

**Todmorden Pride
Minutes of the Open Meeting
Thursday 21st February 2008 6:30pm. Old Hall, Todmorden**

Present:	James Gregory Clare Townley David Storah Chris Edwards Cllr Janet Battye Cynthia Murray Sheila Greenwood Peter Cockcroft Cllr Margaretta Holmstedt Cllr Hilary Myers Alan Darwin Doug Blenkey Lynn Midwinter Shaun Murray	Chair Vice Chair Secretary
In Attendance:	Mark Tyrer Louise Harrison Mary Clear Lizzie Truscott Louise Castro	Upper Calder Valley Renaissance Calderdale MBC Calderdale MBC
Apologies:	Simon Brearley Malcolm Birkett Alan Fiddling	

Chair: James Gregory

Minute Taker: Louise Castro

	Discussion	Action
91/02/08	Welcome and Apologies	
	James welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Mark Tyrer to the Board.	
92/02/08	Minutes of the Last Meeting	
	Hilary – Page 2 should read: Peter Cockcroft elected to sit on the Upper Calder Valley Renaissance Company not Executive. Proposed: David Storah Seconded: Chris Edwards	
93/02/08	Matters Arising	
	Arrange for list of monies and outputs on the Upper Calder Valley Renaissance spent by Yorkshire Forward to be forwarded to Todmorden Together for next meeting by Helen Marshall.	HM
	Structure of UCVR document to be sent out with minutes.	LC

94/02/08	Declaration of Any Other Business	
	Todmorden Town Council – David Storah Dr Gruel’s Surgery – David Storah Todmorden In Bloom – Sheila Greenwood Board Issues – Clare Townley Alternative Meeting Venue - All	
95/02/08	Financial Report	
	No change on previous report	
96/02/08	Bramsche Square – Update	
	<p>David – The report completed by Alan Todd has been taken over by Calderdale MBC. A new board has been formed and the Bramsche Square project has now been widened and become the Town Centre Transformational Project taking into consideration Healds Building, Tipside and the market along with Bramsche Square; the new board consists of: Chair – Ian Cooper – Todmorden Business Community Vice Chair – Councillor Olwyn Jennings Andy Edwards – Executive Officer Calderdale MBC Jenny Dadd – Project Officer Calderdale MBC Lizzie Truscott – Calderdale MBC David Storah – Todmorden Pride Simon Brearly – Todmorden Pride Councillor David Kirton – Portfolio Holder for Regeneration Councillor Craig Whittaker Councillor Julie Stansfield – Todmorden Town Council</p> <p>The District Valuer has attended a meeting regarding the Health Centre and is currently investigating monies and property on the area.</p> <p>James – Purpose not to draw up specific plan but to create a development brief for the guidance of future development. If it could become Supplementary Planning Guide (SPG) that informs potential developers what standards are to be met that would be of great benefit to Todmorden.</p> <p>Janet – Although the importance of the development brief becoming Supplementary Planning Guide can not be underestimated it is difficult to get alternative uses other than what is stated in the UDP, however once SPG is given it is very difficult to overturn.</p> <p>Lizzie – It takes 2 years to get SPG and unfortunately time is not really available to turn the development brief into SPG,</p> <p>James – The Board must understand, and it should be reported back to the project Board we wish to have allocated and discussed an Innovation Centre, Night and Day in the right place and the Art College; this is altogether more appropriate list of objectives for the town.</p>	

97/02/08	Upper Calder Valley Renaissance Update	
	<p>Louise Harrison – Synopsis of job description is to help bring people together with cooperation between Town Teams. To support and deliver the Upper Calder Valley Town Team plans and to implement, where requested, training.</p> <p>Hilary Myers – The Yorkshire Forward initiatives CIDA and EMBED provided facilitators but not really satisfactory. The UCVR has been trying to get support and coordination, it is a large area to cover and Yorkshire Forward never really got it right. Louise’s first responsibility is to the UCVR company but there is also a hope she can provide support to the Town Teams, however she must find her feet and then get a balance to her work. Louise is to be line managed by James Allinson.</p>	
98/02/08	Walsden – Dr Gruel’s Surgery	
	<p>David – Simon David and Louise visited Dr Gruel’s surgery in Walsden which is currently on the market and would be a suitable site to carry on the work already being undertaken to regenerate Walsden. The Library needs a new building, an IT suite could be incorporated with training facilities. The Youth Club needs a new room, there are all sorts of activities currently being undertaken in Walsden that would benefit from being centrally coordinated.</p> <p>James – Calderdale MBC should take a proactive stance on this.</p> <p>Clare – New Director of Services, Kirsten England could be contacted about this as she has the will to look at ideas for improving services.</p> <p>James – the fundamental argument is that Walsden is entitled to better facilities.</p> <p>Janet – Kirsten is interested in Community hubs.</p> <p>Doug – There is a matter of urgency over this.</p> <p>James – Do we seek to pursue this?</p> <p>All agreed.</p>	
99/02/08	Abraham Ormerod Centre	
	<p>Mark Tyrer – Expressed his argument for refusing the McArthy and Stone development of the Abraham Ormerod site; to close to the road, to high and to dense. Planning application withdrawn and nobody to speak to. A copy of the document Mark produced is enclosed with the minutes.</p>	

<p>100/02/08</p>	<p>Patmos</p> <p>David – Work is currently on schedule. Part of the deck has been removed. Duffy’s have discovered there is nothing to hold up the deck. There is still a legal argument between the Police solicitors and Calderdale MBC. The Police, however, have been the cause of the costly delay to the scheme because they refused to be part of the development.</p> <p>Todmorden’s Rural Target Fund monies have been used to upgrade the scheme.</p>	
<p>101/02/08</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>David – This is comment only. We met with Todmorden Town Council to explain Todmorden Pride and to get more cooperation between the two. Although it was not a minuted meeting it was a good meeting with a date for a further meeting set for 20th February 2008. This date was chosen as it would give Todmorden Town Council a chance to report back to their meeting. David rang Catherine Emberson, the Town Clerk, as we had not received confirmation the meeting would go ahead as planned. The Town Hall had not been booked and no one had mentioned the meeting. How the Town Council now want to progress this has to be sorted a good start was made to build a positive working relationship and it needs picking up to have something in place to continue the dialogue.</p> <p>Margaretta – It was a fruitful meeting, and a new meeting date should be scheduled for after Easter to discuss Bramsche Square so plans can be taken forward.</p> <p>Sheila – Todmorden In Bloom wants to buy from Calderdale MBC the same hanging baskets as those in Hebden Bridge as it was felt they were superior in every way to those that were hung in Todmorden. However there is a shortfall of £7000.00 in Todmorden In Bloom’s funding pot. Would it possible for Todmorden In Bloom to apply to Yorkshire Forward for a grant.</p> <p>All agreed Todmorden In Bloom should go ahead and apply.</p> <p>Clare – There are Board Issues as minutes are not being received by all members of Todmorden Pride – Louise apologised and promised to improve the situation.</p> <p>A contact list with who we are and who should be here should be produced and sent to all in the next correspondence.</p> <p>How is the Company Ltd by Guarantee proposal progressing?</p> <p>James – It was agreed by the Board that if the need arose this should be undertaken, however until we have a scheme to resolve the issue of administration support and are confident that Todmorden Pride can carry it forward it will not be advanced.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>SG</p> <p>LC</p> <p>LC</p>

	<p>Alternative Meeting Venue – April’s meeting will go take place in the Old Hall.</p> <p>Margaretta – The possibility of using the Town Hall should be investigated.</p> <p>James – This costs and Todmorden Pride have no funding, there are free rooms available at the Queens and the Golden Lion.</p> <p>Margaretta – Perhaps the cost of room hire could be found from an alternative source such as the Town Council.</p> <p>Invite Kirsten England to a Todmorden Pride meeting.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>JG</p>
102/02/08	Date of Next Meeting	
	Thursday 3 rd April 2008 18:30 Old Hall, Todmorden	