

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2003  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

**COMMENCED:7.30PM**

**CONCLUDED:9.30PM**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

Cllr K Savage  
Cllr A Edwards  
Cllr D Galley

Cllr M Elsmore  
Cllr A Phillips

Cllr C Atkinson  
Cllr P Bromley

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

The Clerk                      The Press (2)                      Public (0)                      Police (0)  
Tony Walker -WYP –contact point  
Stephanie Morton BMDC policy Unit

**Cllr Edwards in the Chair.**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Chilton, Bottomley, Walton & PC Stothers.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Cllr Galley - planning

**3. POLICE REPORT**

No report received.

**4. CONTACT POINT.**

Stephanie Morton updated the council on BMDC's commitment to the Silsden contact point in the police station. She urged the Councillors to go and visit Haworth to see what could happen. Insp. Walker told the council now was the time to work together in a positive way. Ideally he would be looking for a volunteer manager, 15 volunteers and 2 specials to run the contact point. This could not be achieved however without the support of the community. He asked the council for help in informing the local community. Before the vote was taken a further discussion took place with regards to 'Bobbies on the beat'. Insp. Walker though sympathetic of Silsden's wants stated that it was not the way policing was going in this area. It was resolved with 6 votes for and 1 vote against to fully support Insp. walker and the contact point.

**5. MINUTES.**

The minutes for the meeting on 6th November 2003 previously circulated we proposed and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bromley and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

Report previously circulated and to be attached to the public record of the minutes were noted. Cllr Bottomley had attended the next MUGA meeting and requested that the council write a letter of support for the project and wished for the sum of £2000-£3000 be considered in the precept as a method to cover the MUGA's running costs. This item will be brought to the attention of the finance meeting

## **7. ALLOTMENTS**

No update.

## **8. PLANNING AND UDP.**

02/03639/out                      91 Skipton Road                      Flood Risk Assessment  
Silsden Town Council note with some concern that the Flood Risk Assessment shows that a trial hole dug by Bradford Council into the existing culvert reveals that there is a significant amount of silt and a collapsing roof slab, which is clearly causing flooding problems in the Skipton Road area. It is noted that there is an intention to improve drainage in this area at some point in the future. However it would appear that the plan contained in the Flood Risk Assessment only offers a detour in the flood path to protect the proposed property but takes no account of the continual flooding problems experienced by other properties in the area.

03/04626/ful                      Land Sth of 11 &13 Elliot St    1 Dwelling  
The council object to this on the grounds that the sewage system cannot cope at present let alone with any more demand. They also feel that there are highways issues here as more development in this area will lead to more congestion at the road junction of Elliott Street and Kirkgate. The congestion on this road is already way over an acceptable limit for an area so close to an infant school.

## **9. CO OPTION DECISION**

Cllr Atkinson moved that neither applicant be accepted at this point in time this was seconded by Cllr Bromley and resolved by voting with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions. A further round of advertising for co-option will take place in January 2004 for a co option meeting in Feb 2004. Both applicants can resubmit their applications.

Clerk to write to applicants with this decision.

## **10. QUALITY PARISH**

Silsden Town council will be looking to apply in 6-9months time. There are only two further conditions needing to be met.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE.**

Email from D Preece re Countryside properties - to note  
Exhibition by Countryside properties 15/12/03 Town Hall 14.00-19.00 -to note  
Licence application The Balti Spice - to note  
Reply from planning re comment on 03/00789/cou- to note

Bradford & Airedale NHS LIFT project update -file  
 Open Aire - file  
 Rural matters -file  
 Public letter re parking on Kirkgate Silsden - to consider reply and any action.

Clerk to invite Mr Core of Highways to come to a meeting to discuss parking in Silsden and to invite the writers of the letter to attend also.

**12. ADJOURNMENT.**

None requested

**13. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.**

The following were proposed for payment by Cllr Elsmore and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour.

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LC Salary (Nov) (net)	356	502.72
Tax LC & NI LC		
STC NI	357	50.84
Audit Fee (fye2003) inc vat	360	417.13
Postage stamps	358	29.20
booklet	359	3.00
from main a/c postage	358	5.46
SLCC renewal	361	72.00

From the Youth Council account the following payment was also included in the proposal

from YC account-PB Expenses	002	8.11
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A draft budget was handed to the clerk who will liase with the Chair of Finance to have a proposed Budget for the finance meeting.

**14. BRADFORD COUNCIL, KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL, GOVERNMENT.**

Cllr Elsmore informed the council that some good progress has been made in the relationship between BMDC and the Parishes. There is evidence of more consultation taking place. From the 1st of January BMDC will have a Policy Officer for future negotiations and support for parishes. The Officer will be Mark Fisher.

Cllr Atkinson requested we chase Cllr Eaton for a reply to the question that as the people of Silsden pay for police in their rates why do they not have any police Officers.

The Cllrs noted that the new grey Wheelie Bins appear to be a waste of money, when recycling sacks as in Crosshills would be much cheaper small and therefore more efficient.

**15. REPORTS.**

Swimstart No report

Road Safety The council are to request that our Zebra crossings are upgraded to Puffin Crossings as Steeton have managed to get the Zebra upgraded to a pelican crossing as well as having a 7.5 tonne weight limit. Clerk to forward this request  
YLCA Cllr Elsmore re-elected Chairman of YLCA. STC passed on its congratulations

S.E.G A report was read out by the clerk. Cllrs to look at the lamppost in Mitchell Lane.

School Governors Aireview we very please with their OFSTED. An Appeal was made through the press for more parent Governors to come forward for South Craven.

KAC No report.

YC 3-day bag-pack organised after the success of the last one. The YC also managed to raise over £105.00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

#### **16. ANY OTHER MATTERS.**

Cllr Savage asked if any response was received about Aireview lighting. None as at the date of the meeting.

Some Cllrs felt the traffic should have been stop during the remembrance service. Clerk to find out ward Cllrs allowances.

#### **17. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 8/01/04