

**MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF TODMORDEN PRIDE**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**Present:** Simon Brearley (Chair), Peter Cockcroft, Cllr Susan Press, David Storah, Ivor Dibble, Cynthia Murray, Cllr Margareta Holmstedt, Cllr Janet Battye, Malcolm Birkett, Barry Glenister, Shaun Murray, James Gregory, Alison Greenwood (Minutes).

**Apologies:** Doug Blenkey, Anne Holdsworth.

**1.00 Minute of the last meeting (20<sup>th</sup> November 2014)**

The minute was accepted as a true record. Proposed – Cynthia Murray, Seconded – Malcolm Birkett

**2.00 Matters Arising**

- Rose Street – Simon Brearley spoke to the council officers and the gates have been secured.
- Bowling Pavilion – there has been no meeting as yet so this action point still stands.
- Ferney Lee School – Cllr Press reported that Calderdale council have undertaken a consultation with those members of the community living near to the school. 94% of those who replied were in favour of a new building. Cllr Battye expressed her disappointment that the whole community of Todmorden had not been consulted. Cllr Press stated that anyone in Todmorden was free to object to the replacement of the present building if they wished to do so.

**3.00 Items for AOB**

- Canal Bridge, Shaw Wood Road

**4.00 Chairs Report**

**5.00 UCVR**

Cllr Press, Cllr Battye and Simon Brearley attended the conference at the end of last year. There will be an open meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January in Hebden Bridge Town Hall, 4.00pm – 5.30pm, to look at next steps and identify priorities. The 65 people who attended the conference will receive an invitation and a summary from the conference.

**6.00 Treasurers Report**

Balance at bank - £8758.09

**7.00 Calder Valley Community Land Trust**

- There will be a committee meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the Birks Lane site.
- There are negotiations regarding other land currently in private ownership.
- Members of the committee plan to visit other areas of the country where Community Land Trusts have been in place for some time.

**8.00 Schemes in Todmorden and Progress Reports**

- **Section 215 Notices** - Calderdale Council now has a policy for the issuing of Section 215 notices. They have appointed Fiona Goldsmith to the part-time role of Enforcement officer. She has been in touch with the owners of the Abraham Ormerod/Olympia site (Asda) and the Halifax Road site to request that they voluntarily undertake to tidy the sites and make safe. If this was not done then a Section 215 notice would be issued. Cllr Battye reported that there had been some superficial tidying of the Asda site and Ian Gray has stated that this was due to the threat of implementation of a Section 215 notice. However, the owners of the Halifax Road site will not speak to council officers. David Storah is meeting with Fiona Goldsmith next week. James Gregory has made a personal request to the council that Section 215 notices be implemented for these two sites and, if not, he felt that Todmorden Pride should consider lobbying throughout Todmorden. The Chair said that initially it was up to committee members who wished to lobby members of the community to do so on an individual basis. Cllr Press emphasised that the council were aware that these notices must now be used but they had their own system for implementation. Members of the committee felt very strongly that action by the council was long overdue and agreed to a proposal by Cllr Holmstedt that the Chair write to the council thanking them for encouraging the owners of the Asda site to undertake some work but asking

what further work will be undertaken and when. The Chair will also write to Asda and Mr Farouk, the owner of the Halifax Road site.

**ACTION S Brearley, D Stora**

- **Der Dale Mill** - development here is moving swiftly. Ivor Dibble explained to the committee the lengthy procedure he had had to go through to renew planning permission for the owners of Portsmouth Mill. He felt that it would be interesting to know whether the owners of the Der Dale Mill site had also been required to renew the planning permission given in 2006. David Stora will mention this issue to Fiona Goldsmith and also invite her to a future meeting of Todmorden Pride.

**ACTION D Stora**

- **St Peter's Gate** – the planting has been removed for the installation of a new light and cabling. It was agreed that Todmorden Pride would fund replacement planting.
- **Pedestrian barriers and railings** – David Stora reported that railings have been replaced in Walsden following damage due to a car accident. Anne Holdsworth is talking to Highways about repair and replacement of railings in Todmorden. Peter Stubbs has applied for a grant of several million pounds to improve and re-route Route 66.
- **Market Asset Transfer** – Cllr Press reported that a representative of the market traders had been invited to a meeting of the Development Board but didn't attend.

#### 9.00 Annual Open Meeting (AGM)

A provisional date of 2<sup>nd</sup> July was suggested. Simon Brearley will meet with officers to finalise.

**ACTION Simon Brearley**

#### 10.00 AOB

- **Canal Bridge, Shaw Wood Road** – the Canal and Rivers Trust have installed new scaffolding and have also been notified by Calderdale Council that there would be white lining and a limit to vehicle length in place prior to any repairs to the bridge. Barry Glenister reported that he had received an email to this effect in May 2014. He will forward a copy to Cllr Batty. The committee also agreed to write to the council expressing concern re the delay. **ACTION B Glenister S Brearley**
- **Ward Forum Community Grants** – the next meeting of the Ward Forum is on Thursday 15th January. The £5000 has now been allocated to community groups in Todmorden. Next year there will be a bidding process in place for local community groups to apply for funding.
- **Development Board** - Despite members of Todmorden Pride being asked to stand down from the reformed Development Board, Cllr Press invited a representative from Todmorden Pride to attend a meeting. Simon Brearley accepted the invitation. **ACTION Cllr Press, S Brearley**

#### 11.00 Date of next meeting

**THE NEXT MEETING OF TODMORDEN PRIDE WILL BE ON  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm  
In the Community Room, Lever Street, Todmorden**