

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
2nd April 2026**

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 8.52pm

Present: Cllrs Walton, C Whitaker, Russell, Wogden, Ford, R Whitaker, O'Dwyer and Naylor. Public [6]

Cllr Walton in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jessup and The Police
2. Accepted the reason apologies
3. Declaration on interest was made by Cllr C Whitaker on item 10.3
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 5th March 2026 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. Police - Unable to attend
6. ADJOURNMENT – One taken
7. Accepted the resignation of Michael O'Dwyer from the close of this meeting and to start casual vacancy process.
8. Resolved to adopt the donation and grants policy and update its application form. Given the advice from YLCA council resolved not to accept the grant application from Silsden Sports club as this was a retrospective request.
9. Resolved to respond to Silsden Storm informing them that the council did not agree with the idea of converting any of the playing fields/park to parking and that landowners consent would not be granted for such a project.
10. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agree payments

L Corcoran	salary	2100	sal	730.21
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI	2101	sal	222.24
FOSTH	Hire TH	2102	GA	54.25
Silsden Proms	Donation	2103	projects	2000.00
FOSTH	Donation	2104	projects	30000.00
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2. Resolved to grant funding to The Proms for £2000
3. Resolved to grant funding to Silsden Town Hall for £30000.
11. PLANNING to pass comments on the following plans
26/00359/FUL Construction of a detached dwelling with detached garage and stand alone solar PV array Adjacent To Silsden Reservoir Bolton Road Silsden Keighley BD20 0NR- Object on the grounds of overdevelopment in the green belt, other much older buildings on this site are of single story design. Agreed with drainage consultant comments. Agreed with police comments. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT submission states that the site is currently a small plot of land covered with granite chippings and surrounded by vegetation/ overgrown hedges. The site is a sensitive prominent plot in terms of views directly adjacent to Silsden reservoir. Prior to the recent work being carried out on the reservoir, I believe this site was a grassed field, it should ideally have been returned to a grassed field and greenbelt when the work was completed.
26/00881/HOU Single storey rear extension 28 Riverside Road Silsden Keighley West Yorkshire BD20 0GF -PROCESS OBJECTION on the grounds that despite the application stating on the application form that there are three sets of plans, namely ,10393/01,

10393/02, 10393/03, there are in fact no plans on the portal. Please resubmit a complete application.

12. To agree a response to send regarding Appeal Reference Number: 26/00027/APPENF where an appeal has been lodged against the enforcement on unauthorised development of Jacob Wood Silsden
13. Cllr Naylor gave verbal update in the process of reviewing the planning protocol and is to take back the comments that STC feel they should have a say prior to submitting to BMDC as the PL does not have the remit to speak/comment on our behalf .
14. Granted landowners permission to the Gala Committee for use of the park for Gala day on Sunday the 26th of July 2026
15. Noted information received by the clerk concerning the sandbags and fencing around the church wall are to be removed by the church council.
16. Noted that the annual town meeting will be held on 11th May 2026 in the Town Hall at 7.15pm
17. Agreed the date for the May meeting provisionally 14th May as it is election day on the 7th

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Chair 14/5/26