



SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL



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Notes from Council Meetings:

July:

- The Council welcomed two new councillors to the meeting; Cllr Karen Conway and Cllr Ashley Johnson-Gill.
- A representative from Youth Services reported on the progress of the new initiative for young people on Friday evenings at the Youth Centre.
- The police gave their usual monthly report, update on crime figures, and their priorities for the coming month.

August:

- A query was raised about the Japanese Knotweed that has appeared upstream of the beck bridge. The Council was asked to find out who is responsible for it and how to rid of the weed.
- Rachel Edmunds, from the Keighley Area co-ordinator's office, asked councillors to think of any other issues to add to the Silsden Action Plan that had been drawn up following various Neighbourhood Forums held in the Town over the past year. Councillors agreed to notify her of any additions.
- Allotments – a committee has been set up among the allotment holders (of those belonging to Silsden Town Council) and a meeting was held in August to consider the future arrangements.
- Cllr Michael Elsmore has been re-elected as President of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations for the third year.

Councillor Surgeries: will continue to take place but because the Methodist Church is undergoing rebuilding, they will now take place in the Town Hall. Look out for notices around the Town and on the Silsden.net website for dates and times.

Gala Report

On behalf of the Gala committee can I thank everybody who paid their pounds on gala day. We were all disappointed by the weather but not by the crowd that followed the procession up on to Bradley Road Green. The feedback we received this year was not all good, the main complaint was over the bar disappearing before we got on to the field, this I am afraid was beyond our control, we try to do things different, thus freeing our committee members so they can also have time to enjoy the day. Once again the kids races and tug-o-war raised loads of giggles and as for the 'welly wanging' well what can I say. Drystone Radio presenter, Stevie, kept everything together despite the rain, the majorettes and belly dancers struggled with the wet and uneven ground but still managed to get cheers and claps. Here's to next year, if you feel you could add any input or help we meet the 1st Sunday in the month in the Kings Arms all will be made welcome.

Our next event is on November 7th again on Bradley Green, the annual bonfire, with fairground, and hopefully, Drystone Radio will be there again, and who knows what else.

Then on Sunday 29th November we are going to hold a Christmas market in Briggate, also in the Punch Bowl and Kings Arms car parks, this will be instead of the Christmas extravaganza. Watch the local press and shops for more details. www.silsden.net always supports everything, we do so keep having a look on there to see what's going on locally.

Chris Atkinson, chairman.

Youth Council Report

MILESTONE FOR SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL

Silsden Youth Council now have confirmation of all the grants for Project 5, which is the '7 Up Activity Area' to be sited below the 'Toddlers' Play Area' in Silsden Park. The grants confirmed are £6,500 - £10,000, £29,665 and £30,000, this comes to £76,165. Silsden Youth Council will pay any shortfall and Silsden Town Council are our Third Party Funders. Below is a record of all the projects we have funded so far.

Project 1 - £ 54,000 - 'ROCKS & RAMPS'

Project 2 - £ 8,000 - 'Mini Halfpipe'

Project 3 - £ 7,000 - Media Equipment for Silsden Youth Centre.

Project 4 - £ 56,000 - 'Toddlers' Play Area'

Project 5 - £ 76,000 - '7 Up Activity Area'

Project 6 - £ 400 - 'Silsden All Stars'

Total £201,400

I think you will agree that this is an extremely important milestone for Silsden Youth Council to reach and that an equally big 'THANK YOU' should go to these young people for providing all these projects for Silsden's Young People. Our grateful thanks should go to all their supporters, funders, Silsden Town Council and Silsden Community. It is wonderful to think that this all started with two groups of youngsters knocking on my door, in 2003, to ask for help in organising meaningful hobbies for young people.

Pat Bottomley

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Support for your Town Council

The Town Council is a member of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA). This is a membership organisation for all Town & Parish Councils in North, South and West Yorkshire, there are over 600 councils in membership. The Associations provide support for the local council which may have queries about methods of running the council, to legal questions to make sure that the council operates within the law. The YLCA advises its members on changes in law, accounting procedures, and the code of conduct to which we have signed up. There also training courses for new councillors, on how to be a chairman and run meetings, and other topics that arise with changes in legislation. There is an annual Training Conference usually held in Scarborough in the Autumn.

The YLCA is one of over 40 County Associations in membership of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). This national body is responsible for giving advice to the county and to update it on any changes in legislation. It has direct contact with the government of the day to promote this first tier of local government. Its input helped to include clauses in a recent local government bill enabling town & parish councils to increase their powers at a local level.

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Next Council Meetings

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

Full Council: 1st October; 5th November; 3rd December

Planning: 15th October; 19th November; 17th December.

