

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE  
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

Commenced: 6.38 pm

Concluded 7.35 pm

**Present – Silsden Youth Council**

Lindsay Bottomley (Chair)

Sam Boyes (Vice Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (6) Jim Atkinson, Joe Happs, Danny Bazylewicz, George Barclay, Ben Geary, William Doveston

Cllr Michael Elsmore, Cllr Anne Brown, PCSOs Walton and Wade and PC Merifield

Youth Council Co-ordinator Cllr P Bottomley, Youth Council Clerk Mrs K Wood

**Bradford Youth Services**

Louise Hargreaves

**Visitors**

Jake Chamley, Richard Hancock, Carl Johnson, Luke Lavelle

**Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Steve Loryman, PCSO Blood and Cllr Trainor

**Youth Council Rules and Regulations**

The Chair read out a brief summary of the rules and regulations for meetings as set down in the Youth Council's constitution to remind all members – existing and potential – of the proper protocol at meetings.

**Project 5 – Extension of Rock Park**

A closed vote by the eight attending youth councillors took place to vote for or against the extension of the Rock Park or for with conditions. The results were 5 against, 2 for and 1 for with conditions. All other attendees were then invited back into the meeting when the result was announced.

**Membership of Youth Council**

The Chair stated that new members would be chosen if their behaviour was appropriate to Youth Council meetings and if a majority of the committee agreed. Each new member would be asked to sign a contract promising to behave appropriately, help improve activities in Silsden and help to research ways of obtaining funding. They would also promise not to ride their bikes/skateboard on car park walls or any other unsuitable place in Silsden.

New members would not be invited onto the committee until they had attended six meetings after becoming members and any such election would be decided by a Youth Council majority vote.

**Minutes of Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2006**

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

**Matters Arising**

- 1) School buses: As Councillor Edwards was not present an update was not possible. Cllr Bottomley took further details of current problems. It was unanimously decided that the Clerk submit a formal request to the Town Council to invite Keighley & District Travel to a Town Council meeting to discuss these issues. Jim Atkinson and George Barclay indicated their willingness to attend such a meeting as representatives of the Youth Council if so agreed.
- 2) Catterick Army Base visit: Lindsay Bottomley was still waiting to hear back from them.

**Proposals by Representatives of Silsden Youth for Extension of the Rock Park**

For the benefit of all in attendance Cllr Bottomley asked the visiting youths to explain their plans for the extension of the Rock Park presented at an earlier meeting. Cllr Bottomley said that she appreciated that the four visiting youths would be disappointed with the decision made earlier in the meeting and stated that if they continued to attend the meetings and become involved with the Youth Council and proved their use and care of

the existing Rock Park, that they could re-apply in the future. Cllr Bottomley would retain the plans for any future application and invited the visiting youths back to future meetings.

**Update on Youth Centre Refurbishment**

Louise Hargreaves reported that the Youth Club was open again and that the shutters were installed making the building completely secure. IT in relation to the CCTV was to be put into operation and it was hoped that this would be done before the next YC meeting. As far as the equipment pledged by the YC, they were still waiting confirmation for some other funding so everything could be done at one time. Louise reported attendances of around 33 people on Tuesdays and Thursdays when it was open between 7 and 9 pm. Anyone not abiding by the rules would be asked to leave.

**Preparation of Bid to Yorventure for Children’s Play Area**

Cllr Bottomley reported that the bid to Yorventure could not be submitted until BMDC had given her a budget. Cllr Bottomley was going to try and submit the bid and send the financial details later. The feedback from the questionnaire had been disappointing – only 19 forms back from 350 sent out to parents through Silsden schools and playgroups. Ideas that had been received would be adopted.

**Further Funding for a YC visit to Xscape in Castleford**

This trip had been postponed until April in order to get more funding. It was hoped to organise a date at the March meeting and Lindsay Bottomley would bring all the details to that meeting. Meanwhile George Barclay, Danny Bazylewicz and Jim Atkinson, with the assistance of Lindsay Bottomley, had started an application to the Key Fund for £200 funding for which they would be required to make a presentation.

**Other Matters**

1. **Safety at the MUGA** Jim Atkinson complained that the MUGA didn’t feel safe enough to play football because of broken glass etc and they weren’t allowed on the school ground. PCS0 Walton explained that this had been due to some recent damage on the school ground. He gave out a number to ring should they continue to feel uneasy at the MUGA [0845 60 60 6] to report any problems. He would bring some key rings with the number on to the next meeting. Once the CCTV was finally in operation it would be easier to monitor behaviour at the MUGA.
2. **Sports Sessions at the Youth Club** Louise Hargreaves stated that it was hoped to hold sports sessions at the MUGA on set nights for various age groups at £2 a session.
3. **Funding for a children’s home in Sierra Leone** George Barclay asked if the Youth Council could discuss fundraising ideas to assist Steve Loryman in raising funds to build a children’s home on Scout land in Sierra Leone, with a view to returning it to the Scouts in the longer term. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm.

Prepared by  
K Wood  
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair  
Signed as true 6.03.07