

# SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL



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**SUMMONS TO THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SILSDEN TOWN HALL ON  
THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm  
AGENDA**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
3. POLICE update.
4. MINUTES – That the minutes of the meetings of Silsden Town Council held on 6th Dec 2012 (previously circulated) be signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.
6. To note Cllr Thornton's response to our questions regarding make up of the steering group. “

In broad terms the aims of a Steering Group will be to oversee the development of the project to transition and thereafter to ensure that the premises and activities meet and continue to meet the needs of the community and its users. Initially it would meet monthly.

It is envisaged that the Steering Group will comprise the following: Estate Manager (chair), Public Halls Manager, Principal Libraries Officer, a Ward Councillor, and a representative each from the Town Council, User Group, Community Groups, and Disabled Forum.

Discussions on setting up and participation in the Steering Group will take place in the new year whereupon revised proposals will also be available. Council officers will contact you with details nearer the time”.

7. Setting of Precept –Please see clerk's report on how the Governments Localised Tax support scheme will affect Silsden and the figures on costings of stand alone elections which local council's now have to bear. Possible budget suggested as a starting point.
8. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
  1. To agree payments as per budget sheet (circulated)
9. PLANNING:
  - 12/04957/FUL | Installation of a single micro scale wind turbine (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades) | Green Acres Fishbeck Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0NP
10. BMDC consultation on enlargement of primary schools- To note the following response sent after consultation with Aireview and Steeton Primary.

Following these meetings all parties have agreed upon the same remedy as a solution for the problem of expansion of either Aireview or Steeton the points they made are as follows:

- The expansion of Steeton by means of a new build whilst welcome would be problematic both in terms of planning consent and in the constraints this would have on the day to day running of the school - playground facilities, dining hall capacity, no whole school assembly.

- The vehicular access to the school is severely constrained at present with no possibility of improvement to accommodate additional cars

The preferred option is to expand Aireview by means of a new build preferably located near the reception block. This would utilise the larger playground and provide modern fit for purpose teaching facilities. Expansion by internal reorganisation may be required but this should be limited as this option is far from ideal given the nature of the victorian building which houses most of the school. Vehicular access for Aireview is better set out than that available at Steeton.

This option would have the benefit of providing increased capacity in Silsden which should reduce the need for Silsden children to go to Steeton thus increasing the opportunity for Steeton children to go to a Steeton school which would be in line with extant planning permissions in both Steeton and Silsden for residential housing.

11. Update to be received on plans for the land off Bridge Street from Cllrs Jump and Bell-Jump .
12. Update to be received on the Woodland Trust Trees from Cllrs Jump and Bell-Jump.
13. Invite for Councillors to BMDC carol service at Bradford Cathedral Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec drinks served from 5pm service starts 5.30pm. RSVP via the clerk before 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.
14. REPORTS To note any other verbal reports from councillors.
15. To agree the date for next meeting as the 7th of Feb. 2013

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