

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday 9th January 2007**

Commenced: 6.50 pm

Concluded 7.45 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

Lindsay Bottomley (Chair)

Sam Boyes (Vice Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (4) Jim Atkinson, Joe Happs, Danny Bazylewicz and Bradley Boothman

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

St James Church & Methodist Church Youth Club

Steve Loryman

Visitors

Danny Palmer, Jake Chamley, Simon Hargreaves, Aidan Nelson, Shaun Szulham, Luke Lavelle, Ryan Metcalfe, Ami Dawson, Tom Phillips and Carl Johnson.

Election of Further Committee Members

No further elections were made at this meeting.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Elsmore, George Barclay and Caradog Chapman

Minutes of Meeting on 5th December 2006

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by Jim Atkinson, seconded by Joe Happs and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- 1) Skate park lighting: No progress had been made. It was therefore unanimously decided to look at different ways to approach this which will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 2) School buses: Cllr Edwards had not yet responded on this question. Cllr Bottomley would chase him.
- 3) Catterick Army Base visit: Lindsay Bottomley was waiting to hear back from them.
- 4) MUGA lighting: The lighting was now on during the week but would not be on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Youth Centre Refurbishment

In the absence of Louise Hargreaves it was not possible to get a precise update on the refurbishment works. However members had noticed that the security shutters were now on the windows and doors which would mean that equipment could be installed shortly.

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

Following the last meeting, the visitors had brought along their plans for the extension of the rock park which had been drawn up with the assistance of PCSO Blood. These were briefly discussed. Cllr Bottomley stated that two things needed to happen now.

- 1) Two representatives would need to present the plans to the Town Council
- 2) BMDC Parks & Landscapes would have to pass the proposal and it was hoped they would attend a YC meeting in the near future.

Cllr Bottomley and Steve Loryman agreed to meet the group that Friday (12th) after which Cllr Bottomley would speak to the Council to arrange when the representatives could present to the Town Council. Cllr Bottomley would also arrange for BMDC Parks & Landscapes to come to a YC meeting as soon as possible.

Preparation of Bid to Yorventure for Children's Play Area

It was reported that the play area had been painted and Cllr Bottomley would look at this whilst at the Park that Friday. The poster had been designed along with a questionnaire regarding the play area. These would be placed at the play groups in St James and The Methodist Church, Aire View School, Dradishaw Nursery, the Post Office

and the Library. Responses could either be sent to Lindsay Bottomley or left in the suggestion box in the entrance of the Town Hall. Responses were requested by Friday 26th January. Cllr Bottomley would also send the Clerk soft copies for onward transmission to Peter Ford for the Silsden.net website. Once feedback had been received this would be collated and discussed with BMDC. It was agreed that George Barclay would be asked to assist Cllr Bottomley with the bid to Yorventure.

Costings for visit to Xscape in Castleford

Lindsay Bottomley had brought prices for activities at Xscape. It was hoped to plan this trip in the February half term and if a group of 10 could be made up, savings could be made on travel costs by obtaining a group booking with Northern Rail. The available money would then be able to pay for the train fare, up to £7 towards activities and £4 towards lunch based on a group of 10. Steve Loryman kindly offered to go along on the trip to give assistance.

Further planning of this trip would take place at the next meeting. Lindsay Bottomley mentioned the possibility of further funding from the Key Fund project and a meeting was arranged between herself, Jim Atkinson and Danny Bazylewicz to start the application process

Other Matters

Thank you cards were signed for Mr and Mrs Proctor for the £200 and to PC Stothers for all his work with the Youth Council, wishing him well as he had recently been promoted to Sergeant. PC Merifield was taking over this liaison and YC members looked forward to his contribution to their meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 6th February at 6.30 pm.

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 6.02.07