

## Minutes of Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> November 2012



**Present:** James Gregory Malcolm Birkett  
Ivor Dibble Shaun Murray  
Anne Holdsworth  
Cllr Janet Battye  
Peter Cockroft

**Apologies:** Gillian Connelly David Storey

**Chair:** James Gregory **Note Taker:** Simon Brearley

### **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

**Approved** Ivor Dibble **Seconded** Malcolm Birkett

It was noted that an Honorarium can be offered to a permanent secretary of Todmorden Pride. Peter Cockroft is to make an approach to a perspective party. Malcolm Birkett is to draw up a job description

### **Alliance Appeal**

This has now taken place, the Chair praised the performance of the CMBC Planning Department, particularly the expert witness and barrister who performed particularly well.

### **Brown Site at Hebden Bridge**

This is moving forward, Hebden Bridge Town Council have indicated their support for the proposed development of a supermarket and hotel. How this might affect the Todmorden site was discussed at some length in the meeting.

### **Transformational Board**

There has been no further meeting of the board, progress has been delayed until the outcome of the ASDA appeal is known. The temporary landscaping on site is almost finished and this will be maintained in the future by CMBC Parks Department.

### **Town Hall**

Robin Tuddenham of Calderdale Council is to consult with Todmorden Town Council and the Peter Cockroft suggested a small refurb of the ground floor with the support of the Town Council, Calderdale Council and the Community Foundation may be appropriate. Councillor Battye reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund is waiting to see the progress on the Piece Hall work prior to committing additional funds to Todmorden Town Hall.

## **UCVR**

This company is being wound down although the steering group does exist, The Chair James Allison has left and a new Chair is being sought as is a new Treasurer. Anybody with an interest in taking on either of these roles should note that the next meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall at 6.00 pm.

## **Canals**

Rochdale Canal HLF bid has passed Stage One and is progressing to Stage Two. Work is planned in Walsden and under the Golden Lion Tunnel in the centre of Todmorden. The resurfacing of the towpath from Shop Lock to the Health Centre is also included in the bid. The total spend for the whole scheme is £400,000, this work to be finished by 2014.

## **Lever Street**

Final accounts for the work on Lever Street have now been settled. Some changes are needed to the access ramps to prevent flood concerns following the recent floods in the centre of Todmorden.

## **Gauxholme**

The Environment Agency have new staff in place in addition to monies to carry out some clearance of the site. A further meeting is now appropriate and is to be actioned by Anne Holdsworth and Malcolm Birkett.

## **The date and time of the meeting**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 – 6.30 pm at Todmorden Old Hall