

**MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF TODMORDEN PRIDE**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Present:** Simon Brearley (Chair), Ivor Dibble, Malcolm Birkett, Cllr Janet Battye, Doug Blenkey, Cllr C Baksa, James Gregory, David Storah, Reg Czudek, Cynthia Murray, Shaun Murray, Cllr Susan Press, Cllr Margareta Holmstedt.

**Apologies:** Peter Cockcroft, Cllr S Sweeney, Anne Holdsworth

**1.00 Minute of the last meeting (9<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**

The minute was accepted as a true record. Proposed – David Storah, Seconded – Cynthia Murray.

**2.00 Matters arising**

- Ferney Lee School – Cynthia Murray reported that she had received a hand-delivered leaflet asking that views on the school's future should be communicated to Calderdale Council. Cllr Battye had attended a meeting in Halifax where the information was that there had been no community consultation and that this should be undertaken.
- Simon Brearley has emailed the head teacher at Todmorden High School inviting them to send along a representative to the Todmorden Pride meetings. He has had no reply.
- Pedestrian Barriers – Todmorden Town Council has agreed to assist with funding subject to receiving further information. Simon Brearley has requested further information from Calderdale Council which he will pass to the Town Council.
- Rock Site – Council members have taken away from a public meeting the views of the public and children at the local school. They are now looking into the costs of the various options.
- Rose Street – Cllr Baksa had spoken to Amanda Firth with regard to the gates to the site being broken and blowing open. This has been dealt with however, people in the flats are complaining about the noise. Simon Brearley will contact the council to ascertain whether the fencing can be removed. **ACTION S Brearley**

**3.00 Items for AOB**

**4.00 Chair's Report**

**5.00 UCVR**

At present around 60 people will attend the conference. There will be a follow up to the conference on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 4.00pm.

**6.00 Treasurer's Report**

- £8758 at bank.

**7.00 Calder Valley Community Land Trust**

- The Community Land Trust is now an incorporated body.
- A community consultation was held last weekend in both Todmorden and Hebden Bridge. A further meeting has been held with the Together (Pennine) Housing Development Officer to look at larger approaches to developing affordable housing. Simon Brearley emphasised that this was just the beginning of the process and that the next step was to obtain some land from the council.
- The Homes and Community Agency have asked the Trust to identify a site for development and they will then look at assisting with funding.
- In Todmorden the Trust has identified land at Birks Lane and in Hebden Bridge at Bridge lanes. It was emphasised that the Trust is looking at small developments initially (elderly persons accommodation) and want to take the community with them.
- There will be a meeting of the Trust on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Simon Brearley will report back to the next meeting. The Trust is also planning a visit to Wooler where there has been a Community Land Trust for some time.

**8.00 Schemes in Todmorden and Progress Reports**

- **Section 215 Notices** – The scrutiny Committee has said that at present the Council does not have its own process and the Cabinet has said that this is currently being developed. James Gregory attended the meeting.

- **Der Dale Mill** – development has started and a report was in the local paper.
- **Halifax Road site** – There seems to be no planning application at present but as one is deemed to be ‘in the pipeline’ the Council is reluctant to implement Section 215. It was emphasised that there is serious danger that the retaining wall for the canal towpath could collapse leading to flooding. Doug Blenkey will bring this to the notice of the Canals and Rivers Trust as they have responsibility for maintaining the safety of the waterways. David Storah and Cllr Holmstedt met with the Environment Agency earlier this year and they looked at the threatened breach. Ivor Dibble has photos taken 12 months ago of the area in question. It was suggested that up to date photos are taken for comparison and submitted to the relevant agencies.
- **Asda** – Asda has not yet demolished any buildings and there is no date for work to start.
- **St Peter’s Gate** – This site is now complete and a report will be sent to the local paper.
- **Pedestrian barriers and railings** – See also under Matters Arising. Todmorden Pride has agreed to give £5000 so, together with funding from Calderdale Council and possibly Todmorden Council; the work should be started in the New Year.
- **Market Asset Transfer** – the market traders are to meet with Council officers in Todmorden to look future action.
- **Community Grants** – Labour councillors in Calderdale have been given £5000 to allocate to community groups. In Todmorden these groups will be in the Calder and Todmorden Wards. The maximum grant will be £500 and the judges will be the 3 ward councillors in each ward. Deadline for applications is 9<sup>th</sup> January and the grant must be spent by the end of March.
- **Eastwood Site (SITA)** – Council officers say that the work will be completed by Christmas.
- **Gauxholme** – no action.

#### 9.00 **AOB**

- **Calderdale Flood Community Board** - £35,000 has been awarded for community based schemes. 100 surveys will be undertaken on private properties and a further 40 on commercial properties. Home owners are asked to apply for the free survey and, depending on the recommendations, could claim a grant of £500 and an interest free Credit Union loan of up to £5,000 to carry out identified works. The Board is developing a website to integrate information from the police, fire service and the Environment Agency. The Todmorden Flood Group has been awarded £14,000 from the Environment Agency to set up stores in Todmorden. The first will be on Tipside and the second possibly at Shade.
- **Bandstand** – Cllr Baksa brought up the issue of the Bandstand in Centre Vale Park. It was suggested that he contact Andrew Pitts for further information.
- **Bowling Pavilion** – Cllr Holmstedt reported that the bowlers have raised £600 to undertake minor repairs. As they have not contacted Todmorden Pride for support, Cllr Holmstedt agreed to encourage them to do so. The recreation room will be demolished after Christmas and the playgroup has been relocated.  
**ACTION Cllr Holmstedt**
- **Town Hall** – the post of development worker for the Heritage Centre has been advertised.

#### 10.00 **Dates of Future Meetings. All are Thursdays**

**8th January**  
**12 February**  
**26th March**  
**7th May**  
**2nd July**  
**27th August**  
**1st October**  
**12th November**

**The next meeting of Todmorden Pride will be on**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6.30pm**

**In the Community Room, Lever Street, Todmorden**