

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday 3rd April 2007**

Commenced: 6.40 pm

Concluded 7.42 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

Lindsay Bottomley (Chair)

Sam Boyes (Vice Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (2) Jim Atkinson, George Barclay

Cllr Elsmore, PC Merifield, PCSO Walton, Youth Council Co-ordinator Cllr P Bottomley, Youth Council Clerk

Mrs K Wood

BMDC Parks & Landscapes

Dave Bennison and Gillian Biggs

Apologies

Apologies were received from Steve Loryman, Danny Bazylewicz, Will Doveston and Louise Hargreaves (by phone during the meeting).

Minutes of Meeting on 6th March 2007

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by Jim Atkinson, seconded by Sam Boyes and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

- 1) School buses: Lindsay Bottomley read out a letter that had been sent to South Craven School asking for a representative to attend a meeting of the Town Council to discuss issues regarding the school buses. Members reported that there had been some improvement recently.
- 2) Catterick Army Base visit: There had still been no reply. PC Merifield undertook to contact them on behalf of the Youth Council and Lindsay Bottomley would e-mail him the details.
- 3) MUGA cleanliness and safety: The Clerk reported that the issue regarding the emptying and placing of the bins at the Youth Centre had been resolved. Cllr Elsmore reported that a person had now been employed to clean the MUGA. Any remaining problems would be easier to attend to once the CCTV cameras were working. PCSO Walton observed that the light timers needed altering now that the clocks had changed but this was a matter for the MUGA committee/school.
- 4) Visit to Xscape in Castleford: Lindsay Bottomley reported that funding had not yet been obtained and that she had not yet been able to sort out the application to Key Fund. The present funds stood at £140. It was decided that a small group of say five committee members go using the existing funds with a view to getting Key Fund expenditure for a larger group to go.

Bid to Yorventure

Cllr Bottomley reported that the £35,000 had now been granted by Yorventure.

Cllr Bottomley introduced Dave Bennison and Gillian Biggs from BMDC Parks & Landscapes who had produced plans for the proposed toddlers' play area in the park priced at £49,187. Various revisions had had to be made both to the equipment and size of the area to remain within the budget of £50,000. If there was more money they could expand the area again or swap pieces of equipment so that excluded items could be reinstated. More activity panels could also be provided if extra funding was available. When asked how much extra it would be for increasing the area back to 300 sq metres Dave Bennison said that it would be £2,000 as well as the surface earth works and 10 metres of fencing. Following detailed discussion it was unanimously agreed that BMDC Parks & Landscapes be asked to come back with costings for the following three options:

- 1) For the extra 50 square metres
- 2) To leave it at 250 sq metres and look for play equipment eg timber adventure equipment for all age groups (assault course) which although would need extra space would not require safe surfacing and could be outside fenced area. Also to include provision of picnic tables (using existing benches).
- 3) Leave plan as is and look at changing pieces of equipment for those items that had had to be omitted due to budget eg one springer, seesaw.

A suggestion was also made to increase the number of waste bins provided. It was decided that these could be added at a later date.

Update on Youth Centre Refurbishment

Louise Hargreaves telephoned Cllr Bottomley during the meeting with her apologies and stated that the CCTV was being looked into that week and it should be installed soon. She also gave details of sports activities at the Youth Centre the following day for the YC members' information.

Action Earth – Discussion on possible project for 2007

Various possibilities were discussed. Cllr Elsmore suggested that the YC could help to plant out flower pots in the town, possibly in conjunction with other groups eg the scouts group had offered to help. Lindsay Bottomley stated that Millennium Volunteers would also like to be involved in any project and asked if there was a plot of land that could be allocated to the YC. Cllr Elsmore said that as Airedale Mews had been handed back to the Town Council this was a possibility. It was decided that the Clerk should contact Keith Norris of Silsden Environmental Group to attend the next YC meeting to hear the YC members' plans. A visit to Airedale Mews was also to be incorporated into the next meeting

Membership of British Youth Councils

Lindsay Bottomley will get more information on membership, costs and how to join. This was to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Other Matters

1. Cllr Bottomley reported that Hatfield Town Council had sent an e-mail to say that their Town Council had passed the setting up of a Youth Council and they sent their thanks to the members of Silsden YC.
2. PCSO Walton enquired as to when the Rock Park was to have the new tarmac and Cllr Bottomley was looking into this.

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 1st May at 6.30 pm.

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 1.05.07