

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
THURSDAY 7th March 2013**

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 9.40pm

Present: Cllrs Savage, Atkinson, A Conway, Jump, Bell-Jump, Robinson, Naylor & Croft
Police [1] Public [3]

Cllr Atkinson in the chair

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs K Conway and Huggins.
2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda – AC and CA on finance, AN standing declaration on planning.
3. Police update was received all information of available on their website and that there will be a mini day of action taking place in Silsden on the 18th of March.
4. The minutes of the meetings of Silsden Town Council held on 7th Feb 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – 2 taken one for update on highways discussions on the danger of the junction of Howden Rd, Eliot St and Kirkgate. Clerk to write to highways to find out whether a decision has been made to do anything, second was from the residents of Airedale mews concerning continued parking on the open space – clerk to place on agenda to look a at more permanent solution.
6. Council noted Cllr Thornton's responses and Nigel Gillat responses as per the agenda. Council further noted the following response from Nigel Gillat received after the published agenda see below and resolved to send this response:

At the meeting of the Town Council held on the 7/3/13 it was resolved by this council that it would be inappropriate to send a councillor to sit on the transition group for the proposed alteration and refurbishment of the Town hall.

The Town Council has made repeated requests, at meetings with you, for the information concerning the proposal which was only issued to us on the 5th March 2013 despite having being drawn up in early December 2012. As the locally elected representatives of the people of Silsden the council has made it's position clear regarding the need for a referendum or town wide questionnaire in order to seek the views of all the residents of Silsden, in line with Bradford's own policy for consultation and national 'best practice'.

Silsden Town Council has worked hard to ensure that any major development in Silsden has been the subject of proper consultation and that all the people of Silsden have been given an adequate opportunity to express their view, and influence the plans prior to the presentation of what is going to happen. As you have been made aware on a number of occasions it is the selling off of Silsden's assets in the centre of the town that the Town Council is opposed to and believe that this has not been made clear to the people of Silsden; there was no mention of this condition in the budget just passed by Bradford.

Having noted your clear and unambiguous statement "I do not propose to come to another Town Council meeting to discuss the proposals", and the fact that these proposals have been unavailable up until the 5/3/13 the council further resolved to send a volunteer to the transition group, in place of the councillor, as this is the

only mechanism to keep the elected representatives of the people informed. Please supply any other dates and venues which have been arranged.

Email post agenda as referred to above:

- The plans will be shared with the Town Council as an invitee on the Steering Group, the inaugural meeting of which is on the 21st of March.
- I am coming to the Town Hall on 27th March so Town Councillor's are welcome to make any comments upon the proposals then.
- I do not propose to come to another Town Council meeting to discuss the proposals as I am happy with the political mandate supporting the proposals.
- Currently the Steering Group comprises:
 - Estates Manager Strategy – Stephanie Moore (Chair)
 - Estates Surveyor Research and Development – Scheme Project Manager – Nigel Gillatt
 - Ward Councillor – Councillor Andrew Mallinson
 - Town Councillor – tba
 - Ward Officer Neighbourhoods Service – Noreen Akhtar
 - Former Public Hall Manager (covering for vacant post) – Mark Davies
 - Principal Libraries Officer Operations – Jackie Kitwood
 - User Representative – invitation sent to Silsden All Stars to send a representative as the major user by room/hour
 - Community Representative (volunteer) – John Peet (Silsden Community Productions)
 - Disabled Forum Representative – tba

• I hope you agree that a broad spectrum of local interested parties has been invited to attend, please note that John Peet has volunteered to convene meetings of Silsden community groups to feed into the process. The idea is to keep the Steering Group small so it can be effective in supporting project delivery to enable an early start date in the new financial year.

This council has also issued the following letter regarding proposed closure for 12 weeks

In response to your letter regarding the closure of the Town Hall and given the aggressive nature of your timescales the council has been approached by a number of users concerned about the alternative accommodation they will require. Can you assure this Town Council that as your letter indicates they will all be suitably re-housed during any displacement time which may occur.

The information you require in order to make arrangements for the users of the council chambers are:

The Town Council has statutory meetings which have been published on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month - in legally suitable premises. Starting at 7pm

The Youth Council also have published meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month with the same legal restrictions starting at 6pm

The Parish Plan group meet on a frequent but ad-hoc basis you will need to contact Michael Elsmore (email supplied) to ascertain their needs and times scales as they are in the middle of project.

Further discussion on this matter was adjourned and will be reopened after the planning meeting on the 21/3/13.

7. South Peninne Branch YLCA meeting to be held on 13/3 in Mirfield details to be given to Cllr Huggins.
8. YLCA training on FREEDOM OF INFORMATION Saturday, 23 March 2013 Royal York Hotel, Station Road, York, YO24 1AA Cost per delegate £115 was noted no councillors available at time of the meeting.
9. Noted AGM for SELRAP 11/3 at 7pm in St. Bartholomew's Parish Church, Colne.

10. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed payments below:

Newsquest	Solus delivery	1174	221.40
L Corcoran	Salary	1175	657.45
Mrs G Bazylewicz	Salary	1176	72.51
IR	Tax	1177	39.12
C Atkinson	Repay xmas volunteers' lunch	1178	28.00

It was further resolved for the clerk to write to the T and A and ascertain why the solus delivery failed to fulfil its guarantee to deliver to all the postcodes given as it is apparent that a number of streets in varying parts of Silsden did not receive the leaflet.

2. Considering a request for funding from Churches Together Ilkley Council have requested more information as to the benefit for residents of Silsden.

3. Resolved to grant funding of £2000 to the Silsden Events group for this year's music weekend.

11. PLANNING:

[13/00590/HOU](#)

Address	Walton Hole Farm Cringles Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9JA
Proposal	Demoliton of existing building. Construction of new stable and kennel – No objections

12. REPORTS Noted Ward Cllr Naylor has secured some funding for drainage of the rugby pitch and this project will be assess in the next week or two and the council will be advised of progress. He also reported back that £1500 had been secured for the beck clean up along with £1000 from an environmental pot and that a further £1000 had been allocated by Cllr Mallinson out of Area Funding towards filling a hole in Spencer Ave and a suggestion made the Silsden TC act as the bankers for this. No official request has been sent to the TC for consideration.

13. To agree the date for next meeting as Wednesday 3rd April 2013

Being no further business the chair adjourned the meeting at 9.40pm and it will reconvened for item 6 after the planning meeting on 21/3/13

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Chair 3/4/13