

**Todmorden Pride
Minutes of the Open Meeting
Thursday 20th September 6:30pm. Old Hall, Todmorden**

Present:	James Gregory Cllr Claire Townley David Storah Malcolm Birkett Simon Brearley Alan Darwin Lynn Midwinter Cllr Olwen Jennings Cllr Janet Battye Chris Edwards Alan Fiddling Cllr Margaretta Holmstedt	Chair Vice Chair Secretary Treasurer
In Attendance:	Louise Castro Patrick Otley O'Connor Mark Fenn Lizzie Truscott	Stannard Homes
Apologies:	Doug Blenkey Cllr David Kirton Mary Clear Peter Cockcroft Anne Lee Cynthia Murray Cllr Hilary Myers	

Chair: James Gregory

Minute Taker: Louise Castro

	Discussion	Action
80/09/07	Welcome and Apologies	
	James welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Patrick, the new Headmaster of Todmorden High School, Mark Fenn and Lizzie Truscott to the meeting.	
81/09/07	Minutes of the Last Meeting	
	Proposed: Malcolm Birkett Seconded: Alan Fiddling	
82/09/07	Matters Arising	
	Halifax Road – Planning Application has been deferred as the Environment Agency has raised an objection on a technicality. Mark – The Environment Agency objected 1 hour before the planning meeting making it difficult for Stannard Homes to comment on the objection. However, the support from Calderdale Councillors appears to be unanimous in favour of the scheme.	

	<p>The amendment to the plans will be to raise the scheme by 600m (2ft) and incorporate flood warning plans. Revised scheme has been approved in principle by Calderdale MBC a response is being waited upon from the Environment Agency.</p> <p>James – High buildings are not what Todmorden has been used to and is not in keeping with the rest of the town. The Environment Agency appear to be laying on extreme protection.</p> <p>Olwen – Eastwood Cricket ground also had difficulties with the floodplain situation, however the new building was raised on stilts to protect it.</p> <p>Mark – The buildings on Halifax Road are effectively on stilts by the nature of garages being underneath with all services into the properties being on the first floor. The Environment Agency are not concerned about commercial property.</p> <p>James – This is an issue for Calderdale at a higher level, you can't uninhabit acres of flood plain throughout the Upper Calder Valley.</p>	
83/09/07	Declaration of Any Other Business	
	David – Feedback on Bramsche Square	
84/09/07	Financial Report	
	Malcolm – Bank account has now changed to on account. No financial movement, finances remain as last month.	
85/09/07	Upper Calder Valley Renaissance	
	<p>Lizzie handed round the project update sheets. – A copy is attached.</p> <p>Leaflets were handed out about the Mytholmroyd Gala Town Teams Exhibition. James, Chris and David will be attending on the day.</p> <p>Staff Issues – Ian Thomas should shortly be confirming what he wants to do with the Regeneration Section of Calderdale MBC.</p> <p>James – Making things happen takes finance and there are limitations on what anyone can do unless they know the people. If we are to have an employee under the Upper Calder Valley Renaissance project it must be for more than 2 days per month and they have to know the areas in which they are working. The only work an employee could do in that time would be to look at Valley Wide projects and not Town Team initiatives.</p>	

86/09/07	Walsden Update	
	<p>The work at Walsden is going ahead with good liaison through Todmorden Together to Highways. Peter Rigg has employed someone to paint and point.</p> <p>The RTF monies will now be used to move the pedestrian crossing control box opposite the Post Office to the back of the square.</p>	
87/09/07	Innovation Centre	
	<p>Louise gave out information packs from the Media Centre in Huddersfield.</p> <p>The proposal outlined in the feasibility study currently being undertaken by Todmorden Together and Todmorden Pride was discussed. The Board were extremely positive about the proposal.</p>	
88/09/07	Any Other Business	
	<p>Feedback on Bramsche Square – David requested that the Board comment on the proposal for Bramsche Square so he could take them to the meeting with Yorkshire Forward, Calderdale MBC, Donaldson’s, Todmorden Pride (Malcolm and David) .</p> <p>James requested each person round the table give comments.</p> <p>David – A lot of consultation has been undertaken, however there is also a degree of misunderstanding amongst the Community and Stakeholders. The purchase of the Health Centre is paramount to the development.</p> <p>A copy of David’s suggestions given to Yorkshire Forward is attached.</p> <p>James – Not every owner is prepared to discuss the purchase of land, however Tipside is crucial to the success of any building on Bramsche Square.</p> <p>Malcolm – If you are providing car parking on Tipside4 it puts money back into the Calderdale MBC and compensates for the loss of car parking spaces in the Square itself.</p> <p>Alan F – Tipside is absolutely critical to the whole scheme and it should not be dismissed because it was not included in the original remit for the Bramsche Square proposals.</p> <p>James – We need to lobby Calderdale MBC regarding Tipside. We envisage a proper improvement scheme to what is a fundamentally horrible central area in Todmorden that attracts a lot of anti-social behaviour.</p>	

	<p>Olwyn – 20 years ago plans were drawn up for Tipside car parking with landscaping, however it never went through because of funding issues. It went to leadership on Monday and Tipside must be looked at. The state of Heals must also be taken into consideration. If you remove parking the trade will die.</p> <p>Malcolm – If Tipside is the first area to be developed then pre-build car parking will prevent loss of trade.</p> <p>Lizzie – For Yorkshire Forward to fund any scheme it must be seen to be viable</p> <p>Todmorden High School Patrick – We have a satisfactory at the moment but it is my vision to take it further. Todmorden has outstanding Primary Schools but we are failing them, but that is being changed. Anyone is welcome to visit the school at any time.</p> <p>James – Your arrival in the Town and School is much welcome.</p>	
89/09/07	Date of Next Meeting	
	Thursday 8 th November 2007 18:30 Old Hall, Todmorden	