

MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED MEETING FROM THURSDAY 7TH OF MARCH OF SILSDEN TOWN FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY THE 21ST March 2013

Commenced 7.45pm

Concluded 8.57pm

Present: Cllrs K Conway, Huggins, A Conway, Robinson, Naylor, Jump, Bell-Jump, Savage & Atkinson. Public 2 Representatives from Silsden All Stars 2

Cllr C Atkinson in the chair

1. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Croft.
2. Reconvened discussions regarding the Town Hall refurbishment, Cllrs and members of the public walked round with building with the plans that were issued earlier in the evening to the steering group, brought to this council by a member of the public. The council believe that the plans as they stand re not achievable as they are suppose to enhance and increase usage of the Town Hall for ALL groups present users and new users, an example being the size of the meeting room will actually now disenfranchise users. This was confirmed by a letter received from Silsden All stars the major user of the Town Hall that the new configuration will mean that they are no longer able to use the premises and will be looking for alternatives, if these are not found then the group could have to close. Further discussion on the concept as a whole led to council to believe that the capped spending of £300,000 on the Town Hall will not be suffice, this figure was given by Bradford as the expected income from the sale of the Wesley place and library land. Research showed that a similar footprint of land with planning permission which was noted as Bradford's intention would have a sale price of £810,000 meaning potentially £510,000 of Silsden assets would go back direct to Bradford and not invested in Silsden. The council **resolved** to issue a public and press statement of these discussions. A proposal was also made that this council write to the leader of Bradford council to request formal discussions on the asset transfer of the Wesley place and library land to this council. **Resolved** by unanimous vote to go forward with this proposal.
3. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.57pm

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