

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

Commenced: 6.45 pm

Concluded 7.58 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

Lindsay Bottomley (Chair)

Sam Boyes (Vice Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (3) Jim Atkinson, Danny Bazylewicz, William Doveston
PC Merifield, Youth Council Co-ordinator Cllr P Bottomley, Youth Council Clerk Mrs K Wood

Visitors

Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council: Cllrs Hargreaves and Weller

Hatfield Town Council: Cllrs Durdy and Jackson

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Elsmore and George Barclay

Minutes of Meeting on 6th February 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: The Clerk reported that she had made a formal request to the Clerk to the Town Council to invite Keighley & District Travel to a future Town Council meeting to address the issues and had put forward the names of Jim Atkinson and George Barclay should the Council require representatives from the Youth Council. The Clerk also reported that Cllr Edwards had stated that as a parent governor he represented the parents not the school so could not act as the school representative at such a meeting. Steve Loryman stated that he had forwarded previous correspondence on this matter with the school to Cllr Edwards for his information.

Cllr Bottomley therefore undertook to write on behalf of the Youth Council to the school direct – to Miss Meadows who members said was in charge of transport at the school. Cllr Bottomley would raise the concerns about overcrowding and standing on the stairs, smoking, CCTV being covered with chewing gum etc and ask if a representative from the school could attend a meeting of Silsden Town Council along with Keighley & District Travel to discuss these issues. Members reported that there had been no change on the buses and these problems were mainly on the B36, B37 and B38. Cllr Bottomley would also submit details of the issues to the Town Council Clerk.

- 2) Catterick Army Base visit: Lindsay Bottomley was still waiting to hear back from them. Jim Atkinson undertook to contact them on behalf of the YC.
- 3) MUGA cleanliness and safety Steve Loryman stated that the bins at the Youth Centre had not been taken up to the road in recent weeks and they were now overflowing. The Clerk undertook to contact Louise Hargreaves on this matter.

How to Form a Youth Council – Discussion with visiting councillors

The visiting councillors from Steeton-with-Eastburn and Hatfield outlined their requirements in relation to setting up a youth council in their area. Silsden YC members were able to advise the councillors how their council had been formed and copies of the Silsden YC constitution were given to them. They also outlined past and future projects and stressed the importance of starting a YC with an actual project. Lindsay Bottomley, who had been a key figure in setting up Silsden YC, had compiled a document in answer to the various questions raised prior to the meeting covering the following topics:

- How does it work?
- Does it work?

- What, if any, impact it has had on the Youth, Council and Locals side?
- What age groups are involved?
- What effect has it had on vandalism etc?
- Does it self police misbehaviour?
- How is it run?

She undertook to send each area a typed copy of this document and also gave the councillors her contact details so that she could assist them further if necessary. She also mentioned membership of the British Youth Councils and asked that this be put on a future agenda for Silsden YC for discussion.

Bid to Yorventure

Cllr Bottomley reported that the bid had been submitted the previous week. The representative from Yorventure had come out to look at the park and had gone through the list of items chosen by the children and parents. Cllr Bottomley tabled a breakdown of the financial implications of the project which totalled £50,915, £35,000 of which it was hoped would be funded by Yorventure. There would not be enough money for the ‘space net’/‘spider’s web which would cost approximately £8,000 with the required safe surfacing. The equipment is designed for junior age groups. Cllr Bottomley proposed that this should be a separate project to be placed outside the fenced area and suggested that it would make a good start to redesigning this junior area of the park. Agreement to this was proposed by Jim Atkinson and seconded by Danny Bazylewicz. Ideas for raising funds for this separate project would be discussed at the next meeting.

Update on Youth Centre Refurbishment

As Louise Hargreaves had been unable to attend, this matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

Further Funding for a YC visit to Xscape in Castleford

It was decided that this visit be postponed until the half term holiday to allow further time to raise funds.

Agenda items carried forward to future meetings

As there was insufficient time, it was agreed that the following matters be carried forward to future meetings as noted:

- 1) Action Earth – Discussion on possible project for 2007 – Carried forward to April meeting
- 2) Possible fundraising assistance for Steve Loryman’s Sierra Leone Project – Carried forward to May after his April visit to Sierra Leone.

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 3rd April at 6.30 pm.

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 3.04.07