

# TODMORDEN PRIDE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

## Minutes of Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 The Old Hall, Todmorden

### Attended by:

James Gregory (Chair)  
Chris Edwards  
Mary Clear  
Alan Darwin  
Malcolm Birkett  
Cllr Michael Taylor  
Cllr Clare Townley  
John Bates  
Ed Collins  
Francis Boocock  
Peter Cockcroft  
David Storah  
Gareth Brooks  
Allan Fidling  
Simon Brearley  
Cllr Myra Townley

### In Attendance:

Sue Leffman  
Clare Madders

### Apologies:

Sheila Tordoff  
Cynthia Murray  
Anne Lee  
Cllr Ruth Goldthorpe  
Sheila Greenwood

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Alan Fidling was welcomed as a new member.

Sue Leffman was introduced as the new Officer for the regeneration of Bramsche Square.

#### Note From Agenda item 5: Action Plan

Anne Holdsworth from CMBC Regeneration team was invited to speak before any other agenda items as she had another meeting to attend. AH talked through her presentation, an academic analysis of design potential in Todmorden. This had presented many challenges including the busy-ness of the main road, the lack of town centre, a suitable setting for the Town Hall, and the need to bring river and canal back into view, all of which AH had tackled in her designs. The designs had lots of ideas that inspired discussion.

- **Agreed** that AH presentation should be displayed at the Open Meeting but it needed to be made clear that it was aspirational.
- Chair requested that the presentation be copied into smaller size too for members to have a copy, if at all possible. CM and AH to investigate.

Anne was thanked for her interesting presentation and design ideas.

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting (19.1.06) were agreed as a correct record.

## 3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 HERS (Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme). Clare presented a request from Kath Gibson to meet up with board members (and anyone from the groups they represent) to discuss a number of points on the conservation area appraisal. **Agreed** that anyone interested to liaise with Clare after this meeting to arrange a suitable date.
- 3.2 Original Factory Shop □ planning enforcement issue. This has not progressed due to resource issues. Some jobs in enforcement have recently been advertised.  
**Agreed** that Chair to write to Beverley Smith, DC Manager to highlight Todmorden Pride's disappointment with this state of affairs.
- 3.3 Environment Agency roadworks □ The Chair and Malcolm Birkett have now met with Colin Storton from CMBC Highways in regard to the Board's concerns with the problems that will be caused on Rochdale Road. Additional points were also raised about storing materials in the road and causing traffic problems and a need for maintenance on roadwork traffic lights. **Agreed** Malcolm Birkett & Chair to try and resolve.
- 3.4 Constitution - Clare distributed copies of the constitutions of the Brighouse and Elland Partnerships to show the types of elements that should be included in a constitution. It is felt that Todmorden Pride needs an updated constitution to clarify its present status and position. The Chair added that there was no structure to allow for nominations for Chair, Deputy Chair and Treasurer at present and this needed to be addressed. It was **agreed** that a list of the current members of Todmorden Pride and the Board's Terms of Reference would be available at the Open Meeting. Further discussion and agreement on changes to the constitution to be discussed at the next meeting following the Open meeting.

## 4. West Yorkshire Investment Plan Update

- 4.1 Bramsche Square □ Sue Leffman introduced herself. A discussion began on whether CMBC staff should be housed in the Town Hall. It was **agreed** the Chair would write to the Chief Executive regarding office space in Todmorden.
- 4.2 37 □ 39 Rochdale Road project - Clare thanked David Storah & Cllr Ruth Goldthorpe for their support at the planning committee on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Clare Townley was also thanked for sending written comments to the committee. CMBC planning department is now awaiting confirmation/agreement from the ODPM, as it is a Council

owned building. A planning condition re the landscaping contract also needs to be resolved. It is then hoped to proceed as quickly as possible with the works.

- 4.3 Halifax Road □ Negotiations to purchase two sites are still ongoing. Disparity between CMBC and Yorkshire Forward valuations for the sites but this is being resolved.

## 5. Todmorden Pride Action Plan

- 5.1 Anne Holdsworth's ideas presented earlier in meeting.
- 5.2 Students from Leeds Metropolitan University (on Lindsay Smales's course) are doing a coursework assignment in Todmorden. Clare and Sue Leffman will try and meet with the students to discuss and request a copy of any work produced.
- 5.3 Clare distributed copies of a basic draft action plan and requested comments and additions from Board members by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## 6. Open Meeting

A suggested format for the open meeting was presented to the Board and the following was **agreed**:

- It will begin with a normal Board meeting, but open to the public to attend.
- The Chair will prepare and present a report on the work of Todmorden Pride. Clare will put together a PowerPoint presentation to accompany this.
- A panel representing a good cross section of the knowledge and skills held within the Todmorden Pride Board will answer any questions.
- Sheila Tordoff will be asked to publicise the meeting through the Todmorden News. Clare & Mary will put posters in noticeboards around town, in the library, etc.

## 7. Finance

A report about the remaining funding from the Market Towns Initiative was presented to the Board. This is funding from the Countryside Agency that was given direct to Todmorden Pride to distribute under the MTI. The total remaining is £8562.87 and the Board needs to consider how this is to be spent, in line with the aims of the MTI.

There is also some funding in the accounts specifically for the Town Artist Project. This is £5410.17 and is for a launch event of the artist work on Fielden Wharf and potentially for further work with the town artist on this site. The majority of this fund however is allocated for the maintenance of all the projects created under the town artist scheme.

The Chair gave a couple of suggestions for spend and it was **agreed** for all Board members to come back with firm suggestions at a future meeting.

Until the Board appoints a treasurer, copies of the accounts can be obtained from Clare.

## **8. AOB**

- 8.1 Calderdale Futures Plan 2006: Consultation Draft □ one copy of this document has been sent to the Board for comment. The draft document can also be seen on Calderdale Council's website and responses submitted via the web.
- 8.2 CMBC Community Grants Panel - If anyone on the Board wishes to nominate themselves to be considered for the Community Grants Panel please speak to Clare after this meeting, as nominations need to be in tomorrow.
- 8.3 Yorkshire Forward RMT e-zine - members who would like to receive this were asked to put their details on the piece of paper circulated at the meeting.
- 8.4 Request to join the Board □ Nick Green has written to the Board to request that he joins Todmorden Pride as a representative of the Harley Bank Community Group. After some discussion it was **agreed** that the Chair should write and invite Mr Green to the Open Meeting. He should also explain to Mr Green that the Todmorden Pride constitution is currently under review and that after the review is complete Todmorden Pride will let him know the process for joining the Board.
- 8.5 A request was made to Sue Leffman to find out who is the PCT's preferred developer for the site on Bramsche Square.