

MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF TODMORDEN PRIDE

Thursday 9th January 2014

Present: Simon Brearley (Chair), Ivor Dibble, David Storah, James Gregory, Doug Blenkey, Malcolm Birkett, Peter Cockcroft, Cynthia Murray, Shaun Murray, Margareta Holmstedt, Janet Battye, Alison Greenwood (Minutes)

Apologies: Anne Holdsworth, Cllr Baksa, Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Booth, Barry Glenister

2.00 Minutes of the last meeting (14th November 2013)

The minute was accepted as a true record. Proposed - Ivor Dibble, Second - Cynthia Murray.

Matters arising

- There has been no movement with the owners of the Halifax Road site. (Item 5.00)
- St Peter's Gate site. There has been no movement but David Storah reported that Riggs would probably be willing to do some planting if the bed were to be built up. Todmorden Pride therefore needs to action this. If stone is available it might be possible to cost a build. It was suggested that Calderdale might be able to supply. David will contact Anne Holdsworth to move things forward. (Item 8.00) **ACTION D Storah**
- Simon Brearley has asked IET for further information (Item 8.00)
- Drain at the Vedas – Thanks to the intervention of some councillors it was discovered that the blockage was due to fat. As part of the work on flood management the drainage is still under investigation. Cllr Battye emphasised the need to notify any drain blockage/risk of blockage to the Council so that it can be dealt with. There is a list of sites identified for work re flooding and this will be brought up at a future meeting. (Item 8.00)

3.00 Items for AOB

- Lighting at the Unitarian Church

4.00 Chairs Report

- Todmorden Market Futures Report – on 18th January the report will be discussed with the market traders and on 19th January there will be a public meeting. Copies of the document will be available throughout the town and on line. Shaun Murray will put it on the Todmorden Pride website. **ACTION Shaun Murray**
- There has been contact from the Hebden Bridge Partnership. They have a slightly wider remit than Todmorden Pride and have drawn up an action plan which is on line. They have 14 directors and a wider pool of organisations to draw on (approx. 30). Simon has been speaking to Beth Ward Regional Town Team Adviser. She could be invited to a future meeting. The Hebden Bridge Partnership would like to speak with the members of Todmorden Pride. Todmorden Pride members have been invited to a meeting in Hebden Bridge Town Hall on Monday 13th January at 7.00.
- There will be an informal meeting on 14th January to investigate setting up a CV Community Land Trust. David Storah and Simon Brearley will attend. The group will; look at retaining the control of building land development for the local community.
- Todmorden Pride has also been contacted by Todmorden Civic Society who is trying to improve links. Darren Midgely will meet with Simon Brearley on 20th January.

5.00 Treasurers Report

- £10,908 at bank
- £1000 donated to Tour de Tod for the Wicker Bicycle fund.
- £2000 donated to Lamplighter/Handmade Parade.
- £2000 received from Groundwork

- David Storah said that there could still be some funds remaining for the Lever Street project. He will speak to Neil and Anne to ascertain whether there are funds available for the skid prevention road covering for the exit onto Halifax Road. **ACTION D Storah**

6.00 Schemes in Todmorden and Progress Reports.

- **Station Approach** – Calderdale are working on the scheme. Simon has spoken to Peter Stubbs regarding a plaque acknowledging the donation from and work of Todmorden Pride.
- **Gauxholme Arches** – the Council are doing their best to pressure Network rail to clear the area. Progress slow as the area is low priority. Local resident can log complaints by contacting Network Rail on 0845 7114141 (National Helpline) or use Fixmytransport.com to email Network Rail.
- **Burnley Road site** – Graham Connelly is now Planning Consultant and had told James Gregory that a planning application would be submitted to CMBC before Christmas. The plans will be for a smaller development aimed at Click and Collect and 2 bays for fuel. Cllr Battye did not think that the plans had been submitted. There have been no further rumours re the Community College
- **Halifax Road site** – No action. Simon Brearley has written to the owners but has had no response so far. James Gregory fed back information from the CMB Planning meeting.
- **Rose Street** – It has been proposed that there is another development plan! James Gregory pointed out that there was a development plan in 2007. There is a suggestion that McCarthy and Stone and/or possibly other social housing associations will develop the area. Another developer who has an interest is Resilienta whose representatives have spoken with David Storah and Simon Brearley. They had put in an expression of interest to Calderdale Council which was blanked. Cllr Battye suggested that they put in a bid to the Council. Resilienta have an interest in a commercial site which could include IET and 'village square' developments. With regard to McCarthy and Stone it was felt that Adamroyd and Halifax Road are close enough for retirement flats. **To be discussed at the next meeting.**
- **Cinderhill** – a planning application (not validated) has gone in for housing
- **Adamroyd** – still owned by Rochdale Metal.
- **Derdale site** – Cllr Battye had hoped that the self-build group would be interested. The site belongs to an Isle of Man company and is land banked.
- **Cornholme** – Meeting re Rock site has been cancelled. There is to be a meeting re the development of a Cornholme/Portsmouth station for which there seems to be a lot of support. There is a planning application for housing at Portsmouth Mill.
- **Canal** – Residents at Kilnhurst would like to tidy the triangle of land next to the canal bridge. The owner needs to be identified first.

7.00 AOB

- **Floodlights for the Unitarian Church** – James Gregory explained that there has been a quote for £4208 +VAT and fitting (£6000 approx.). In spring the restored bells will be returned. James asked if money can be raised from local companies, would Todmorden Pride and the Council be willing to support the venture. He would also be interested for ideas/suggestions. After discussion it was decided that, in principal, Todmorden Pride would give their support.
- The company who undertook the Town Hall repairs are now moving on to Stoodley Pike.
- The council has received funding from English Heritage for the cleaning of the statues on the Town Hall. This work has not yet been contracted out.
- **Town Hall** – money is available to repair the lift but work will probably take about a year to complete. There is to be an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding to start a Heritage Centre in a small way – literature, tours, use of volunteers etc. Moving council services into the Town Hall is also being investigated and the Town Hall working group is to visit other Town Halls for ideas.
- **Lumbutts Chapel** – the chapel is now closed and the church wishes to sell. Both the community and the council are interested in the future of the building and there is now a working group to look at whether the community would be able to use the building. The council will look at what will happen to the graveyard.

8.00 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Todmorden Pride will be on

**Thursday 20th February
at 6.30 in the Community Room (TCRC)
Lever Street, Todmorden**

Amended dates for future meetings

April 10th

May 29th

July 10th

Aug 21st

Oct 9th

Nov 20th