

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
6th DECEMBER 2005
HELD AT THE YOUTH CENTRE**

Commenced: 6.40 pm

Concluded: 7.44 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

Joe Sutcliffe (Vice-Chair) – In the Chair

Youth Council Committee Members (6): Lindsay Bottomley, Caradoc Chapman, Jim Atkinson, Sam Boyes, Ashley Roberts and Matthew Thornton

Cllr P Bottomley and Youth Council Clerk Mrs K Wood

Present – Youth Centre/Youth Services

Louise Hargreaves, Yvonne Alden, Abid Hussain, Mick Lynch and Abina Dorgan-Smith (Bradford Youth Services)

Apologies

Cllrs A Coward and M Elsmore, Youth Council Chairman George Barclay

Minutes of meeting on 1st November 2005

Approved and proposed as correct by Joe Sutcliffe and seconded by Lindsay Bottomley and signed by the Chair.

Current plans for the Youth Centre

Louise Hargreaves outlined the plans for the Youth Centre externally and internally. In addition to the internal decorating (a pink and purple colour scheme had been chosen by the members), in the main hall there were plans to have a billiards table, table tennis, six PCs with access to the Internet and a music centre on a raised area at one end with perhaps some large bean bags. The kitchen was to be redeveloped and the toilets were being done at the present time as part of the M.U.G.A. project. Entry would be membership only and there would be a contract for members to sign acknowledging what the Youth Centre will and will not accept.

So far the Youth Centre had been given £20,000 to make the Centre more attractive from the £40,000 allocation for the building work. They were at present waiting for a quote from Bradford Council for the decorating. Once this had been received then it would be put out to local businesses to be involved.

Ideas were sought from the Youth Council and the following suggestions were made:

- A wide screen TV – Louise thought this was already included in the planned equipment.
- An additional pool table
- Graffiti art on the boards and walls
- Plaques on the walls showing sponsors, donations by etc...
- Punch bags for boxing
- Gymnastic equipment

Possible future events at the Youth Centre

The roller skating, skateboarding and dance events had been a great success and ideas were sought for other activities that might be of interest. The following suggestions were made by the Youth Council members:

- Football 5-a-side competition where each team would pay £3 to enter
- Drumming competition
- Extreme sport session at the next Spring Bank Holiday
- A gig with bands
- The Youth Council could hold all or some of their meetings at the Youth Centre – this needs to be discussed by the Youth Council.

Next steps

1. The Youth Council were to discuss possible fund-raising activities for the Youth Centre and choose one area where they would like to be involved and fund-raise for – eg the raised area at the back of the hall with the music centre. Other additions in this area could be a projector, lights and cushions. This would be put on the agenda for the January meeting.
2. Louise Hargreaves undertook to forward the quote from Bradford Council as soon as it had been received.
3. Abina Dorgan-Smith from Bradford Youth Services was keen to build bridges and for there to be a greater tie-up between Silsden Youth Council and the Youth Centre and also with Youth Services.
4. Abina Dorgan-Smith also suggested that there could be a regular slot in the Silsden Town Council newsletter for the Youth Centre. The Clerk undertook to send a copy of the September and December newsletters to her and a few copies of the December newsletter to the Youth Centre when it was published later in the month. Details of the Silsden.net website which has all agendas, minutes and the newsletter featured were given to Abina for future reference.
5. Cllr Bottomley thought that there was a possible fund for a joint venture between the Youth Centre and Silsden Youth Council and she undertook to check details of this and will report on this at the next meeting.

Other Matters

1. Cllr Bottomley informed the meeting that she and two Youth Council members had been invited to a Beacons Assessors Meeting on December 13th as an example of Silsden Youth Council working successfully with Bradford Parks & Landscapes on the ROCKS & RAMPS Project. Cllr Bottomley would report on this event at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 3 January at 6.30 pm when Mel Smith from Bradford Council and representatives of the Park Rangers, Police and Youth Services would be invited to attend to discuss various aspects of safety improvement primarily in the 'Rocks and Ramps' area but also other areas like the M.U.G.A. and the Youth Centre.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.44 pm

Prepared by

K Wood

Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 3.1.06