

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE  
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL  
Tuesday 6th November 2007**

Commenced 6-30 pm

Concluded 7-38 pm

**Present – Silsden Youth Council**

Acting Chair: Jim Atkinson

Youth Council Committee Members: Harry Barclay, Danny Bazylewicz, Ben Geary,

Cllr Bottomley, Cllr Trainor, Acting Superintendent Darren Minton, Louise Allen, Alicia, clerk

Youth Councillor Co-ordinator Cllr Bottomley, clerk.

PC Merifield

**Apologies**

Lindsay Bottomley Steve Lor yman, Sam Boyes Louise Hargreaves, Cllr Elsmore, Cllr Walton. George Barclay

**Minutes of the Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

The minutes of the meeting were approved, proposed by Harry Barclay, seconded by Danny and signed by the Acting Chair.

**Matters Arising**

Xscape Trip A good trip. Activities: cosmic golf, laser zone and Bowling. Cllr Bottomley and PCSO Blood accompanied the group. Letter of thanks to be sent to both. £10 deposit paid by deputy clerk to be refunded from petty cash.

Quest Project. A national joint initiative between police and youth groups. A grant of £100 is available to support an initiative, which will improve the Silsden area and encourage other young people to be involved. The police will provide support and there will be an award for the best project. Promoted by Darren Minton, any queries to him or he can provide a speaker to come to a meeting. He left a pack with acting chairman.

Toddlers' play area. Bradford city council to provide a sign for age limit- up to 6 years. Signs for no alcohol, smoking, dogs will probably be provided by Silsden town council. Plan to paint games onto black surface- Cllr Bottomley suggested snakes and ladders and hopscotch. Space allocated on plans for both. An official launch is planned for the play area on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Cllr Bottomley will present a power point presentation. Formal invitations are required, need to design invitations.

Bat boxes Cllr Atkinson has offered to supply materials for bat boxes if he is given details of quantity and sizes. Bradford countryside rangers can run a workshop to make the boxes. Ann Colman to follow up.

Youth Centre The equipment has been installed, including 4 new laptops, for use by members of the youth centre. There is a charge of 30p per session for the laptops. Awards For all have signed off the contract. Cllr Bottomley plans to photograph the new equipment.

Constitution British Youth council have been contacted, with no reply received yet.

Rocks and Ramps. Bradford City council are to provide funds for tarmac around the rocks.

Craven Community Transport There is a £10 joining fee, but the minibus is cheaper to rent. Decided that a minibus is not used often enough to warrant the annual fee so not to join for the time being.

### **Gloucester Avenue**

A project run by the Millennium Volunteers proposes to use a piece of unused land between Gloucester Ave, Windsor Ave and Dradishaw Road as a public space. There is money available from various grants and ideas are wanted for suitable projects to transform this piece of land. There has been suggestion of a shelter but this may attract inappropriate use of the area in the evenings. Suggestions from council members included picnic benches, a raised sensory garden, children's play equipment and empty planters for children to plant up. Local schools will be involved.

There is an event planned to promote the project on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at Gloucester Avenue community centre.

### **Basket ball net**

A request has been received for provision of a basketball net in the tennis courts during winter. It was felt a more accessible area would be more suitable. Jim Atkinson has agreed to bring a design for the concrete area in the park, for discussion at the next meeting. The boys who have made the request are to be invited to the next meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

The outer edge of the play area is for use by older children. A space net would cost £8,000 and there may be money available.

Remembrance Sunday-Jim and Lindsay have volunteered to lay a wreath at the service this Sunday.

**NEXT MEETING 4/12/07 6.30 PM**