

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 8th MAY 2014**

Commenced 7.00pm

Concluded 8.53pm

Present: Cllrs Robinson, Huggins, A Conway, Walton, Croft, O'Dwyer, Atkinson, Naylor, Savage and Whitaker.

1. [a]ELECTION OF MAYOR - Chris Atkinson was re-elected no contest to the role  
[b]ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR Keith Savage was re-elected no contest to the role.

**Cllr C Atkinson took the chair**

Mayor's end of year statement- Thanked all the councillors and the clerk for all the work done in the last year and though not all councillors agreed on everything he believed this was representative of democracy in action. We praised the work of the Gala committee, Christmas lights group, Events group and the neighbourhood plan group for all the work done to make Silsden an even better place. The youth council were also recognised for all their hard work, along with the parish plan group who produced the Silsden survey – information from which is being acted upon. He also thanked the general public for their support for the above groups. This coming year projects include continuing to work with Steeton and Eastburn council on the neighbourhood plan and working with Addingham looking at the possibility of sharing a lengthsmen, looking to see if we can save the public toilets and ensuring the retention of the old cobbled back streets.

2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr K Conway and Cllr Jump.
3. ADMINISTRATION :
  - Confirmed meeting dates as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.
  - Confirmed that the complaints committee and planning committee remain as full council with the exception of Cllr Naylor who will not sit on the planning committee.
  - Council reps for YC- Cllr Croft, YLCA- Cllr Huggins, Parish Liaison- Cllr Naylor, Christmas Lights- Cllr Walton, Neighbourhood plan- Cllrs Whitaker, O'Dwyer, Naylor and Atkinson and Wesley place project – Cllrs Whitaker, Naylor, Atkinson, Walton, Croft and Savage.
4. Declaration of interest was made by Cllr Croft for 15[2].
5. POLICE update was given out. Again crime rates are low, The council were informed of a new sergeant Gareth Hird and a new PC Mike Thompson for the Craven area. PC Southgate also stated that the car on Keighley road causing some residents concern is taxed, insured and not causing an obstruction and therefore legally entitled to park there.
6. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record.
7. ADJOURNMENT – two taken
8. Resolved to send a letter back to Jonathan Hayes stating that we do not feel we can send the money back to Bradford as there was no indication that the conditions agreed, by STC, WYP and BMDC as to what the money was to be spent on, were going to be met and as the money is in the council's accounts they have a duty of care on public spending and a duty to ensure value.

9. Silsden Town Hall - the council cannot commit to meeting the requirements for health and safety under the new procedures and therefore cannot return to Town Hall as key holder.
10. TDF in response to the question of weight limits from Bradford Highways for the canal Bridge the council wish to know why as the weight is restricted to 40 tonnes why is there no weight limit notice up as large lorries nowadays are 44 tonnes. A quote for a flower tub under the sign has come in at £150 plus vat –Resolved that the council authorise the TDF group to go ahead with the purchase billing the council – RW to action
11. Bandstand – resolved to ask J Robinson to repaint the bandstand as per his quote – FH to action.
12. Agreed wording for generic support letter for funding purposes for Silsden.
13. Letter to the Mayor from Bradford regarding the public toilets clerk to read out for council's to ask for the figures involved in running of the toilets including rates, water and perishables.
14. Agreed that the roll of honour from the old council chamber be placed on loan to St James Church and displayed there for the time being and that the Yorkshire flag be lent to St James to fly for the TDF.

15. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed payments below:

UKflags	bunting	1276	408.00
Worth Valley Publishing	Ward monies - community info	1277	1694.76
canx		1278	0.00
Worth Valley Publishing	Ward monies - community info	1279	880.00
Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1280	698.68
K Boocock	Salary	1281	84.72
IR	Tax	1282	44.04
Goldenleaf design	Ward monies tdf banner dog poster	1283	231.00
Mrs L Corcoran	stamps repay	1284	62.00
Dell	New computer system	1285	852.80

2. Agreed to a request of £4k donation from the Gala Committee plus an additional £500 for the Lanlau in commemorating WW1..

3. Signed off year end accounts by [a] Agreeing the accounting statements for 2013/14 and [b] agreeing the annual governance statement.

16. PLANNING:

14/01682/HOU | Construction of garage | West Bungalow Silsden Reservoir Bolton Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0NH No objection.

17. CHURCHES TOGETHER council were invited to the official dedication service commemorating the end of WW1 on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 3.30pm.

18. REPORTS – Northern Gas to be invited to the next meeting of the council in order to advise us of the proposed major gas works planned in Silsden this Summer.

19. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting as Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2014