

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday 7 November 2006**

Commenced: 6.43 pm

Concluded: 7.44 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

Lindsay Bottomley, Caradog Chapman, Sam Boyes, Jim Atkinson, William Doveston and Bradley Boothman,
Cllr L Walton, PC Craig Stothers, Youth Council Co-ordinator Cllr P Bottomley, Youth Council Clerk Mrs K Wood

Bradford Youth Services

Louise Hargreaves

Election of Committee Members

Lindsay Bottomley, Caradog Chapman, Sam Boyes, Jim Atkinson, William Doveston and Bradley Boothman were duly elected as Committee Members. Further members up to a maximum of 12 would be elected at subsequent Youth Council Meetings.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Following receipt of nominations from members, Youth Cllr Lindsay Bottomley was elected as Chair and Youth Cllr Sam Boyes was elected as Vice-Chair. These officers would hold these positions until May 2007 but could be re-elected to continue until May 2008 if they so wished.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Elsmore, George Barclay, Richard Spencer of Millennium Volunteers and PC Merifield

Minutes of meeting on 3 October 2006

The minutes were approved, proposed by Jim Atkinson, seconded by Sam Boyes 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 for the next meeting.
- 2) **Half Pipe update**: Cllr Bottomley reported that Yorventure were meeting her the following day to sign the completion of the new half pipe. Cllr Bottomley also reported that she had been in touch with BDMC and Lightman Leisure are willing to change the coaping if it is a real problem. This was discussed and it was decided that this was not now necessary. Cllr Bottomley would check with BDMC whether the drilling of the draining hole had now been carried out.
- 3) **MUGA**: Cllr Bottomley reported that the launch on Friday 20th October had been a great success and displayed photographs taken on the day. She would endeavour to get further photographs on a CD from Mrs. Leech of Hothfield Street School. There had also been good press coverage. YC members attending had worked very hard and Cllr Bottomley said that she was very pleased with everybody. Those who attended were Jim Atkinson, Sam Boyes, Lindsay Bottomley, George Barclay, Will Buffett, Ben Geary and Danny Bazylewicz
- 4) **Nominations for Edwin Bottomley Memorial Shield**: Cllr Bottomley reported that she had received two nominations for the same person to receive this shield which was given to a young person who had greatly contributed to the community. The nomination of George Barclay was agreed, proposed by Lindsay Bottomley and seconded by Sam Boyes.
- 5) **School Buses**: Cllr Bottomley had reported this problem of standing room only on some buses to the Council who had undertaken to sort it out. Members also suggested that smoke alarms and surveillance cameras would be a good addition.

Open Coffee Morning – Saturday 4 November 2006

Cllr Bottomley reported that £68.00 had been raised by the Youth Council - £18 for the 'Name the Dog' and £50 for the tombola. Lindsay Bottomley briefly reported on the survey amongst the older generation seeking opinions/concerns around behaviour of youths in Silsden. She has written a report and this would be displayed on the notice board in the Council Chamber. She also undertook to send an e-mail copy to Louise Hargreaves of Youth Services.

Cllr Bottomley would ask the Mayor if these questionnaires could be handed out at the Methodist Church coffee morning.

Recording of Achievement update

Louise Hargreaves reported that no further YC members had come forward to complete this. Jim Atkinson and Lindsay Bottomley had yet to receive their certificates. Cllr Bottomley suggested that the MUGA launch be taken into account for this.

Update on Youth Centre Refurbishment/Funding

The centre was currently open 7 – 9pm on a Tuesday and Thursday. Louise Hargreaves gave a brief report as to the status of the work. Before any further work could be done a new gas boiler had to be fitted, the funds for which had been sorted. They were now working on the funding for the security shutters as these would need to be fitted before any equipment was installed. She welcomed the YC members' undertaking to give a further £2000 to purchase a plasma screen but pointed out that council policy dictated that five quotes had to be obtained and the best quote taken.

Update on Possible Projects

This matter was discussed including the fact that local firms were often willing to contribute products such as paint for such projects. Cllr Bottomley however thought that this would not be permitted by BMDC on health and safety grounds. Cllr Bottomley reported that Gilliam Biggs of BMDC Parks & Landscapes had said that the Section 106 funds could now be accessed and she wanted ideas. The mat for the children's area (£8000) painting the play equipment and providing a handrail for elderly residents at the side of the Rocks & Ramps area (£3000).had been suggested. Gillian Biggs would come back to Cllr Bottomley.

With regard to the tarmac in the rock park, Cllr Bottomley undertook to chase this up.

Any Other Business

- 1) Catterick Army Base. Lindsay Bottomley would follow this up. The matter was carried forward to the next meeting.
- 2) Educational day out. The money raised from the coffee mornings (£68 in 2006 and £74 in 2005) would go towards this outing. Lindsay Bottomley would get a price list of activities. Further fundraising activities were discussed.
- 3) Final arrangements were made for the wreath laying by YC members at the Cenotaph the following Sunday.

Next Meeting:

The next meetings would be held on Tuesday 5th December and Tuesday 9th January at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 5.12.06