

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday 1ST MAY 2007**

Commenced: 6.39 pm

Concluded 7.53 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

Lindsay Bottomley (Chair)

Sam Boyes (Vice Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (5) Jim Atkinson, Caradog Chapman, Joe Happs, Danny Bazylewicz and Will Doveston,

Cllr E Trainor, PC Merifield, Youth Council Co-ordinator Cllr P Bottomley, Youth Council Clerk Mrs K Wood

St James Church & Methodist Church Youth Club

Steve Loryman

Bradford Youth Services

Louise Hargreaves

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Elsmore and Walton, George Barclay and Ben Geary.

Minutes of Meeting on 3rd April 2007

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by Jim Atkinson, seconded by Sam Boyes and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

- 1) School buses Cllr Bottomley had received a report from Mrs Meadows of South Craven School and reported that it had been agreed verbally that they would both monitor the situation and would look at it again in September as things appeared to be a bit better.
- 2) Catterick Army Base visit: PC Merifield had written to the army base but no acknowledgement or reply had been received. It was agreed to leave this matter until the next meeting and then decide how it can be pursued.
- 3) Visit to Xscape in Castleford Due to lack of numbers the outing did not take place. It was decided that the members raise more money so a larger group could go. It was estimated that it would cost approximately £25 each to include two activities, food and travel. Lindsey Bottomley would work it out exactly. A bag pack at the Co-op was suggested as a fundraising exercise. Cllr Bottomley undertook to contact Mark Robinson. It was proposed that this trip now be made during the summer holidays.
- 4) Membership of British Youth Councils Lindsay Bottomley said that according to the British Youth Councils' website membership cost £51. Silsden YC had not appeared on the list of youth councils and Lindsay had now added it on. It was thought that membership would be valuable and give Silsden YC more kudos. Cllr Bottomley said funds for membership could come out of the YC administrative budget. It was agreed and proposed by Jim Atkinson and seconded by Caradog Chapman.
- 5) Tarmac laying at the Rock Park Cllr Bottomley had e-mailed BMDC to confirm that they would do this at the same time as the play area but the latter was at a temporary standstill – see next item.

Bid to Yorventure Yorventure had informed Cllr Bottomley that by making the play area smaller (250 square metres instead of 300 square metres) Bradford Council and the Youth Council had broken the contract. Cllr Bottomley was waiting for BMDC to send to Yorventure direct the revised plans. Cllr Bottomley reported that she had received a price from BMDC for reinstating the extra 50 metres into the plans which totalled £2,000 plus surface earth works and 10 metres of fencing giving a total of £3755. BMDC were putting the project out to tender and it was hoped that a more competitive price could be gained. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Bottomley should approach the Town Council at their meeting the following week to see if £2000 could be made available to the Youth Council for this project and that the Youth Council would pay the balance, if necessary.

BMDC had not supplied prices for options 2 and 3 as stated in the minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd April and had said that Dave Bennison was still looking into those options.

Update on Youth Centre Refurbishment

Regarding the funds from Awards for All, Councillor Bottomley would speak to the Clerk to the Town Council as the purchases agreed by the Youth Council could not be actioned until the money had been received by the Youth Centre. Louise Hargreaves reported that the shutters were on and the computers installed that will run the CCTV. A person was going to commission the CCTV on 9th May after which they had to liaise with BMDC so it should be up and running as soon as possible. Louise confirmed that a new cleaner for the MUGA was working three mornings a week but there had been a few challenges with the dumping of rubbish in the area. Louise also reported that the lights were on 5.30 pm to 9pm and she would see if this could be changed or they could be turned off completely now it was light until later.

Cllr Bottomley had been asked by Ruth Leech of Hothfield School if the YC members could dig out the glass on the field. This was considered too dangerous for health and safety reasons. Cllr Trainor had spoken to the Probation Service and they would be willing to put a team forward to do this; they were doing a clean-up of the Silsden beck later that week. Cllr Bottomley would ask Mrs Leech to contact PC Merifield to arrange this.

Cllr Bottomley reminded Louise Hargreaves regarding the skateboarding tuition to be held at the Youth Centre.

Fundraising assistance for Steve Loryman's Sierra Leone Project

Steve Loryman very kindly gave a brief presentation with pictures of his recent trip to Sierra Leone highlighting the dangers, hardships and the shortages of the most basic day-to-day requirements. Pencils and pens for schoolchildren were in extremely short supply and the idea was put forward of having a bucket or similar container for the public to put pencils and pens in that could be run alongside the Co-op bag pack mentioned earlier. Steve Loryman undertook to provide posters for this.

Action Earth – Discussion on possible project for 2007

Cllr Bottomley reported that she and the YC Clerk had met with Mr and Mrs Keith Norris of Silsden Environmental Group at Airedale Mews. The area was considered not suitable for a Youth Council project. Keith Norris would give the matter of another suitable project some thought and would revert to the Youth Council on his return from holiday. Lindsay Bottomley said that Millennium Volunteers had something in mind and she would speak to them. The Clerk pointed out that any project for Action Earth would have to take place before 31st July 2007.

Other Matters

1. With regard to the refurbishment plans for the Town Hall Lindsay Bottomley thought that the members of the Youth Council should be involved. Cllr Trainor said that it was being organised by a working group which was only a subcommittee of the Town Council so Lindsay could attend any of their meetings. Members were asked to give their ideas to Lindsay.
2. Louise Hargreaves requested members to donate any old mobile phones, with SIM cards removed, for funds for the Youth Centre. There would be a prize for every phone members brought into the Youth Centre.
3. The Clerk reminded members that in line with the minutes of 7th November 2006 Lindsay Bottomley and Sam Boyes would need to be re-elected at the next meeting if they wished to continue until May 2008. This was so the Youth Council elections were in line with the Town Council elections.
4. The Clerk announced that she would be standing down as Deputy Clerk and Clerk to the Youth Council from 31 May 2007. She was thanked for her work over the last eighteen months and presented with a card and flowers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 5th June at 6.30 pm.

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 5.06.07