

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday 5th December 2006**

Commenced: 6.35 pm

Concluded: 7.29 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

Lindsay Bottomley (Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (5) Caradog Chapman, Jim Atkinson, Ben Geary, Joe Happs, Danny Bazylewicz

Cllrs M Elsmore and L Walton, Youth Council Co-ordinator Cllr P Bottomley, Youth Council Clerk Mrs K Wood

Bradford Youth Services

Louise Hargreaves

Visitors

Mr and Mrs Derek Proctor and 10 youth visitors/potential members

Election of Committee Members

Danny Bazylewicz, Joe Happs and Ben Geary were duly elected onto the Committee which made a total of nine. George Barclay, although absent from the meeting, had expressed a wish to be on the committee. As a maximum of 12 was permitted, George Barclay and a further two committee members would be elected at subsequent meetings.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from George Barclay, PC Merifield and Steve Loryman

Minutes of meeting on 7 November 2006

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

Matters Arising

- 1) **Skate Park Lighting**: The Clerk reported that there had not been any response to date from BMDC on these costs. The Clerk would chase this information again for the next meeting.
- 2) **Half Pipe update**: Cllr Bottomley reported that Yorventure had come and checked everything was in order in relation to the half pipe. Lightman Leisure had drilled the holes in the half pipe and they had also adjusted the coaping. The quarter pipe had been sorted also.
- 3) **School buses**: The problem of standing room only on the school buses had been reported back to the Councillor who was a school governor at South Craven School.
- 4) **Catterick Army Base visit**: Lindsay Bottomley had just received the details and undertook to contact them to enquire as to what group sessions were available so that YC members could decide what they wanted to do.
- 5) **Tarmac in Rock Park**: Cllr Bottomley had contacted BDMC who were happy to do the laying of the tarmac but said that it would be done at the same time as other tarmac laying in the park. This matter was to be discussed further under Item 7 of the agenda (Possible projects in Park and their funding).

Presentation of gifted funds to Youth Council from Mr and Mrs Proctor

This was accepted on behalf of Silsden Youth Council by Jim Atkinson and photographs were taken for the local press. This donation from Mr and Mrs Proctor had come from the proceeds of their slideshows shown to local groups of their various worldwide travels. In the last three years they had donated around £2,000 to local charities and felt that this time they wished to support the local youth. The YC members expressed their gratitude and undertook to let Mr and Mrs Proctor know in due course how the money was to be spent.

Update on Youth Centre Refurbishment

Louise Hargreaves reported that the new boiler had now been installed and was being commissioned. In the week commencing 18th December all shutters were going on the windows so it was hoped that they would be able to open the building in January. Louise Hargreaves would liaise with Cllr Bottomley regarding the money raised by the YC so she can organise/order the equipment pledged.

Louise Hargreaves also reported that all the lights on the MUGA were only on when the Youth Club was open as local residents had expressed concern that they may attract an undesirable element. With the addition of a new cleaner for the MUGA, it was hoped to reinstate the lights for longer before the Christmas holidays.

Possible Projects in Park and their Funding

- 1) **Possible further bid to Yorventure:** When the Yorventure representative had visited the skate park she had indicated that Yorventure would be interested in providing further funding for the children's play area – in particular to replace the equipment which was now 20 years old. The YC would therefore prepare a bid for submission by the end of January. Cllr Elsmore suggested that the views of local play groups should be sought as to what they would like to see in the play area. It was decided to prepare a poster to be displayed also in Aire View Infant School, Library and Post Office stating that there would be a suggestion box in the entrance of the Town Hall. Lindsay Bottomley undertook to prepare this and a suggestion box. She would also forward a copy to the Clerk so it could be sent to Peter Ford to go on the Silsden.net website. She would also speak to Skipton Town Council who had a similar project currently. It could also be inserted in the Keighley News. YC Members would assist Cllr Bottomley with the preparation of the bid and this would be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 2) **Tarmac in Park:** Tarmac was to be laid in several areas of the Park and the area of the Rock Park would be done at the same time. The safe surface for the children's play area would be done from the Section 106 money.
- 3) **Extension of Rock Park:** The ten young visitors had come to the meeting at the suggestion of the local police who said that Silsden Youth Council may be able to help with their ideas and grievances regarding the Rock Park and park lighting. They would ideally like the Rock Park extended to provide a flatter area as it was presently all on a hill. After a considerable amount of discussion it was agreed that two or three representatives from the group would attend the next meeting bringing with them their plans/drawings and rough costings if possible. Joe Happs, an existing Youth Councillor, would co-ordinate this. The question of a youth shelter was also raised but this was dependent on the Silsden youth showing that they could look after the skate park. This had not been the case so far.

Costings for day out for YC Members and further fundraising

This item was carried forward to the next meeting.

Other Matters

- 1) **Financial Report:** Cllr Bottomley had prepared a financial report to October which did not include the funds raised at the coffee morning (£68) and the £200 received that night. In the bank on 9th October was £13,951.74 out of which £7,000 was pledged to the Youth Centre for equipment, £1,000 had been allocated to skateboard instruction (this had been an undertaking to Yorventure as part of the previous bid), £500 for graffiti art and £750 for administration. This left a balance of £4701.74 + the £268 mentioned above.
- 2) **Cleaning up for Remembrance Sunday:** Cllr Bottomley praised all those who helped Silsden Environmental Group in the cleaning up process both at the Rocks & Ramps site and the Memorial Gardens.
- 3) **Costings for trip to Xscape in Castleford:** The £140 raised at this and last year's coffee mornings would be put towards this day out for existing members. Lindsay Bottomley would get costings for the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 9th January at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 9.01.07