

**Todmorden Pride  
Minutes of the Open Meeting  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm. Golden Lion, Todmorden**

**Present:** James Gregory Chair  
 Claire Townley Vice Chair  
 David Storah Secretary  
 Doug Blenkey  
 Lynn Midwinter  
 Louise Castro  
 Peter Cockroft  
 Anne Lee  
 Tracey Geoghegan  
 Simon Brearley  
 Chris Evans  
 Margaretta Holmstedt  
 Francis Boocock

**Apologies:** Malcolm Birkett Treasurer  
 Alan Fiddling  
 Elizabeth Truscott  
 Janet Battye  
 Alan Darwin  
 Sheila Greenwood  
 Cynthia Murray  
 Hilary Myers  
 Patrick Otley O'Connor

Chair: James Gregory

Minute Taker: Louise Castro

	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>63/06/07</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
	James welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>64/06/07</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>	
	Tracey had been missed of the minutes. Doug had not been nominated as press secretary, only to write an open letter or statement regarding the workings of Todmorden Pride and perhaps arrange a display in the Library.  Subject to the above changes: Proposed: David Seconded: Doug	
<b>65/06/07</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	Publicity: Doug has started a proposal for the Tod News, issues to be raised include that the meetings are open and available for anyone to come along, and this could be an opportunity to get a message out about the Walsden.	

	Developments, there is a lack of publicity about the work being done and Todmorden Pride's involvement.	DB/DS /LC
<b>66/06/07</b>	<b>Matters for Any Other Business</b>	
	Simon – Canal Moorings at Todmorden Together David – Patmos Francis – Trains Peter – Town Hall Louise – Todmorden In Bloom	
<b>67/06/07</b>	<b>Bramsche Square</b>	
	<p>David – At the last meeting Lindsay gave an update on the two proposals, these have been incorporated into a development brief. A revised scheme has been produced and is now to be discussed by the group; Yorkshire Forward, CMBC, Alan Todd, Donaldson's, Lindsay Smails, Malcolm Birkett, David Storah. On the basis of the last discussion a draft development brief will be produced. The brief will not provide the physical plans but will be a guide with which any developer wishing to build on the Square must comply either by producing one lead plan or with several small projects built by different groups.</p> <p>Discussions are currently taking place as to whether CMBC buy the PCT land or a developer purchases the PCT site and the remainder of land identified as suitable for building upon and 106 money is used to form the Public Realm area of the Square. Different answers will be reached dependant upon how much money is invested into the scheme by Yorkshire Forward and Calderdale MBC.</p> <p>The economics are now being looked at in much finer details; One Stop, The Post Office, a new entrance to the Indoor Market. The plans are not cast in stone, they are open to interpretation and things have been taken into consideration which were not allowed for at the beginning of the process. Tipside has been included as part of the parking solutions – which could be possible by leveraging developments through as part of the Yorkshire Forward brief.</p> <p>The Development Brief is being produced as a draft and will be in put in front of stakeholders for commenting on shortly, and will be submitted to cabinet by September.</p> <p>It is not going to be what everybody wants – they have, however produced a result that has been thought about. It has been instructive but the process will end in September.</p> <p>Francis – Would there be any change for Calderdale MBC to fulfil their promise to the market?</p> <p>David – It is a Development Brief for Bramsche Square and not the market.</p> <p>James – Can I say to all elected members the original Market Town Initiative had been to refurbish the market? The scheme was not delivered, CMBC failed to find the money to complete</p>	

	<p>the work to the outdoor market; they didn't even complete the plans for the Indoor market. Calderdale MBC has an obligation to renovate the market.</p> <p>Margaretta – The upstairs of the market is even worse than downstairs, one of the windows is held in place by a baking tray, ducts not in use are rotting away and the shutters are nailed in place. If something is not done by Calderdale MBC soon the market will fall down of its own accord.</p> <p>Francis – can the powers that be lobby Calderdale MBC on Todmorden's behalf?</p> <p>James – It is Calderdale MBC business they must be made to pay for the repairs and renovations. Calderdale MBC have to put in place an officer to drive projects like this forward, otherwise reports such as the Bramsche Square Development Brief will join the mountain of other reports and consultations requested by Calderdale MBC and sit on a shelf collecting dust.</p> <p>David – Yorkshire Forward have contracts to provide this or they have ways of moving the Public Realm developments forward under schemes similar to the English Partnerships. If it is a package it has to be attractive enough to be interesting to investors. Following on what Alan Todd's have produced with the Development Brief it seems to be that they will follow this project through. Yorkshire Forward have to deliver a project, and a successful project that also fills the economic output requirements, in the Upper Calder Valley and this has been stated, it could be that the Bramsche Square project could answer that requirement.</p> <p>James – We need funding for Bramsche Square and Yorkshire Forward have 1 million if we advance a good enough case.</p> <p>Peter – Going back to the market could we write a letter to Calderdale MBC stating our concerns?</p>	
<b>68/06/07</b>	<b>Walsden - Update</b>	
	<p>David – Reported that CMBC highways had started the work on Walsden, with the first place the Gateway site at Copperas. However, Todmorden Pride need to take into account that money must be spent on the remainder of the work. The Rural Target Fund money from Yorkshire Forward of £5,000.00 has been spent upgrading some of the work but we need to find the remainder for the sign and the planting.</p> <p>Margaretta – The Town Council would be will be willing to provide any benches should they be needed.</p> <p>David – Would you like representatives from Todmorden Pride to make a presentation to Todmorden Town Council?</p>	<b>LC/DS</b>

	<p>James – this would be a good idea. Todmorden Pride should publicise its involvement in regeneration projects around the area to a much greater degree. The work at Walsden and the Development Brief have made such a difference, Riggs looks so much better, however the pointing and painting still needs doing to finish it all off.</p> <p>Doug – the work at Walsden has been included in the draft article for the Tod News it just needs checking over and then submitting.</p>	<b>DB/DS /LC</b>
<b>69/06/07</b>	<b>Upper Calder Valley Renaissance</b>	
	<p>Chris handed round the project update sheets. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September there is to be a public event in Mytholmroyd, however on that day LC will be supporting the Churches Together Harvest Festival event and will be unable to attend. The display and the boards are being put together by Abby and Louise so there just needs to be three people their to attend, it is suggested that as Chris Edwards is now Treasurer of the Executive Committee and has a direct knowledge of the workings of UCVR and the Valley Wide Projects he should attend the day, David and James will also try and attend.</p> <p>Chris – The bollards at Fielden Wharf have been requested when they are put in situ one set of keys will be given to British Waterways to enable their vehicles to access the canal for repair and maintenance work.</p> <p>Louise – The Rural Target Fund for Todmorden needs to be allocated Alan Fiddling, Louise and David must get together and identify an area of land in Portsmouth or Cornholme that could be upgraded, match funding could be obtained from Todmorden Town Council.</p> <p>Doug – Perhaps an order and focus could be placed on areas of land currently owned by Calderdale MBC where ownership could be transferred?</p> <p>Clare – A list was started however if it was not finished it would be a considerable task to complete. Could the list be obtained?</p>	<b>CE/JG /DS</b>  <b>LC/AF/ DS</b>  <b>CT</b>
<b>70/06/07</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p>Simon – Mr Denny Lad had purchased Wood Bottom Mill and the land running down to the canal with main intention of opening up a moorings station, he currently owns one in Huddersfield, however he was having trouble with British Waterways. Is there a possibility of lobbying on his behalf?</p> <p>David – Patmos. Please see attached</p> <p>Peter – Town Hall Update – He had written a letter regarding ownership of the Town Hall and the possibility of leasing back from Calderdale MBC and sent out 18 copies.</p>	<b>LC/CE</b>

	<p>Trevor Cryer and the Conservation group are undertaking a feasibility study and looking at ownership and funding.</p> <p>Margaretta – Although the Town Council were interested in taking ownership of parcels of land and the Town Hall they would eventually like to employ a Town Manager who would look at all these things.</p> <p>Todmorden In Bloom – Update David – A visit had taken place from the RHS mentors who were appalled by the state of the hanging baskets and had written to Calderdale MBC expressing their feelings. The baskets are currently being replanted. The mentors were however very pleased with Fielden Wharf.</p> <p>The Summer Ball – the first Charity Ball to be held by Todmorden In Bloom will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are priced at £40.00 per person and all profits will be going to Todmorden In Bloom and Overgate Hospice in memory of Sanja. Todmorden Pride have a table reserved and would anybody wishing to have seats please speak to Louise to book their tickets as time is running out and we may lose the table.</p> <p>Company Limited By Guarantee – David – Todmorden Pride have now to look very seriously at this issue, the motion enabling the process to begin had been voted on at the Annual General Meeting and if Todmorden Pride was to be responsible for funds and workers then the application form must be submitted as soon as possible.</p> <p>Francis – The idea for putting a London Underground type map showing Todmorden, and stops in the Upper Calder Valley, on to a train had been discussed with Helen Marshall, however there was no further news on this subject. Louise has offered to liaise with Helen to find out if things had been taken any further.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>LC</p>
71/06/07	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2007 18:30 Old Hall, Todmorden	