

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE  
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006**

Commenced: 6.35 pm

Concluded: 7.32 pm

**Present – Silsden Youth Council**

George Barclay (Chair)

Joe Sutcliffe (Vice Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (4): Lindsay Bottomley, Sam Boyes, Jim Atkinson, Caradoc Chapman

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

Cllr M Elsmore

**Clayton Youth Council**

Cllr D Wagstaff and Susie

**Bradford Youth Services**

Abina Dorgan Smith

**St James Church & Methodist Church Youth Club**

Steve Loryman

**Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Louise Hargreaves.

**Minutes of meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006**

Approved and proposed as correct by Caradoc Chapman, seconded by Sam Boyes and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Arising**

1. Lighting/CCTV for Rocks & Ramps Area – The Clerk reported that she had received a communication from Mervyn Redshaw of BMDC Street Lighting asking for information as to who would be responsible for the costs. Cllr Elsmore asked the Clerk to reply stating that an idea of costs involved would be required before it could be allocated to the appropriate budget. It was also unanimously agreed that the lighting should be on between 5 and 9 pm only during the winter months (November to end March) and the Clerk was also instructed to convey this to Mervyn Redshaw.
2. Half pipe funding Cllr Bottomley reported that she had written a bid to Yor Venture and had e-mailed a copy to Michael Priestley at BMDC for his assistance and she hoped it would be submitted early the following week. The bid required supporting letters and it was agreed that letters would be provided by Silsden Town Council, Youth Services (via Abina Dorgan Smith and Churches Together (via Steve Loryman).

Cllr Bottomley informed the members that the Youth Council had to put forward 10% of the £9250 total cost and requested this be paid out of current funds. This was agreed, proposed by George Barclay and seconded by Lindsay Bottomley.

3. Anti-social behaviour at the M.U.G.A. The Clerk read out the e-mail she had written on behalf of Silsden Youth Council to Bradford Education and reported that a similar letter had been sent on behalf of Silsden Town Council. Cllr Elsmore reported that he had had a meeting with the police and some of the complainants and had been in touch with Mrs Leech at Hothfield Street School. In addition to making the area an alcohol-free zone, it

was proposed also to make it a no dog walking area as well. A sign was to be erected saying that CCTV cameras were in operation which will be the case when the Youth Centre is rebuilt. As there was no logo for the Youth Council, it was decided to hold a competition to design one for the sign at the entrance to the M.U.G.A. Members were to submit their ideas/designs.

### **Visit by representative of Clayton Youth Council**

Cllr Bottomley introduced Cllr Wagstaff and Susie who had come to see the Rocks and Ramps skate park . Cllr Bottomley welcomed them to the meeting.

### **Recording of Achievement update**

Abina Dorgan Smith reported that she had been in discussion with Louise Hargreaves on this matter and it had been agreed that Louise would be able to dedicate time to help. It was decided to hold an initial meeting of a working group to put a timetable together and a provisional date of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm was set. Confirmation and commitment to attend this meeting would be finalised at the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Most of the members present expressed a wish to attend. Cllr Bottomley also distributed the Recording of Achievement books for members' information but collected them again for safekeeping.

### **Youth Centre project and its funding**

Cllr Bottomley confirmed that she had now written to two charities regarding the funding for the multimedia entertainment system but had not yet had any response. An acknowledgement of the receipt of the bid for £5000 from Awards For All had been received that day.

### **Update on Possible Projects**

1. Cllr Bottomley reported that she had still not received any response from Mel Smith with regard to the paint required for the play equipment. Members suggested that some of the surfacing in the play area needed replacing and that the woodchip in the very young people's play area was dirty and contained glass. Cllr Elsmore reported that they had a sum of £17,000 to spend on the park, £3,000 of which was required for a rail for the elderly at the side of the Rocks & Ramps area. He stated that the above suggestions would be discussed at the full council meeting.
2. Cllr Elsmore reminded members to submit in due course their ideas for the refurbishment of the pavilion in the park.

### **Motivational Sessions/Key Fund Project and Car Maintenance Workshops**

Lindsay Bottomley reminded members of the possibilities of these three areas of potential interest. It was decided to start with the RAF Motivational Sessions and Sam Boyes, George Barclay, Joe Sutcliffe and Jim Atkinson expressed interest. With regard to the Key Fund Project, Abina Dorgan Smith undertook to investigate whether there was an equivalent for the West Yorkshire area and she would also investigate the possibility of whether any of the nightly cost of £120 for the car maintenance workshops could be recovered through Youth Services. Lindsay Bottomley was asked to try and find out what they needed and how much.

### **Other Matters**

1. Cllr Elsmore reported that the next newsletter was to be issued in June which would also include the annual report and asked if the Youth Council would like to do a report on what they have done/achieved during the year. This would be required by end of May and members present agreed to meet the following week – 11<sup>th</sup> May 6 pm at the Youth Centre.

2. Cllr Elsmore thanked George Barclay, Joe Sutcliffe and new member Ben Geary for attending his Civic Service on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm.

Prepared by  
K Wood  
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair  
Signed as true 5.6.06