

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL ON
THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2004**

Cllr Atkinson
Cllr Edwards
Cllr Phillips

Cllr Bromley
Cllr Elsmore
Cllr Trainor

Cllr Bottomley
Cllr Naylor
Cllr Walton

In Attendance:

Mrs Corcoran – Clerk, Cllr Andrew Mallinson, Press (2) and Public (1)

Commenced: 7.00pm

Concluded: 9.25pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Received and accepted from Cllr Galley
Noted resignation of T Chilton, letter of thanks to be sent.
2. MAYOR'S END OF YEAR STATEMENT. Mayor Edwards gave a short statement summing up what he thought were the highs and lows of the last year. Including the positive achievements of seeing a PCSO on Silsden's streets and the formation of the Youth Council.
3. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2004/5
Cllr Elsmore, seconded by Cllr Bromley proposed Cllr Edwards to remain as Mayor for a second year. All were in favour
4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2004/5
Cllr Bromley, seconded by Cllr Bottomley proposed Cllr Elsmore to remain as deputy Mayor for a seconded year. All were in favour
5. OFFICE OF ACCEPTANCE FORMS were signed by the above
6. ADMINISTRATION
Meeting dates were agreed as the first Thursday in the month and the third Thursday in the month, with the exception on the June meeting which will be held on the 10th.
The following committees were confirmed:
Finance: Cllrs Edwards, Elsmore, Bromley, Walton and Naylor.
Planning: Cllrs Edwards, Elsmore, Atkinson, Naylor, Phillips and Walton
Allotments: Cllrs Edwards, Elsmore, Atkinson, Bromley and Savage
The following working groups and representative were also confirmed:
SEG: Cllr Trainor
Road Safety: Cllr Walton
YLCA: Cllrs Elsmore & Naylor
Xmas Lights: Cllrs Walton, Atkinson, Trainor and Naylor
KACP: Cllr Phillips requested further information on this.
George Newton Trust: Cllr Galley to remain a trustee, It was felt by the council that this should be an agenda item to be discussed in private in order the council understand the workings of the George Newton trust and the council's role.
Youth Council: Cllrs Bottomley and Trainor
7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
Cllr Bottomley - finance
Cllr Naylor - planning
8. POLICE REPORT.
Apologies were received from PC Stothers. The clerk read out the following statistics;

<u>April</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>
Burg. Dwelling	3	1
Burg. Other	7	1

Vehicle crime	18	2
<u>General crime</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	51	14

Cllr Atkinson informed the council of complaints he had received with regards to lack of police presence and the unprofessional response received while trying to report incidents to Keighley help desk. It was proposed that the clerk chase her earlier invite and request that Sarah Sydney attend the meeting on the 10th of June 2004.

9. MINUTES – That the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 1st APRIL 2004 proposed by Cllr Elsmore, seconded by Cllr Bromley be signed as a true and accurate record.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- i) A letter in response to Cllr Hawkesworth memo with regards to changing in planning law concerning wind farms has been sent to Anne Cryer and the ODPM.
- ii) The wording for the new corporate sign was agreed by voting to be Home of Silsden Town Council.
- iii) No cllrs are able to attend the YLCA QS seminar 25/6/04 in York.
- iv) Report by Cllr Galley re Foundation status was noted with thanks.

11. YOUTH CLUB The council was resolved to request that the youth club be opened 5 nights to include Friday and Saturday nights. This council feels this will help to alleviate some of the anti social behaviour experienced by the Town.

12. ALCOHOL FREE ZONES The council resolved to request that alcohol zones are considered for the Memorial Gardens, St James Church Yard, Howden Rd Graveyard and Silsden Park.

13. PROPOSAL TO HOLD MONTHLY COUNCILLORS SURGERIES It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Cllr EDWARDS and ELSMORE will prepare some suggestions for the next meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

- i) Email from M Davies- re possible informal discussions in running the Town Hall. A vote was taken and it was agreed by 6 votes for 1 abstention and 3 against to take up the offer of informal discussions. Cllrs Atkinson, Savage and Bromley wished their Votes against to be minuted.
- ii) Noted licences applications Craven Stores & Dales Bank Holiday Park.
- iii) Noted Invite to 'Johnny Silvo Concert' Black Horse Skipton 8/5/04 –ticket £7.50 from Skipton Town Clerk.
- iv) Letter from WYP re contact point and future of the Police station. The council resolved to write in the strongest possible terms their desire to retain the police station as a contact point.
- v) Letter from a member of the public re the state of the duck pond. The council resolved to place this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT – PUBLIC ENQUIRIES. None

16. ALLOTMENTS – Reply from Mr Kilner to noted, Cllr ATKINSON to arrange a meeting of the allotments committee with representative from the allotment holders.

17. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

Payments approved at the finance meeting		<u>Chq No</u>
Clerks salary (May net)	504.81	388
Tax and Ni LC	29.42	389

Ni STC	18.18	389
YLCA Subs	598.00	390
Corporate sign part payment	100.00	N/A
Mayor Allowance	725.00	391
Youth Council	500.00	392
Methodist playgroup	150.00	393
Silsden Cricket Club	100.00	394
Swimstart	100.00	395

Following payments were approved after being proposed by Cllr Elsmore, seconded by Cllr Bromley with all in favour:

Repay Cllr Bottomley (YC A/C)	20.90	5
Insurance	829.66	396

The clerk gave every councillor a copy of the year-end accounts, which will need to be approved at the next meeting. She also confirmed that the internal audit was underway.

18. PLANNING AND UDP.

04/01599/ful 1 South View Terrace – Conversion to a flat

04/01698/ful 7 Banklands Ave – extension (2 storey)

No objections were raised on the above plans

04/01621/ful Bridge House, Skipton rd- Balcony to conservatory

Council felt this was not in keeping with the Canal corridor, which is a conservation area.

04/01578/ful Holden Gate Barn – Conversion to dwelling (04/01579/lbc)

04/01601/ful Ghyll Grange farm – Construction of garage and games room

04/01700/ful 88 Skipton Rd – Extension (2 storey)

The council were unable to pass comments on the above as no location plans had been forwarded with the paper work. Clerk to arrange an extension on the consultation time and the location plans,. These plans will be dealt with at the next planning meeting on the 20th of May 2004.

BMDC GRANTS noted

04/08824/ful 5 Townhead - Extension

04/00917/ful Foster Cliffe fm North – Porch and Gym link

04/00818/ful 52 Hainsworth rd – Conservatory

03/03863/ful land west of 11 Hayhills – 5 terrace houses

19. BRADFORD COUNCIL,

Works to commence on Bradley Green on the 31st May 2004. - noted.

Road by bus stop on Skipton Rd, near Twister Club flooding – Clerk to report.

New Indian restaurant has and internally lit sign – clerk to inform the enforcement officer.

Cllr Atkinson stated that Business Watch had received a £55,000 grant towards CCTV in the Town, with the possibility of a further £14,000. He was also advised that more funding may be made available through the 'gate-it' project.

KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL,

Cllr Mallinson introduced himself to the council as the new chair of Keighley Area Panel. It was suggested that the council could compile a list of areas of concern in Silsden to be forwarded for his attention before July 2004.

GOVERNMENT.

Nothing reported

20. REPORTS –

Road safety: Community Speed watch needs volunteers.

YLCA; South Pennine meeting on the 16th of June
Christmas lights: Nothing to report
Silsden Environmental Group: No report
Swimstart: No further update.
School Governors: Nothing to report
Keighley Anti Crime Partnership. Nothing to report
Youth Council: Successful coffee morning raised £132.00. Minutes of Youth Council meetings can be viewed via the clerk.

21. AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE INFORMATION.

Footpath between Park Green and Skipton Road still requires the moss clearing away.- clerk to chase

Cllrs Atkinson and Trainor looking into the siteing of the 'Cobbydale' signs and other notice boards on the canal bank.

Large pot hole in the Road between Craven stores and the Bus stop.- clerk to report
The trees obscure new lighting by Aireview School.

CONFIRMED THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING TO BE THURSDAY 10TH JUNE 2004.

Being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.25pm

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Silsden Town mayor 10/6/04