

**Todmorden Pride
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday 15th May 2008 6:30pm Old Hall, Todmorden**

Present:	Malcolm Birkett David Storah Cllr Olwen Jennings Cllr Hilary Myers Chris Edwards Cllr Ian Cooper Doug Blenkey Peter Cockroft Lynne Midwinter Cynthia Murray Alan Darwin Simon Brearley Alan Fiddling Louise Castro	Treasurer Secretary
In Attendance:	Louise Harrison James Allinson Lizzie Truscott	Upper Calder Valley Renaissance Chair Upper Calder Valley Renaissance Calderdale MBC
Apologies:	James Gregory Anne Lee Cllr Margaretta Holmstedt Cllr Janet Battye	

Chair: Malcolm Birkett

Minute Taker: Louise Castro

	Discussion	Action
113/05/08	Welcome and Apologies	
	Malcolm thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and introduced James Allinson, Chair of Upper Calder Valley Renaissance.	
114/05/08	Minutes of the Last Meeting	
	Minutes of the last meeting approved: Proposed: Doug Blenkey Seconded: David Storah	
115/05/08	Matters Arising	
	Spending of money through sub-groups should be organised in a property prioritised manor.	
116/05/08	Declaration of any Other Business	
	Patmos - This was to have been added to any other business, however Andrew Coen, EA, was unavailable for comment.	

117/05/08	Financial Report	
	Malcolm - The balance stands at £7,881.5, £2000.00 is ring-fenced for maintenance to artists work.	
118/05/08	Ratification of Peter Cockcroft on Town Hall Development of Group	
	<p>Proposed: Cllr Myers All Agreed</p> <p>Malcolm - Calderdale MBC expect a substitute, Cllr Myers volunteered. Todmorden Pride will respond in full manner when we get notification from Calderdale MBC.</p>	
119/05/08	Todmorden Town Centre Renaissance Board	
	<p>Simon - An informal meeting with the PCT has been held, this was attended by Cllr Ian Cooper as Chair of the Project Board and Cllr Olwen Jennings as Vice Chair. Further progress has been made to go forward with PCT/Board promptly as time-scales are now critical as the PCT are to move shortly and do not want a second empty building in Todmorden. By the next Todmorden Pride meeting there will be a way forward following the resolution of the next Board meeting, which will be held at a much higher level.</p> <p>March 2009 is the Yorkshire Forward deadline and deadlines by PCT and YF will drive the matter forward.</p> <p>Malcolm - Thanked Simon and David for representing Todmorden Pride at the meetings.</p>	
120/05/08	Town Sub-Groups and Progress Reports	
	<p>Malcolm - following on from the last meeting a progress report template has been produced by Doug which will be updated at the meeting. If we want projects to be taken seriously then they have to appear on lists and we have to have regular updates from each of the sub-groups, with feedback to Doug so he can update the progress reports prior to the Todmorden Pride meeting. The representatives liaising with Doug and reporting to the meeting are:</p> <p>Portsmouth/Cornholme - Alan Fiddling Todmorden Town Centre Environment Group - Simon Brearley Todmorden Town Centre Commercial Buildings - Lynne Midwinter Walsden - Not yet met</p> <p>Doug Blenkey - The reports are work in progress and suggestions regarding it are welcome. The idea is to keep the work, future actions and any prospective finishing date, with one nominated person from each group reporting back at least 3 days before the Todmorden Pride meeting. The report is only a summary and the column headings are self-explanatory with three indicators:</p> <p>P - Pending A - Active C - Completed</p>	

Projects we have in hand will be there as a matter of record to be updated every month, and the record will ensure they don't slip. Apologies for Walsden, it is more advanced, but the intention is for all four sub-groups to continually monitor the progress of individual projects at sub-group meetings and report back.

There is also a heading for general items, this is for items that are not sub-group specific but either cross two, or all sub-groups.

Peter - Based on a draft document that has been developed if the draft document changes then the brief will also change.

Doug - The mechanism for updating the progress reports will be through a nominated coordinator from each sub-group, forward an e-mail version to Doug 4/5 days prior to each Todmorden Pride meeting, the updated version will then be e-mailed to Louise C for circulation at the meeting.

Malcolm - We need to realise where this is going to take us. The progress reports need to be updated - sensibly Doug has suggested the ownership for the projects rests with the sub-groups, but this will take commitment. It is essential that where common areas cross the 4 groups the output becomes the project priority list, it gives a proper process so we can achieve our objectives, but we do need to pass comments to Doug.

Cllr Cooper - The only concern is can people buy into the regularity.

Lynne - The Business group has so much they want to get done and we think it's a great idea.

Simon - Could the report back to Todmorden Pride be every 2 meetings?

All Agreed

Alan - The problem is that when things begin to happen they move quickly then it tends to slow down a bit. However, the document produced for Walsden was really useful and a lot of what was achieved in Walsden was not done with outside funding, it was a case of can you move this pile of rubbish, it is about responsibility for your own piece of ground.

If any of the groups get any response from railways, who are difficult to negotiate with, then it would make sense to take to them as a whole as oppose to 3 individual groups.

Louise C - The common theme of open days runs across all 4 groups, however these days will be locally held in each area, Walsden Methodist Church, Todmorden, venue to be decided but could be Todmorden Town Hall in the Court Room and Portsmouth/ Cornholme could be in the School.

David - It will increase the profile and put forward the advantage of working together; you can come and help us.

Alan - Start of involvement is clear the mess outside of your own front door.

121/05/08	Upper Calder Valley Renaissance	
	<p>Priority Projects - Malcolm - In terms of importance of what we want to achieve this is the document we must work to. Louise C - The priority projects were originally identified through the John Thompson and Partners report for the Upper Calder Valley Renaissance. As a working document the priority projects have changed and Helen Marshall has suggested that we look again at the projects and forward the update to Lizzie who will ensure it reaches the right person. The following has been suggested:</p> <p>Bramsche Square - Keep in as priority number 1</p> <p>Canal-side improvements - this is a valley wide project and as such should be removed from the priority projects listing, but kept in the sub-groups development briefs with updates, if progress is made, reported back to Louise Harrison.</p> <p>Todmorden Innovation Centre - this should now move to priority 2</p> <p>Walsden/Gateway improvements - this should move to number 3</p> <p>A centre for a Walsden hub providing services/new library building should be included in the list as priority number 4</p> <p>Portsmouth/Cornholme/Todmorden will stay as priority number 5</p> <p>Proposed - Malcolm Agreed - all</p> <p>Malcolm - Todmorden Pride think its very important to Todmorden Pride and Walsden sub-group that a centre for Walsden is included in the UCVR priority projects and we were pleased to hear of Calderdale MBC attempt to purchase Dr Grewl's surgery.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper - The meeting was assured that every possible pressure is being put on Calderdale MBC to ensure that the building would be successfully purchased by the Council.</p> <p>Training -</p> <p>Jane from Beam, Yorkshire Forwards training provider, will be at Todmorden Together's office on Thursday 29th May at 10:30 to discuss training requirements, if anyone would like to attend the meeting it is open to all and your input will be gratefully accepted. The training will be available to all Upper Calder Valley Renaissance Town Team members.</p> <p>Shared Space - Details of Yorkshire Forward's Shared Space Masterclass were handed round. It is to be held on the 16th June at 10:00. If anyone would like further details please contact Louise.</p>	

122/05/08	Any Other Business	
	There were no matters for any other business.	
123/05/08	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	Date: Thursday 26 June 2008 18:30 Venue: Old Hall	