surgery not a hospital. They reflected on previous engagement with SDYC approx 3 years ago as being very helpful and have since delivered in all schools in Gloucestershire bar Archway and Severn Vale who will be included in the autumn. They use a range of resources, and are funded by NHS CCG – a teacher's booklet was presented as an example. Facts4Life is currently being taught to KS3. However members asked if it was possible to do so for KS4 – whilst there is no capacity to do so at present, Hugh and John said they would welcome SDYC's help again to develop such a programme, providing they obtain funds from the NHS CCG. Hugh and John were thanked for an engaging presentation. Members requested web details of the project.

5. Correspondence

Gloucestershire's Hate Crime Plan – This plan was brought to member's attention with view to highlighting what Hate Crime is; a Hate Crime being *a crime that happens because someone thinks you are different*. A Hate Incident can also happen because *someone thinks you are different* – the incident may not be a crime, but it can feel like it. The law says that hate crime *is an act of violence, hostility and intimidation against someone because of their identity or because they are seen as being different*. Members were offered the opportunity to explore more about Hate crime if they wish.

Body Image Project, UWE Bristol – Details of a project carried out by UWE Bristol, Centre for Appearance Research was shared with members. They highlighted that emotional health and wellbeing related issues were clearly high on many organisations agendas and much discussion and subsequent action is taken by active citizens. The project team is investigating the feasibility, acceptability, and effectiveness of a body image intervention in Gloucestershire secondary schools. Entitled 'Body Image in Adolescence', the project explores how a person thinks and feels about their body and the way they look. The finding included: Body image concerns are prevalent among adolescents; between 40-70% of adolescent boys and girls experience body dissatisfaction. Members agreed that the research project team from UWE Bristol should be invited to a future SDYC main meeting to present findings and help inform each other about body image.

Gloucestershire Schools Pilot Project on Mental Health – Led by the NHS CCG and the 2gether Trust Primary Mental Health Team for Children and Young People, the project was county wide and included work in Stroud based schools.

Common issues discussed during consultations with 160 students, include; Anxiety, the highest ranked issue (156), followed by Behaviour and Anger (96).

Stratford Park Outdoor Pool - Stroud District Council and a group of volunteer supporters have recently got together to investigate the future of Stratford Park Outdoor Pool and to see how it can be improved and restored to the beautiful attraction it was in the 1930s. As part of this project, they want to hear the voices and opinions of young people in the Stroud area and involve them in how the project develops. Members were encouraged to complete the following survey: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SPLIDO2/>

Meanwhile, it was agreed that the project group would be invite to do a carry out a consultation workshop with SDYC and the two local youth forum groups closest to the park.

Stroud Health Profile and info on Alcohol and Self Harm – The following was highlighted to members;

Under 18 hospital admissions for alcohol: although recent online pupil surveys show that young peoples alcohol consumption is consistently decreasing, some schools / colleges in Gloucestershire are identifying that alcohol use has increased and alcohol related hospital stays is still one of Stroud's 'red' health stats. Gloucestershire County Council recently retendered the county drug and alcohol services to Change, Grow, Live who subcontract their young people's service to Young Gloucestershire (YG). YG has transitions workers who are supposed to engage with young people all over the county. Members were asked if they had heard about this, to which they all replied that they hadn't.

6. SDYC Election Results

Online elections recently took place via the Mi-Vote portal and the following results were announced;

a) **Principal Member for Environment** – Lauren Davies

Lauren was congratulated having gained 100% of the votes, with 10 voting members taking part in the contest. Nominations will be re-invited for the remaining positions ahead of the next meeting, whereby a similar process will be undertaken via the portal.

7. Updates from School & College Council's and Local Youth Forum Groups

Cainscross Youth Forum – Recruits to mental health campaign video were highlighted. Archway confirmed when they can film. Information has been submitted to the British Youth Council Youth Select Committee, who is looking at Body Image as an issue.

Archway School – Year 10 mock exams and GCSE/A Level exams are well underway. A summer concert is being planned.

Stroud High School – Currently looking at reforming the raising and giving programme. The school has entered the 2nd Green Flag award. They are reviewing the 6th Form. Work with the Body Project has just finished with UWE Bristol (highlighted also under correspondence).

Stroud Town & Five Valleys Youth Forum – The evaluation of 'Day in the Life of a Teen' event was now complete and discussion has begun on a new project regarding promoting information for young people, local produce, art work, albums etc of local live bands. The group is to explore a pop up shop idea, by and for young people at Stroud Fringe Festival.

Thomas Keble School – The consultation survey regarding mental health services has led to the production of an assembly plan. More information will follow on this at the next meeting.

Katherine Lady Berkeley School – The recent Ofsted inspection and report highlighted an overall rating as; 'Good' with three outstanding areas in the Sixth Form. The science block is being redeveloped. Annual Prom is in two weeks. Holly has been elected as Head Girl.

Wotton-Under-Edge Youth Forum – Another Edgefest event is being planned for the summer - more details will follow.

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton Youth Forum – Funding has been committed by Active Gloucestershire for a program to get more people active in the area – largely focusing on young women.

8. British Youth Council (BYC) Report Inc Regional Youth Voice Convention

Rebecca and Issy gave a report of the recent BYC Convention in Exeter which they attended.

Stand Against Violence Campaign (SAV) - a specialist violence prevention charity who works with young people across England & Wales focusing on the reduction of interpersonal violence through education. Each year in England & Wales there is 1.9 million incidents of violence. 60% involves young people. SAV deliver violence prevention workshops to schools across the country, focusing on personal safety; anger and aggression; basic life support and the awareness of choices and consequences surrounding violence. SAV aims to prevent future tragedies such as this one and save families the grief of losing loved ones to violence. Youth groups can get involved with SAV by holding a fundraising event and we can also donate which helps them continue and further develop their valuable work.

BYC Workshops - these were held on the following; preparing youth voice reps' for campaigning; the curriculum for life (supporting the national campaign); and Make Your Mark annual ballot.

NHS Youth Forum - there was also an update on the work of the NHS Youth Forum.

9. SDYC Youth Grant Fund Panel – formation process

Members were briefed on the process for electing the SDYC Youth Grant Fund Panel. The composition being;

- 2 x Members nominated from and by, the previous year's panel.
- 2 x Members from: Chair, Vice Chair, Leader or Deputy Leader from the current year.
- 2 x Members who represent a school or college on SDYC as determined through an 'electoral group' process
- 2 x Members who represent a local youth forum on SDYC as determined through an 'electoral group' process

The nomination process above was highly successful and confirmed it would begin in July. £50,000 each has been awarded to Stroud District Council and other District Councils by the County Council.

10. SDYC Mailing – options

It was highlighted that members have the option to opt out of receiving mailing for main meetings via the post – the following chose to opt out; Luna, Holly, Jonty, Rebecca, Issy, Alex P, Lauren, Lily and Helen.

The following members agreed to remain recipients; Claire G and Tom WB.

11. Any Other Business

Molly's Celebration/Leaving Event – whilst members already knew of Molly's pending departure from her role to return to Australia, a celebration / leaving event has been scheduled for the 12th July at the Old Town Hall in Stroud town. All SDYC and LYF members are invited as well as parents, colleagues and those from partner organizations.

New Stroud Youth Voice website – a preview of the new site was given to those present, www.stroudyouthvoice.co.uk members were asked to give feedback via an email to be sent out soon.

12. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 24th July 2017