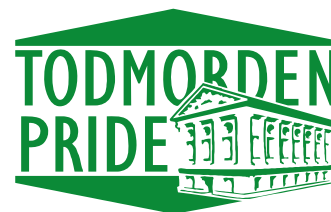


**Minutes of meeting of Todmorden Pride
Thursday 7th March 2013**



Present:	David Storah (Chair) Peter Cockroft Cllr Anne James Cllr Janet Battye	Ivor Dibble Cynthia Murray Cllr C.M. Baksa Kate Moreton-Deakin	Doug Blenkey Shaun Murray Cllr Joe Rez Alison Greenwood (Minutes)
Apologies:	James Gregory Anne Holdsworth	Simon Brearley, Cllr M Holmstedt	Malcolm Birkett

1.0. Minutes of the Last Meeting (24th January 2013)

Proposed Peter Cockroft

Seconded Ivor Dibble

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

2.0. Matters Arising

- Re Item 4 – a letter has been received from Ian Gray CBC. In it he says that his department intend asking the landowners of the derelict areas to voluntarily tidy the sites, however, Mr Gray states that his department will not allow the situation to go on indefinitely. At the Halifax Road site they have asked the landowner to remove all fly tipping and level and enclose the site. He feels that landscaping is not as it will need effective remediation and continued maintenance by the landowner. At the Abraham Ormerod/Olympia site he is asking staff to look again at the site but in the past it was felt that it was not bad enough to require any action. The members commented on the current felling of trees at the site and this is apparently ongoing maintenance. It was proposed that a further letter from Todmorden Pride is sent to Ian Gray with a copy to Ward Councillors to ask for further details of work carried out and to ascertain whether there is a time limit for the voluntary action. **ACTION**

- Re Item 5 AGM – please note that there will be two meetings prior to the AGM. Accounts need to be prepared and checked prior to the AGM.

The meeting with the Chief Executive has still to be actioned.

ACTION

- Renaissance Board
It is probable that in light of the possible establishment of a Todmorden Development Board, the Renaissance Board will cease to exist. A minute and report has gone to cabinet with the recommendation that the Renaissance Board cease to exist as its terms of reference were felt to be too narrow. Some elected members felt that there should be a Development Board which covers all actions in Todmorden. It seems that only elected members will be on the Board with support from the Departments of Economics and Regeneration. Non-elected members may be invited to the meetings as and when required. Todmorden Pride members felt that this would be a backwards step. The report has been to cabinet and will be accepted should there be no objections within 10 days.
Cllr Battye pointed out that this Board would be a steering group and that there would still be working groups. There is still a proposal for the asset transfer of the market. (See also under AOB)
- Peter Cockroft and James Gregory will attend the meeting of Upper Calder Valley Regeneration on 16th April.

3.0. Treasurers Report

£11,971.67 - of which £2,000 has been earmarked to maintain art work. This may no longer be appropriate.

£3449 – this is a grant for works at the Lever Street Car Park. This could involve some type of event, possibly in conjunction with IET. Doug Blenkey asked that this item should be added to the next meetings agenda

ACTION Agenda Item April

4.0. Ownership of the Town Hall

There have been 3 informal meetings of interested parties. The consensus of these has been that Calderdale Council should retain ownership of the Town Hall with Todmorden Town Council managing the building. They are moving towards a more formal process so the working group may be reconstituted. A preliminary meeting date has been set for 18th April at 4.30. There had been difficulty in obtaining a suitable evening when the majority of interested parties could attend. It is hoped that representatives from Calderdale Communities Directorate and the team leader of Asset Management will be able to attend. Those working on the ownership of the Town Hall wish it to be open, accessible and used. Cllr Battye will report back to the next meeting.

ACTION Agenda Item April

5.0 AOB

- Kate Moreton-Deakin was in attendance at the meeting. She has been appointed as the independent chair of a pre-feasibility steering group looking at asset transfer of Todmorden market. The group is applying for grant funding for a paid coordinator. Kate is currently getting an understanding of where the asset transfer process fits in with other groups working in the town and how collective asset can be maximised. She has a meeting with James Gregory on Monday and will be having a meeting with Ian Gray. Kate emphasised that there is no political agenda involved in this study.
- Doug Blenkey reported that on 22nd February he had been invited by Mark Turner of Pennine Prospect to meet with a civil servant from DEFRA who had expressed an interest in looking at the voluntary aspects of work. She had spent an hour in Todmorden and was very impressed by the work going on in the town.
- Cornholme – the roof is now off the old library building and the scheme for the old Rock site is with the council. The group are still trying to tidy the Mount Zion site for 2014.
- Centre Vale Park – A million pound lottery bid has been put in for work in the park including the Garden of Remembrance for 2014.

6.0 The next meeting of Todmorden Pride will be on Thursday 18th April at 6.30 at Todmorden Vintner.