

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
3rd APRIL 2006**

Commenced: 6.35 pm

Concluded: 7.15 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

George Barclay (Chair)

Joe Sutcliffe (Vice Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (3): Sam Boyes, Joe Happs, Caradoc Chapman

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

Cllrs M Elsmore, L Walton

Clayton Youth Council

Tim Kearns

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Steve Loryman, Louise Hargreaves, Abina Dorgan-Smith, Lindsay Bottomley, PC Craig Stothers, Jim Atkinson.

Minutes of meeting on 7th March 2006

Approved and proposed as correct by Joe Happs, seconded by George Barclay and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

1. Lighting/CCTV for Rocks & Ramps Area – The Clerk reported that she had received a communication from Mel Smith of BMDC Parks & Landscapes saying that he was still awaiting costings from Yorkshire Electricity and a design regarding the lighting for the skate park. The Clerk would send a further enquiry to Mel Smith prior to the next meeting.
2. Half pipe funding - It was understood that PC Stothers would be contacting Cllr Bottomley the following day on this matter
3. Extension of lighting times at the M.U.G.A – It was reported that the timing on the lighting had been changed to 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm every night.
4. Lindsay Bottomley – Suggested events/workshops - Lindsay had been unable to attend the meeting due to ill health so this item was again carried forward to the next meeting.

Visit by representative of Clayton Youth Council

Cllr Bottomley introduced Tim Kearns from Clayton. Clayton Youth Council were proposing to build a skate park and had come to Silsden to view the ‘Rocks and Ramps’ area and hear from members how they went about progressing it from idea to conception, how long it had taken and whether/how much it was used. Cllr Bottomley and members outlined the timescale over two years and gave advice particularly on the surface on the ramps which, on reflection, should have been all-weather as the ramps could be slippery and that water rotted skateboards. They confirmed the use was higher in the summer and that the use of the Rocks section was not high.

Anti-social Behaviour at the M.U.G.A

Cllr Bottomley reported that there had been a complaint about behaviour at the M.U.G.A. This behaviour had also resulted in the Acting Head at Hothfield Street School stopping children from the school going there. Cllr Walton stated that until the CCTV was working and linked to the

hard drive on the Youth Centre's computer this state of affairs would continue. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to write to Bradford Education formally to request that the M.U.G.A. be made an alcohol-free zone and Cllr Walton would investigate the complaint further. Other suggestions were the erection of netting over the top of the M.U.G.A. to stop stray balls going into neighbouring gardens and arranging different times for different ages so younger children didn't feel threatened.

Recording of Achievement Update

Cllr Bottomley reported that Louise Hargreaves had now printed the books for the Records of Achievement which should be available for the next meeting for each member doing it. Cllr Bottomley estimated there could be about 15 but that this may be reduced to 7. All members present indicated their wish to participate.

[At this point Joe Sutcliffe took over the Chair as George Barclay had to leave]

Update - Youth Centre Project and its Funding

Cllr Bottomley reported that she had applied for funding for the multimedia music system but had not yet had a response. She would contact Awards for All as no acknowledgement had been received and two other organisations would write after their next meeting.

Update - Possible Future Projects

1. The Painting of the play equipment in the children's playground in the park
Mel Smith had not yet replied to Cllr Bottomley's communications.
2. Planned refurbishment of the pavilion in the park
Cllr Elsmore said that he had had a telephone call with the Lottery Fund and had been informed that an application for funding would have to be for use for all the community. He warned that this application would take a long time and preparation for a bid could take another twelve months. He would need to speak to Ian Day at Bradford MDC re ideas and costings. The members were again asked to submit their ideas

Other Matters

Cllr Elsmore invited the Chair and Vice Chair to his Civic Service on 30th April at 10.30 am in the Methodist Church.

Next Meeting

In view of the first Monday in May being a bank holiday, the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 2nd May at 6.30 pm

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 2.5.06