

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE  
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL  
Tuesday 3 October 2006**

Commenced: 6.40 pm

Concluded: 7.57 pm

**Present – Silsden Youth Council**

George Barclay

Jim Atkinson (In Deputy Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members: Lindsay Bottomley, Caradog Chapman, Sam Boyes, Danny Bazylewicz, William Doveston,

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

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

Steve Loryman

**Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Elsmore, Cllr Trainor, Louise Hargreaves and PC Merifield

**Minutes of meeting on 11 September 2006**

The minutes were approved, proposed by Jim Atkinson, seconded by Danny Bazylewicz and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

- 1) **Skate Park Lighting**: The Clerk reported that she had written to BMDC asking them to send figures for the skate park lighting costings to the Town Clerk and reiterating that if these proved too expensive the Town Council would not proceed.
- 2) **Half Pipe update**: Cllr Bottomley had had a conversation with BMDC Parks & Landscapes regarding the YC members' concern regarding the coaping. As far as BMDC was concerned it was in order but offered to come out and have a look at it if the YC were not happy with it. Sam Boyes also stated that rainwater collects in the half pipe and it was suggested that a slight slant or a small drain hole in the middle (small enough so as not to disrupt boards) might prevent the water collecting and causing damage to skateboards. It was also reported that the bolts fixing the smallest ramp (quarter pipe) to the ground were coming out. Cllr Bottomley would e-mail BMDC regarding these three points.
- 3) **MUGA**: Cllr Bottomley reported that Mrs Leech at Hothfield School would like members of the Youth Council to attend the launch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.45 am and help with activities after that. Cllr Bottomley took details of those wishing to attend and would contact the parents and their schools seeking permission. Steve Loryman reported that Joe Sutcliffe had moved to Cononley and Cllr Bottomley would also invite him to attend and ask if he wished to stay a member of SYC.
- 4) Educational day out: This matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

**Recording of Achievement Update**

As Louise Hargreaves was not able to attend due to holidays this matter would be carried forward to the next meeting.

**Update on Youth Centre Refurbishment/Further Funding**

In addition to the items already funded by SYC Cllr Bottomley said that the Youth Centre also wished to purchase a plasma screen at a cost of £1800-£2000. It was unanimously agreed that SYC would also fund this equipment. This was proposed by George Barclay and seconded by Lindsay Bottomley. Cllr Bottomley would advise Louise Hargreaves.

Cllr Walton expressed his concern again on the security of the refurbished Youth Centre and Cllr Bottomley confirmed that the security shutters for all doors and windows would be installed prior to any equipment being delivered. He also expressed concern about the material used for the new sign which could be easily damaged and therefore not last long.

### **Update on Possible Projects**

- 1) BMDC are looking at having tarmac laid in the rock park so that broken glass could be swept up easily and SYC members were asked if they wished to help with this project. Danny Bazylewicz, William Doveston and Sam Boyes volunteered.
- 2) There had been no reply regarding the painting of play equipment and the safety element, type of paint etc. Mick Priestley was going to get in touch with Mel Smith at BMDC.
- 3) Feedback notes taken at a meeting in 2003 between the Focus Group and members of Silsden Youth Council regarding concerns on vandalism and litter were circulated. These were merely a list of concerns and possible solutions which were still current at the present date proving that things had not progressed.

### **Survey Questionnaire**

Two versions were circulated and discussed in detail. Feedback had been received from Cllrs Walton and Trainor and Steve Loryman felt the questions were slightly negative. It was decided to go with the tick-box version of the questionnaire with amended questions. The Clerk would produce a final draft for approval by Cllrs Walton, Bottomley and YC member Lindsay Bottomley. After approval 50 copies were to be printed for use at the coffee morning on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Fundraising at Coffee Morning – 4<sup>th</sup> November**

It was decided that there was to be a tombola and Cllr Bottomley undertook to arrange this. Sam Boyes agreed to get the tombola drum and Cllr Bottomley would get the raffle tickets and it would be 3 goes for a £1. There would also be a 'guess the name of the soft toy dog' which had been provided by Cllr Bottomley. Lindsay Bottomley undertook to send the Clerk 100 names so a list could be produced. This would enable Cllr Bottomley to choose the winning name. Each guess would be 50p. Volunteers to help on the day were Lindsay Bottomley, Sam Boyes, George Barclay, Jim Atkinson, Danny Bazylewicz, and Caradog Chapman.

### **Possible visit to Catterick Army Base**

Louise Hargreaves was still to send the details to Lindsay Bottomley. This matter was therefore carried forward to the next meeting.

### **Nominations for Office**

These were collected by the Clerk and election of officers would take place at the November meeting. The Town Clerk had suggested that the YC elections fall in line with the Town Council and take place in May. It was agreed that elections this year would be in November but in May 2007 officers would have the option to carry on. Thereafter elections would be in May.

### **Any Other Business**

- 1) Nominations for the Edwin Bottomley Memorial Shield were to be sought. This was for a young person who has contributed significantly to the community. This would also need publicised and Cllr Bottomley undertook to contact the Craven Herald and Keighley News.
- 2) Cllr Bottomley had gained agreement for the YC to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on 12 November and had purchased a wreath. Jim Atkinson and Sam Boyes would attend.
- 3) Steve Loryman raised the question of school buses recently having standing room only. YC members confirmed this and gave details to Cllr Bottomley who would raise it at the next Town Council Meeting.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

Prepared by  
K Wood  
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair  
Signed as true 7.11.06