

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
Monday, 10 July 2006**

Commenced: 6.40 pm

Concluded: 7.40 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

George Barclay (Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (6): Sam Boyes, Jim Atkinson

Lindsay Bottomley, Caradoc Chapman, Ben Geary and William Doveston

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

Millennium Volunteers

Richard Spencer and Michaela Burch

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Elsmore, Steve Loryman, Louise Hargreaves and Will Buffett

Minutes of meeting on 5 June 2006

The minutes were approved as amended, proposed by Jim Atkinson, seconded by Sam Boyes and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- 1) The Clerk reported that she had again chased BMDC Street Lighting for figures on the lighting for the skate park but had had no reply.
- 2) Cllr Bottomley reported that funding of £8,000 had been approved by Yorventure and that she had signed the contract and returned it to them. BMDC were going to order the half pipe which should take 2-3 weeks. The balance was VAT and would be met by BMDC. There will therefore be no cost to the Youth Council as Yorventure did not take up the offer of the YC to pay 10%.
The benches would be taken out and stored for the time being to vacate the space for the half pipe. Cllr Bottomley would look into storage for the benches.
- 3) Signage at the MUGA . Cllr Bottomley had received the proposed wording for the sign from Louise Hargreaves which outlined hours for community access and prohibition of dogs, drugs, alcohol and litter on the site. This wording would be sent to BMDC legal services for approval.
Cllr Bottomley also reported that the heightening of the fence at the MUGA was to be investigated as residents had complained about balls going over into their gardens. The members suggested a dome on the top and Cllr Bottomley would forward this suggestion to Louise Hargreaves.

Recording of Achievement update following meeting 15.6.06

There was to be a further meeting on 13th July at the Youth Centre. Louise Hargreaves had been very pleased with the previous meeting and had requested that everyone else was to attend that week's meeting. A start would be made at the bronze level.

Guests – Millennium Volunteers

Richard Spencer from Skipton Millennium Volunteers had been invited to the meeting through Lindsay Bottomley and he was accompanied by Michaela Burch who was the Bradford representative. They had heard of the work of Silsden Youth Council and had been most impressed.

Michaela outlined what Millennium Volunteers do which was to encourage young people to go out in the community to do volunteering for which MV awarded certificates which could be added to an individual's record of achievement. She gave literature to Cllr Bottomley/the Clerk. At present the scheme was run for 16-24 year olds but from 2007 they would be looking for younger people. Michaela gave an example of a forthcoming event – the ITV Clean-Up which would be open to all age groups and would be promoted by Ant & Dec. It would take place in Leeds on 17th September 2006. A further CSV event was also planned in the local area on 28th October 2006. Further details would be supplied via Lindsay Bottomley.

Youth Centre project and its funding

Cllr Bottomley reported that the Awards for All bid of £5000 had been successful. This was for the touch screen, juke box system, part of the installation of the equipment and the construction of the stage at the Youth Centre. Copies were requested for the members' records of achievement. The money would be paid into the Youth Council account.

Cllr Bottomley was thanked for all her efforts and hard work obtaining this. It was suggested that perhaps in future members could assist in the submission of bids.

The CCTV should be operational by the following week which would be installed by the MUGA. The Youth Centre had received £30,000 towards the refurbishing from BMDC.

Update on Possible Projects

- 1) Yorventure wanted to come through and see the YC taking part in an activity eg painting the play equipment. Approval from BMDC had not been received nor the paint to be used defined. Cllr Bottomley undertook to look into the question of protective clothing as the YC members would have to adhere to any health and safety rules.
- 2) The main Council had agreed the resurfacing of the children's play area.
- 3) Ideas for the park pavilion had been discussed at a YC meeting in 2003 and it was thought it would be interesting to compare the ideas now and what ideas were then. Cllr Bottomley would bring notes from the original meeting with Ian Day to the next meeting.

Motivational Sessions/Key Fund Project and Car Maintenance Workshops

- 1) Key Fund – still waiting for a reply - they don't have one in West Yorkshire but there was a co-ordinator for it.
- 2) Louise Hargreaves was still waiting for information on the motor project.
- 3) RAF – the YC members would need to decide what they would like their session to be about. LB would bring the information to the next meeting.

Educational Project/Day Out for Youth Council Members

Xscape in Castleford was put forward as a suggestion as there were many activities there and it was only a 45-minute train journey. A group entrance ticket could be purchased and then you paid by activity. The event was to be arranged during the summer holidays. LB would take further information to the Recording of Achievement meeting later that week.

Next Meetings

The next meeting would be held on Monday 11 September but some members were now not available on Mondays so the day of the week for subsequent YC meetings would be discussed at the next meeting

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 11.9.06