



SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL



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Council Notes

September

Report from the West Craven Tasking Group showed a drop in Crime Figures for August. Several areas in Silsden were targeted with Speedwatch, warnings were issued to drivers who were exceeding speed limit.

Bridge repairs: Bradford Council engineer, Richard Todd gave update to the Council above the bridge to the Park. Monies have been allocated and the site was being prepared. The new bridge should be in place sometime in the new year. The Council were shown two designs, the preferred one having stone abutments and the Council suggested having black railings with gold designs and the Town Crest in the middle of the metal-work.

October

West Craven Tasking Group: The new Inspector for our area, Insp Sue Sanderson, attended the meeting and introduced herself to the Council. She gave a short presentation on her role and her view for policing the area. She gave the Council details for up and coming operations for the area and stated that the perception of crime did not fit the statistics and that Silsden in the Craven ward was in the top three of the safest wards in the Bradford area.

Hothfield School gave a presentation of an idea regarding walking trail for the schoolchildren. The Council fully supported the idea for small symbols on lamp posts to encourage children to walk to school and the Council will send a letter of support for the project.

November

West Craven Tasking Group: Crime figure for October showed another drop which was welcomed. Inspector Sanderson said that whilst the police were obviously pleased they are by no means complacent and will be continuing increased patrols well into November especially over the bonfire period.

In October a Speedwatch in Bolton Road caught 14 vehicles exceeding 30mph in one hour.

Joint Transport Working Group: This is a group of Councillors from Silsden TC and Steeton Parish Council. There are regular meetings to sort out transport issues in the area. A recent meeting was held at Steeton & Silsden Station to look at disability access and bus links from Silsden. Further meetings will be held over the next few months.

Surgeries: will continue next spring at the Methodist Church Coffee mornings on a Friday from 10.15 to 11.15am. Look out for notices in the Post Office and other places in town and on the Silsden.net website.

Message from the Mayor

On behalf of Silsden Town Council may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

And on your behalf may I say thank you to all the Town Councillors who have give up their free time to work and represent the people of Silsden.

As many of you know our councillors give up many hours of their time throughout the year and do so with out payment . They are dedicated people who commit their time to the best interests of you the community.

If you have any views on how we can improve the quality of life in Silsden then please do come along to a meeting and let us know. Or just come along a listen to how we work. You are all very welcome. And together we can work to make a difference in 2009.

***Cllr Liz Trainor
Mayor of Silsden***



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Silsden Youth Council

Report on British Youth Council Training day in York, 11th October 2008.

It was really interesting to meet the members of other youth councils in the area. Town or parish councillors have attended our youth council meetings as a springboard for setting up youth councils in their own area, but apart from this we have really been working in isolation. Our youth council is primarily interested in raising funds for activities for groups of young people in Silsden. Our belief is that interesting hobbies motivate young people and cut down on nuisance crime and increase communication within our community.

I found that the other youth councillors we met on the training day had a much wider social agenda and took most of the responsibility for running their respective youth councils. They were very confident when putting across ideas and had obviously been to other venues. This was a first for our two councillors, but I thought they both joined in all the activities with confidence and were not worried about putting their own views, both in their groups and in presentations. Although the day was quite tiring, we covered a lot of important topics with interest and enthusiasm. Everybody followed the ground rules and listened, with respect, to the views of others. Going home on the train I realised that I had not heard a single swear word, this was most refreshing and I would like to say a huge THANKYOU! To all concerned. It just shows that we can all still function perfectly well without bad language. I am looking forward to the next training day.

The Silsden Youth council meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the town Hall. Young people of Silsden are welcome to attend.

Cllr. Pat Bottomley

Silsden Gala Committee

The bonfire on 1st November was a roaring success, enjoyed by a crowd of nearly 1,000 people. There was hot food available as well as the fairground and the impressive firework display. The night went as planned, thanks to all the help with the smooth running of the event.

Thanks to all who give their pounds, these will help to put the gala on next year.

The next event is the Christmas Extravaganza, which takes place on Wed 3rd December. As usual, children from Aireview and Hothfield schools will parade up the main street to the Memorial Gardens. chance to meet Santa Claus and have a ride on the fairground. I am hoping that we will have some carol singing.

Don't forget that most of the shops will be open late, where they will be pleased to offer you some refreshment as a thank you for your support throughout the year.

See you all on the night!

***Chris Atkinson, Chairman
Silsden Gala Committee.***

Council Newsletter

The town council newsletter is produced four times a year to inform the residents of Silsden about the activities of their town council.

As the editor, I would like to thank the town councillors for their regular contributions, and prompt response to my requests for articles. If there are any other aspects of council life to report on, I would be very glad to hear from new contributors.

The high quality production and printing of the newsletter is thanks to Mr. Ken Lee. I always look forward to seeing the cover photograph or graphic for the first time.

If you have any comments or queries about what you have read in the newsletter, I can be contacted by email or via Silsden.net. I will endeavour to pass on your comments appropriately and obtain a response.

Ann Colman.

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Next Council Meetings

7.30pm start unless stated otherwise on the Town Hall notice board.

Full Council: 4th Dec, 8th Jan, 5th Feb.

Planning: 16th Jan, 12th Feb. 12th March 2009

