

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
Monday, 11 September 2006**

Commenced: 6.40 pm

Concluded: 7.54 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

Jim Atkinson (In Chair)

Sam Boyes (In Deputy Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members: Lindsay Bottomley, Caradog Chapman, William Doveston, George Barclay (arrived late) New member (1): Danny Bazylewicz

Town Councillors (3): Cllrs M Elsmore, E Trainor and L Walton

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

Bradford Youth Services

Louise Hargreaves

There was a minute's silence to mark the fifth anniversary of 9/11.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Steve Loryman, PC Merifield and George Barclay who would join the meeting later.

Minutes of meeting on 10 July 2006

The minutes were approved, proposed by Jim Atkinson, seconded by Caradog Chapman and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- 1) The Clerk reported that she had received a reply that day from Bradford stating that the specification for the lighting of the skate park had been received and that costs would be worked out that week. The Clerk was to request that the figures be sent to the Town Clerk.
- 2) The half pipe had now been installed but members expressed concern that the coaping was too far out causing a gap of approximately 5 cm. As skateboard wheels could get stuck in this gap it could be dangerous and one member had already fallen off as a result. Cllr Bottomley undertook to take this matter up with Bradford. She had received other negative comments (not wide or long enough) but space was restricted. On the positive side the half pipe was thought to be good for beginners as it gave them confidence. Unfortunately the benches had not been located as requested which was causing some problems with litter, especially glass bottles. Stones were also being thrown onto the skate park ramps from the rock park which was also causing danger.
- 3) Signage at the MUGA . Louise Hargreaves reported that the wording for the signage had been finalised by Bradford and it had been ordered at the end of the previous week. She reported that there was going to be a trial curfew of 10.00pm, no alcohol, no dogs. This signage would give extra leverage to the police to enable them to take action. The CCTV would be in operation shortly. Louise could not comment on the fencing as the meeting which would discuss this was not until the following day.
- 4) Educational day out: This had not occurred due to holidays. It was hoped to arrange a day in the October or Christmas school break but funds would have to be raised for this to cover activities and transport. Lindsay Bottomley undertook to find out costs/details and would bring these to the next meeting. Various methods of fundraising were discussed including a bag pack at the local supermarket. Cllr Elsmore informed the YC that there would be an open coffee morning at the Town Hall on Saturday 4th November which would give them an opportunity to fundraise. Ideas were discussed including some form of tombola or guess the name of teddy bear. This would be finalised and agreed at the October meeting.

Visit by PC Merifield

PC Merifield had sent his apologies and asked PCSO Walton to attend on his behalf to answer members' questions on safety in Silsden and the wider community. He explained how the new signage at the MUGA would help the police apprehend anyone breaking the rules. He also urged members to risk assess any situations they found themselves in and avoid them if they were deemed to be dangerous. He then answered several questions put forward by Youth Council members.

The subject of general safety throughout Silsden was discussed and in an effort to bridge the generation gap and create more understanding, it was decided that the Youth Council would carry out a survey amongst the older generation of Silsden to find out how they felt about their safety in Silsden, especially in relation to groups of youths. Lindsay Bottomley would draft a survey form out and e-mail it to the Clerk. It was decided that the Open Coffee Morning on 4th November would be a good place to hand the forms out.

Recording of Achievement update

Louise Hargreaves reported that she had set up four sessions during the holidays on a 'drop in' basis but only two people had managed to do it and they will get their certificates at the beginning of October. LH offered that should any other members wish to proceed with their Record of Achievement they could call in at the Youth Centre on a Tuesday or Thursday between 7 and 9pm or contact her on 07795 812414.

Youth Centre project update

Louise Hargreaves reported that there had been a fire at the Youth Centre caused by some recently installed electrics. This had slowed down the progress generally. The items to be purchased with the money raised by the Youth Council had not yet been ordered but LH would speak to Abina Dorgan Smith with a view to doing this. It was agreed that the Youth Council would look at the question of further funding at the next meeting.

LH confirmed that regarding security the Youth Centre would have shutters on all the windows and doors and there would be a letterbox on the wall. There would also be a burglar alarm and CCTV in operation.

Once re-opened LH hoped to set up various workshops including a graffiti project combined with the Youth Council for the skate park.

Update on Possible Projects

- 1) Cllr Bottomley had still not heard back from Bradford regarding the painting of the play area.
- 2) Cllr Bottomley had brought 2003 meeting notes to the meeting outlining the Youth Council's ideas for the park. The Clerk was asked to type them up and circulate with the paperwork for the next meeting when it would be discussed further.

Motivational Sessions/Key Fund Project and Car Maintenance Workshops

- 1) Key Fund – It was confirmed that they don't operate in West Yorkshire.
- 2) The motor project – this could not be pursued as they were shutting it down
- 3) RAF – Lindsay Bottomley reported that she had had no reply from the RAF but had contact with Catterick Army Base regarding possible visits for YC members. She would pass this information on to Cllr Bottomley for the next meeting.

Other Matters

- 1) Cllr Elsmore invited the YC to contribute to the Town Council newsletter which was currently being compiled and would go out at the end of September.
- 2) The Clerk reported that the sponsorship monies for the Beck Bash on 18th March had been received from Action Earth in the sum of £46.76 which had been banked in the YC account.

- 3) The Clerk asked for nominations for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair to be submitted at the next meeting.

Next Meetings

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber. Further dates would be agreed at that meeting.

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 3.10.06