

MINUTE OF TODMORDEN PRIDE

Thursday 20th February 2014

Present: Simon Brearley (Chair), Peter Cockcroft, Cllr J Battye, David Storah, Barry Glenister, Shaun Murray, Cllr C Baksa, Alison Greenwood (Minutes)

Apologies: Anne Holdsworth, Doug Blenkey, Cynthia Murray, Cllr J Booth.

In Attendance: Robert Whiteley, Kerrie Whiteley (Resilienti)

3.00 Presentation from the representatives from Resilienti

Prior to the presentation, Simon Brearley gave an overview of the background to the site at Rose Street.

- Kerrie Whiteley explained that their developments were normally in conjunction with councils and local organisations e.g. market traders. They have been in contact with Calderdale Council since 2010 when they put in an unsuccessful bid to develop the site. (no other bids so the Resilienti bid was rejected) They have continued to contact Calderdale Council and have finally arranged a meeting on 7th March.
- They are currently involved in a development in Hoyland. They will be increasing the retail space (via the development) to 33,000 sq. feet and adding a further 200 parking spaces to the area. This scheme also involves the integration of the market and its development. Simon Brearley commented that the scheme in Hoyland is very similar to the scheme that would be most beneficial to Todmorden.
- Cllr Battye suggested that it might be useful for Resilienti to look at the feasibility study for Todmorden market where the preferred option was a partnership between Calderdale Council and the market traders. They also wished to involve a private sector partner to bring in more funding.
- Kerrie Whiteley intimated that they had funding available for the project and also that they have two retail companies who have expressed an interest in taking 13,000 sq. feet of retail space in Todmorden.
- Resilienti work directly with retail companies. They do not envisage any residential accommodation in the development.
- Simon Brearley suggested that, following the meeting with the council, the representatives from Resilienti should request a meeting with Todmorden Development Board.
- Cllr Baksa agreed to arrange for the representatives from Resilienti to speak to Todmorden Town Council.
- It was agreed that no further action would be taken by members of Todmorden Pride until after the meeting with Calderdale Council on 7th March. Resilienti agreed to copy Cllr Battye and Simon Brearley into the minute of this meeting.
- Simon thanked Kerrie and Robert for their presentation and expressed the hope that there would be a successful outcome from the meeting with the council.

1.00 Minutes of the last meeting (9th January 2014)

The minute was accepted as a true record. Proposed- David Storah, Second – Peter Cockcroft.

2.00 Matters arising

- Item 2.1 St Peter's Gate - David Storah has been in touch with Anne Holdsworth and John Pendlebury. Gordon Riggs will provide initial planting but others organisations must support the site in the future. More costing needs to be done before the scheme can move forward.
- Neighbourhood Plan – There will be a meeting at The Bear on Monday 24th February where there will be a presentation by Integrate. Simon Brearley and Ric Storah will attend.
- Simon Brearley has been to two meetings of the Calder Valley Community Land Trust. Ivor Dibble has also attended the meetings. There is funding available and a draft constitution is in place. Ivor and Simon are looking for 2 small sites in Todmorden.
- Simon Brearley has had a meeting with Darren Midgely.

4.00 Chairs Report

- Simon emphasised that it was important for Resilienti to have given their presentation and Todmorden Pride need to take action **AFTER** the meeting with Calderdale Council.

5.00 Treasurers Report

There is approx. £10,000 at bank including £1,500 promised to the development of Station Approach.

6.00 Schemes in Todmorden and Progress Reports

- **Todmorden Town Hall** – Peter Cockcroft pointed out that any action re the Community College would be pivotal to the development of the Town Hall. There are currently meetings of the Town Hall Development Board every 6 weeks.
- **Station Approach** – the council is working on this.
- **Princess Mary Way** – could be further funds available but this development will depend on Asda.
- **Gauxholme Arches** – no action.
- **Burnley Road site** – A revised scheme has been submitted by Asda. Todmorden Pride has sent a letter to Asda supporting the development but emphasising that the design and materials are not suitable for a conservation area. David Storah, Simon Brearley and Ivor Dibble will meet with Asda on 25th February. Asda are meeting with planning, environmental health and conservation on 4th March. Cllr Baksa reported that Todmorden Council have written to Asda to say that they are respecting the previous application but turning down the current application. They are asking for parking to be provided either below or on top of the building
- **Cinderhill** – There is no planning application.
- **Rose Street** – There is a dental surgery interested in the land.
- **Gorpley** – Cllr Baksa reported that plans have been submitted to Calderdale for 4 x 125m wind turbines. A payment would be made to the community of £40,000 per annum. A watching brief is required.

7.00 AOB

- Shaun Murray reported that Todmorden has been identified along with Hebden Bridge and Brighouse as a cycle hub in order to encourage cycle friendly businesses. Shaun is developing a website with routes, accommodation, retail outlets with points for prizes. At a meeting in Todmorden the Bridge Café requested a stand for bikes so that cyclists can lock their bikes when visiting the café. Shaun also suggested that further cycle stands could be situated where the town artist's boards are situated. It might be possible to get sponsors for the fixtures or part funding. Highways and planning will need to be consulted. The council are discussing lockers in car parks but these need to be VISIBLE not in car parks where there is limited foot fall.
- Ferney Lee School – it seems the building will be demolished 'on the nod'!

8.00 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Todmorden Pride will be on Thursday 10th April at 6.30 in the Community Room, Lever Street, Todmorden.