

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday 8th April 2008

Commenced 6-40 pm

Concluded 7-49 pm

Present

Jim Alkinson (Acting chair) George Barclay, Harry Barclay, Danny Bazylewicz
Cllr Bottomley, Cllr Trainor, Cllr Elsmore, Ann Colman(clerk)

Apologies

Lindsey Bottomley, Ben Geary, PC Mike Thompson, PC Merifield.

Minutes of the Meeting – 8th April 2008

The minutes of the meeting were approved, proposed by George Barclay, seconded by Harry Barclay and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

Quest Forms Still not filled in. Misplaced between George and Jim, both will make efforts to bring them to the next meeting. It may be too late to apply for the grant.

Basketball Net Still no information about price or model from Bradford project manager for play areas. Catalogue price for council approved equipment approx. £625, with ring and backboard but no base.

Bat Boxes. Yorkshire wildlife trust project officer for Aire valley, Don Vine, would be happy to get involved. Suggests site visit. Ann to contact to arrange. Needs to be after school.

Constitution. Suggestion to change the youth council from “a sub committee of” to “affiliated to” the town council, which would allow a little more independence. Need to agree on a probation period both to join the council and the committee. This could be added as standing order. Need to refer to the town council standing orders. Cllrs Bottomley and Elsmore to do for next meeting.

Youth Council logo. Need to send a copy of the logo, as suggested by George, to Louise Hardcastle and ask about materials before final decision about colours. Ann to send logo.

Older Children’s Park. Cllr Bottomley distributed illustrations of equipment suitable for older children from catalogues and photographs of existing playparks. There was discussion about suitability of the equipment and where it should be sited. Hothfield School are to take part in the planning process. A government grant has to be applied for via Bradford Metropolitan council. Equipment must include a space net. It was agreed to visit the site at the next meeting.

Youth Centre Activities. Suggestions for activities to include tournaments or leagues for 5 a side football, pool, table tennis. More organised activities and projects to help reduce the feeling of intimidation felt by younger users of the centre. Suggested that the bat box training day could be held at the centre. It was felt that the opening hours could be extended to accommodate wider range of people and interests. The youth council will send a letter to suggest the above as part of the consultation process, taking place at the moment.

Any Other Business.

Fence on the Bridge at entrance to the park.. The bridge has been fenced off to prevent it's use since flood water has undermined the foundations. Bradford council is responsible for maintenance of the bridge and for drainage of the play area and skate park. This has been discussed at the main town council meeting.

Nominations for chair are needed for the next meeting.

Town Guide. It was agreed to use the same article about the youth council for the new guide.

Ideas wanted for increasing the membership of the youth council.

Aire Gardens. Article for the newsletter regarding the youth council's involvement with Aire Gardens. Health and safety regulations prevented their participation up until now. It is hoped they will be able to become involved with the maintenance in the future.

Next meeting 6th May 2008 at the Town Hall