

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 4th SEPTEMBER 2003
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

COMMENCED:7.30PM

CONCLUDED:9.31PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr K Savage
Cllr T Chilton
Cllr P Simper

Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr A Edwards
Cllr A Phillips

Cllr D Galley
Cllr P Bottomley
Cllr P Bromley

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Clerk The Press (1) Public (0) Police (1)
Val Carroll- BMDC Dept. of Policy & Executive Support.

Cllr Edwards in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Atkinson and Walton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None

3. POLICE REPORT

PC Stothers reported the following crime statistics comparing Aug 2002 with Aug 2003:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Burglary-Dwellings	1	1
Burglary-Others	8	7
Vehicle Crime	15	14
Misc. Crime	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>
Overall	36	43

Due to this significant rise in public order crimes PC Stothers has put forward a request the Silsden be included in Target week. On a positive note PC Stothers stated that the park rangers were finding the attitude of the youths hanging around the park changing for the better and they are responding to requests to move on, and overall their behaviour is a lot more socially acceptable.

The Situation with the phone outside the police station is still on going.

Cllr Bromley resigned from being a volunteer for the contact point and handed in his ID badge witnessed by the clerk and the council. He stated this was NOT a reflection on PC Stothers but that he felt extremely let down by the lack of co-operation and information from Inspector Walker.

Cllr Edwards asked the council to confirm their views on whether to accept a shop as a place for the contact point instead of the police station. It was felt that the police

station would be best, but if a shop was the only answer then that would have to be acceptable.

Cllr Savage asked whether BMDC are helping towards the contact points. PC Stothers confirmed that new funding had been made available.

The Council request that a letter be sent to Cllr Eaton to request that BMDC help with the funding of our contact point in the police station.

Cllr Elsmore requested that the issue of speed restriction be put on the next agenda.

Action Clerk to write to Cllr Eaton, and add agenda item

4. VAL CARROLL POLICY & EXECUTIVE SUPPORT.

Ms Carroll gave an overview of her departments' role in the modernisation of relationships. Suggestions were requested for where improvements could be made in the relationship between STC and BMDC. Points raised included the fact that local ward councillors do not attend Town Council meeting and thus we have difficulty in finding out what is happening in BMDC. The lack on continuity in areas such as planning consent in conservation areas. The Town should be consulted first on issues concerning it and not as an after thought when decision are made. The general feeling that people in Silsden were not getting value for money from BMDC. Ms Carroll has taken these points back to BMDC and will be in touch again in the future.

The council thanked her for attending.

5. MINUTES.

The minutes for the meeting on 7th August 2003 previously circulated we proposed and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Elsmore and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

None

7. OTHER MATTERS ARISING.

The council agreed to invite representatives from the affordable housing scheme to a main meeting.

Action clerk to email invite.

8. ALLOTMENTS

No update as yet.

9. PLANNING AND UDP

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110 Skipton Road

Two-Storey Extension

No objections were raised save the usual proviso that all materials are in keeping.

STC will point out to BMDc that the map they are using to site the property is at least 30 years out of date and get an assurance that this map is not used in any decision making processes.

Cllr Elsmore proposed that we write to the two takeaways with boarded up windows as many parishioners had voiced concern and distaste at this. All the council were in favour of such a letter being sent. It was also noted that the pavement outside the Pizza Takeaway was in a dangerous state.

Action Email planning with comments and clerk to write to both takeaway establishments.

10. PROPOSAL BY CLLR WALTON

It was proposed by Cllr Bromley and seconded by Cllr Savage that this item be deferred to the next meeting when Cllr Walton will be able to present his case.

11. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Quote from Fattorini re Deputy Mayor's Pendant.- Action
2. Guidance on Local Authority Allowance- given to Cllr Elsmore
3. Annual Progress report WY Local Transport – Filed
4. Amended protocol on Gifts and Hospitality – Adopted by STC 4/9/03
5. Update letter for Cllr Hawksworth – noted
6. Letter from Silsden Civic Society - Action
7. BT acknowledgement and confirm no other phones to go at the moment - noted
8. CPRE info re day in Malham – filed
9. Connecting creativity Event – Give to Cllr Bottomley re Youth Council
10. Reply form education Dept re possible school sites – noted
11. Leader of BMDC Labour Party reply re AMP – noted
12. Advice from BMDC now able to co opt.
13. NHS Airedale Open day info – filed
14. Open Aire – filed
15. Bradford Vision Environmental event- Given to Cllr Chilton.

Action 1. Clerk to inform Fattorini that we as not able to proceed at present and request the return of the pendant. *Action 6.* Clerk to copy Civic letter and forward to Ann Cryer, police, and Cllr Richardson stating STC fully endorse the comments made. *Action 4* Proposed by Cllr Elsmore, seconded by Cllr Savage, with all in favour that this protocol be adopted.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

None requested

13. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

The following were proposed for payment by Cllr Bromley and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour.

Mrs L Corcoran	333	£502.72
Inland revenue	334	£ 50.84
Fattorini	335	£236.20
Cllr L Walton	336	£ 6.55

Mrs L Corcoran	337	£ 12.96
Swimstart	338	£ 50.00

The bank reconciliation previously given to Cllr Elsmore for checking was confirmed as being correct.

14. GEORGE NEWTON TRUST.

Two Cllr volunteered as trustees to take the place of ex Cllr Tomkins and Cllr A Edwards who has resigned as a trustee due to time constraints. The two trustees now are Cllr Tom Chilton and Cllr David Galley.

Action Clerk to write to Mrs Crabtree informing her of the changes

15. BRADFORD COUNCIL, KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL, GOVERNMENT & KTC

Outside the Town Hall is in a bad state of repair and window frames are rotten. Cllrs and public again had problems getting through to the TPO office. Cllr Elsmore suggested with all in favour the KTC is removed from our agenda.

Action Clerk to email BMDC with the above comments.

16. REPORTS.

Swimstart A report was read out which highlights how well the pool is doing and the efforts made by the group to fund raise. Minor repairs works completed and progressing towards charitable status.

YLCA Cllr Elsmore informed the council of up and coming meetings.

S.E.G Signed copies of the May meeting were handed to the clerk. There will be a clean up operation o the 20th September meeting outside the PO at 10am. Request the council find out whether we can get our memorial statue listed as a grade II monument, also to try and obtain the plaques, which were taken off the benches which have been removed.

School Governors New temporary building on the Aire View site.

YC Next meeting on the 30th of Sept. at 6 pm all councillors welcome to attend .Cllr Bottomley updated the council on the progress of the YC first project. Minutes of these meetings will be available in the council chambers.

Action Clerk to deal with the SEG issues raised.

17. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

Footpath diversion on Woodside to the Canal footpath is impassable.

State of Wesley place outside the OAP's centre.

Flood Forum in Keighley why wasn't Silsden involved?

General state of untidiness and litter in Silsden.

Action Clerk to deal with the above.

18. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday the 2nd October 2003 at 7.30pm.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.31pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 2/10/03