

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
7 MARCH 2006**

Commenced: 6.35 pm

Concluded: 7.40 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

George Barclay (Chair)

Joe Sutcliffe (Vice Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (2): Sam Boyes, Joe Happs.

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

Cllrs E Trainor and M Elsmore

Bradford Youth Services

Louise Hargreaves from Silsden Youth Centre

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr L Walton, Steve Loryman, Abina Dorgan-Smith, Lindsay Bottomley, Ashley Roberts, Jim Atkinson and Caradoc Chapman.

Minutes of meeting on 7th February 2006

Approved and proposed as correct by Sam Boyes, seconded by Joe Sutcliffe and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

1. Lighting/CCTV for Rocks & Ramps Area – The Clerk reported that she had not received any further communication from Mel Smith of BMDC Parks & Landscapes regarding the lighting and CCTV. The Clerk was to send a further reminder to Mel Smith.
2. Half pipe funding - Cllr Bottomley reported that she had still not been able to make contact with PC Stothers regarding the application to Network for Young People. This was to be carried forward.
3. Extension of lighting times at the M.U.G.A – Louise Hargreaves reported that the lighting was still on from 3.30 pm to 8.30 pm every day except Tuesday and Thursday when it was 9 pm. To change the times would require someone to come out and she will aim to get this done as soon as she can, possibly to tie in with the hour change.
4. Lindsay Bottomley – Suggested events/workshops - Lindsay had been unable to attend the meeting due to ill health so this item was carried forward to the next meeting.

Recording of Achievement Update

It was agreed that Louise Hargreaves would draft out a letter which Cllr Bottomley would then send out to the relevant members of the Youth Council to find out how many people are interested in entering the accreditation process. A meeting would then be set up for those people interested. Louise said that photographic evidence, letters written, publicity and date of each activity would be required, together with an evaluation on a “what I did and this is what I learned from it” basis. A record of attendance at meetings would also be required and the Clerk undertook to provide Louise with a copy of meeting registers. Joe Sutcliffe has been through the process at school and offered his help.

Youth Centre Project and its Funding

Louise reported that they had a meeting with the contractors the previous week when they outlined the work they wanted done. She hoped to find out a completion date that week. The launch date had been set for 23rd June and it was hoped to have a barbecue in the evening.

On the question of future security, Louise said that Youth Centre members would have to sign a contract to allow them entry and it would be mainly for 13 to 19 year olds but people from 12 upwards would be allowed. Once the work had been completed the Youth Centre would also be used as one of the main offices for the area meaning it would be regularly manned. It was also planned to have shutters rather than bars over all windows.

Cllr Bottomley reported that she had sent two bids to charities asking for £6,000 and itemising the items required. These were to the Graham Kirkham Foundation and the Denton Charitable Trust. The Arts Council had also said they would be quite interested if we could put a case for the Arts – they need to be certain that it covers for example an appreciation of music and if any instructors would be required. Louise Hargreaves said that they would be doing a dance workshop and will also be doing music production and DJ workshops as well. There was also a possibility of the young people learning how to make their own videos.

Possible Future Projects

1. The Painting of the play equipment in the children's playground in the park
It was unanimously agreed that this project should proceed and Joe Happs, Joe Sutcliffe, George Barclay and Sam Boyes agreed to be in the working party. Cllr Bottomley would find out how to move this forward and stated that special paint would have to be used.
2. Planned refurbishment of the pavilion in the park
Cllr Elsmore said that there was an opportunity that funds could be acquired to help refurbish the park and that the minimum grant was £250,000. One idea had been that the pavilion could be turned into a café for the summer run by a local shop. Cllr Trainer suggested it could also be used as a meeting place for the community, nursery groups, play areas etc. Cllr Elsmore requested ideas to be put forward by the Youth Council members. Members were asked to submit their ideas via the Youth Council Clerk.

Project 'Beck Bash' – 18th March 2006

Arrangements were confirmed for this event and further posters were given out for distribution. Refreshments would be supplied by the Methodist Church and Cllr Bottomley undertook to print food tokens for helpers. Louise Hargreaves said she would attend and Cllr Walton also had said he hoped to attend. The Clerk would chase Mel Smith on the question of supplying gloves, bags and a trailer.

Next Meeting

A request had been made for the night of meetings to be changed as most members now had other activities on Tuesdays and this was affecting attendance. It was agreed that meetings would in future be held on a Monday. The next meeting would therefore be on Monday 3rd April at 6.30 pm. Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.40 pm

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 3.4.06