

Pupil Parliament Meeting at SHARES 30th November 2015

Agenda

Questions & answers with Yvonne Gaden

- Yvonne is West Lancashire's local councillor for the Ashurst Ward, she is also the deputy leader for West Lancashire and councillor of the Leisure Portfolio-Beacon Country Park.
- The children asked a lot of questions about Yvonne's background and her role within the community, as well as the above Yvonne is also a governor at Little Digmoor and St. James.
- Her role as a councillor is to listen to resident's issues and try and come up with a solution or rectify them.
- Children asked about the prospect of a new swimming pool being built, Yvonne said that this is definitely on the agenda and Nye Bevan will be knocked down when the new facility has been built (unlike what happened with the sports centre). Facilities to be included in the new leisure centre will include a gym (that can be used by juniors with adult supervision) sauna, steam room, Sanctuary Spa. The pool will have a moveable bottom so that the whole pool can be used at the same time for lessons etc. There are also plans to have a large comfortable Olympic style viewing platform for spectators. Yvonne has said that although facilities will be state of the art, prices for schools and families should still stay on a National Level.
- Children's next topic was that of a proposed cinema, Yvonne said that this had been approved and St Modwen has been working in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and West Lancashire Borough Council since 2007 for the delivery of a comprehensive regeneration scheme in Skelmersdale town centre. As well as a cinema, there will be restaurants, bars and a proper high street to link the town together from West Lancashire College/Asda through to the Concourse. February 16th 2016 is the date for the meeting for the go ahead of the new build as it had been held up by the Concourse objecting as they wanted to build their own cinema in the top floor of the building.
- To fund the regeneration project which will cost in excess of 12 million the land sales that are due to go ahead in Whalleys is expected to generate around 10 million and the Council will also be looking for partners to raise the short fall.
- Vote for the Beacon Park Design
- Each pair from each of the schools were given a voting slip to vote which of the 5 park designs they would like to have built, the park with the most votes will go

forward to be built. These were then posted into a voting box and counted up by Yvonne and a member of SHARES staff.

- Design 1= 3 votes
- Design 2= 0 votes
- Design 3= 1 vote
- Design 4= 6 votes
- Design 5= 8 votes
- Presentation of foodbank advertisements

- All the schools presented their foodbank presentations to the rest of Pupil Parliament, there were a mixture of PowerPoint Presentations, very inventive videos/jingles/news reports produced with a mixture of songs to promote foodbanks, raps, children playing instruments etc. There were also real life testimonials of people that use the foodbank and how much it means to them.

- There were some excellent posters designed to advertise not only in the school but also to the general public to generate interest and enable schools to collect more food for the foodbank at this especially difficult time of year.

- The children have said that already they have lots of food to bring to the foodbank at the next Pupil Parliament meeting.

- **Next Meeting will be held at the Skelmersdale Foodbank on 14th December 2015 where all schools need to bring along any food they have collected.**