



Todmorden Pride

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 25th March 2010, 18:30

Golden Lion, Todmorden

Present: James Gregory *Chair*
Doug Blenkey *Treasurer*
David Storah *Secretary*
Lynne Midwinter
Shaun Murray
Gillian Connolly
Peter Cockcroft
Louise Castro

In attendance: Mary Clear *Calderdale MBC*
Louise Harrison *Upper Calder Valley Renaissance*
Anne Holdsworth *Calderdale MBC*

Apologies: Cynthia Murray *Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council*
Cllr Janet Battye *Vice Chair*
Malcolm Birkett
Clare Townley
Cllr Margaretta Holmstedt *Todmorden Town Council*
Cllr Ian Cooper *Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council*
Alan Darwin
Simon Brearley
Chris Edwards
Anne Lee

Chair: James Gregory

Note Taker: Louise Castro

Minute	Discussion	Action
164/03/10	Welcome The Chair welcomed all to the meeting	
165/03/10	Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes of the meeting 04th February 2010 The minutes were accepted as a true record There were no matters arising	

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<p>166/03/10</p>	<p>Current & Planned Projects</p> <p><i>Vulcan Street Car Park</i> Vulcan Street Car Park has been given the go ahead. Aimeys are scheduled to start work in May. The cost is approximately £18,000.00. £3,000.00 has been given from CMBC Highways department and £15,000.00 from the Todmorden Regeneration monies.</p> <p><i>Gauxholme Arches</i> Despite running into serious problems from the start with Network Rails some influence has been brought into the equation by Ian Gray and things are starting to move forward.</p> <p>Sarah MaCardle has stated that Network Rail have reconsidered their position and the wall can now go. The fundamentals can probably be done for approximately £18,000.00, this includes erecting the fences.</p> <p>The Billboard is being dealt with by the Commercial Department of Network Rail, but unfortunately as we have been battling over the wall the Billboard has taken somewhat of a back seat, however we will start to revisit this once more.</p> <p><i>The Wall - Lever Street to Shop Lock</i> Anne is driving this forward. Improving this area of the canal, looked onto from Fielden Wharf, will make the whole area a lot more attractive to visitors and residents alike. It should improve the local economy as people stay and shop and utilise more of the Town's amenities.</p> <p>What should also be interesting and exciting to Todmorden Town Council is if they are involved in some way, in particular with the planning and subsequently may be inspired enough by these projects to contribute financially to some, or all of them. It doesn't have to be a great amount, however any contribution and support of the schemes will be warmly welcomed.</p> <p>From a Todmorden Town Council perspective we need to ask them immediately as they take some time to get items onto their agenda.</p> <p>From a Todmorden Pride perspective we are a partnership and Todmorden Town Council have always been a part of that.</p> <p>It was agreed that Anne could identify a part of the scheme to which Todmorden Town Council could contribute. This would also give them part ownership of the project.</p>	<p>AH</p>
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	<p>The regeneration initiatives currently being undertaken could set the tone for the whole of Todmorden. This is what we would like to aspire to.</p> <p>Despite the cost of all 3 schemes going over the £50k budgeted all agreed to push vigorously for all three to go ahead. Additional funding may be sourced from other areas for example it could be possible to allocated some funds from the British Waterways to The Wall scheme.</p> <p><i>The Bridge</i> Work is going ahead, as planned for 3 years ago on the bridge over the canal beside Fielden Wharf. The bridge does need to be done and will complement the work already completed at Fielden Wharf and the work, hopefully to be undertaken, at Oxford Street car park.</p> <p>This work is about raising expectations and all Todmorden Pride can do is get on with the job in hand and focus on what we can do.</p> <p><i>Shop Fronts</i> Hazel Stobbs was doing some work on shops, however following on from this work the majority of shops that were empty are now let, and this includes the two on Halifax Road.</p> <p>There is now funding for empty shops and no monies from the Calderdale MBC funding stream of aprox £50k has been spent so it may be up to us to look at proposing a scheme.</p> <p>Councillor Battye is on the group that looks after this area and would it be possible for a Board member to look at this. It was agreed that a copy of the TownScape project be handed to Cllr Battye.</p> <p><i>Supermarkets</i> A four page letter to David Moore, and CMBC's Planning Department has been submitted on behalf of Todmorden Pride regarding the issues of new Supermarket buildings in the locality. From a shopping point of view we have to say that we have to allow retailers to have the opportunity to survive.</p> <p>One of the ways to oppose the Supermarket is to say you have an alternative viable economy, and that means supporting Todmorden by shopping locally. This site is being developed to be sold on with full planning permission for a Supermarket. There is a lot at stake with millions in actual spend terms.</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>JG</p>
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	<p><i>Planning Application Carfield Mill</i> JG I would like the Boards permission to write to CMBC - Mr Woollerton - regarding the planning application on Carfield Mill.</p> <p>All agreed.</p> <p><i>The Market Hall</i> We are letting the Market Traders down if we do not support the Traders with their attempts to get the roof fixed.</p> <p><i>Canals in Calderdale</i> Please see supplementary notes attached to the minutes.</p> <p><i>Acorn Centre</i> JG - I have been thinking that we should be building links with the Acorn Centre. I have spoken to Mr Boocock and will be meeting with him next week. He should be invited to attend the Todmorden Pride meeting.</p> <p>Todmorden Business Association Made in Tod - another huge success for TBA promoting local businesses with over 1000 through the door on the Saturday alone.</p> <p>Action For Market Towns - as winners of the award last year IET have been asked to host this years event. It will be held at Central Methodists on Friday 2nd July with speakers and the presentation of this years award. Todmorden Pride are members of Action for Market Towns via Upper Calder Valley Renaissance so anyone who would like a place look out for the info which will be sent out by Louise Harrison.</p> <p>TBA are seeking funding for their Products and Services Map this year as there is no money forthcoming from the Tourism department at Calderdale this year. We need 1K to make it work.</p> <p>Todmorden Pride offered £500 and suggested other routes to try.</p> <p><i>Peace Garden</i> Work will be starting on the 26th April on the Peace Garden, a new flag pole will be erected.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>DB</p> <p>JG</p>
<p>167/03/10</p>	<p>Date & Time of next Meeting: 03 June 2010, 18:30, Golden Lion, Todmorden</p>	