

**MINUTE OF TODMORDEN PRIDE**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Present:** Simon Brearley (Chair), Doug Blenkey, Cllr M Holmstedt, Cllr C Baksa, Malcolm Birkett, Cynthia Murray, Cllr J Batty, Ivor Dibble, Shaun Murray, Alison Greenwood (Minutes).

**Apologies:** Peter Cockcroft, Anne Holdsworth, Barry Glenister, David Storah

**1.0 Minutes of last meeting (20<sup>th</sup> February 2014)**

The minute was accepted as a true record. Proposed – Simon Brearley.

**2.00 Matters arising**

**3.00 Items for AOB**

- Neighbourhood Plan
- Calder Valley Community Land Trust

**4.00 Chairs Report**

- There has been progress on a number of schemes in Todmorden.
- In view of the number of visitors to the town, Simon would like to ascertain whether it was possible to clean the fishes at Fielden Wharf. It was suggested that Dr Nick Green be contacted.

**ACTION – S Brearley**

- The date for the AGM needs to be fixed.

**ACTION S Brearley and D Storah**

**5.00 Treasurers Report**

- There is £10,908.09p in the current account with £1,500 ring fenced for the development at Station Approach.

**6.00 Schemes in Todmorden and Progress Reports**

- **Asda** – have submitted a revised plan using original materials from the Abraham Ormerod Centre and incorporating real windows. It was reported that Todmorden Council had accepted the plans in principal but had reservations about 24 hour working, delivery times, opening hours for the petrol station and the planting surrounding the development. Probably Calderdale Council will vote for acceptance.
- **Rose Street** – Resilienti will give presentations to the Development Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and to Todmorden Town Council on 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Station Approach.** – Work has started on this area. Simon circulated plans for changes to parking areas. It was agreed to send the following comment: - in general Todmorden Pride was supportive but pointed out that when parking is restricted the cars move elsewhere! **ACTION – S Brearley**
- **Halifax Road** – no definite action.
- **St Peter's Gate** – Now that work on the school is complete, Prinz Developments will construct a raised flowerbed which Riggs will plant up.
- **Asset transfer of the market** – The market traders are very enthusiastic and pursuing the idea. The association now includes representatives from both the indoor and outdoor markets.
- **Cinderhill Mill** – a formal outline planning application has been submitted. The plan is from 2012 and can be found on-line.

**7.00 AOB**

- **Ferney Lee School** – Cllr Batty reported that the council has allocated £3 mill to refurbish the Victorian part of the school and demolish the extension. She felt that there was support in Todmorden for refurbishment. The other option would be to demolish and rebuild.

- **Castle Hill School** – there is an application for a straw build classroom and Todmorden Council has agreed the plan.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Simon Brearley reported on the Neighbourhood Plan which is a local version of the National Planning Framework and a very powerful tool for local councils. It was suggested that Todmorden Pride flag up their willingness to be involved and it was proposed by Malcolm Birkett that a letter of support be sent to the council indicating this. **ACTION S Brearley**
- **Calder Valley Community Land Trust** – Simon Brearley explained that aim of the Community Land Trust is to hold land in trust thus securing it for affordable use in the future. He has attended a number of meetings (together with Andrew Bibby from the Hebden Partnership and others) with Calderdale Council who have given the initiative their backing. The group is now constituted and have suggested 5 sites they would like to take from Calderdale. They are awaiting a response.
- **Centre Vale Park** – Cllr Holmstedt reported that the Recreation Hall will be demolished. It was hoped that the toilets in the bowling pavilion would be refurbished but this is currently on hold. An application has been made to Sports England for the skate park, a further application for £10,000 for smaller works and a larger application will be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund to reconstruct the coach house as a café etc., demolish the recreation room and refurbish the pavilion toilets.
- **Town Hall – points from the Development Group**
  - A new lift has been ordered which will use the existing lift shaft
  - A small Heritage Lottery application has been submitted to allow work to begin on the Heritage Centre including display boards, a full time worker to train volunteers for Town Hall tours etc.
  - Movement of organisations into the Town hall and longer opening hours are under consideration.
  - There will be no real funding available until the Piece Hall is complete.
- **The ‘New Shops’ Oak Avenue** – Cllr Baksa reported that there are public concerns re the shops on Oak Avenue. The shops are leased to Calderdale by Pennine Housing on a 105 year lease however; neither organisation seems to be taking responsibility for letting the empty shops.
- **Bicycle Racks** – Cllr Baksa is to meet with Bob Steel to request the donation of some bicycle racks to be placed by the Town Hall. They must be temporary structures which can be moved to permanent sites following the Tour de France. Shaun Murray also reported that Katie Kinsella is contacting local businesses to ascertain whether they wish a cycle rack outside their premises. Cllr Baksa is making enquiries about loading lifts at various sites in the town e.g. the Health Centre to facilitate disabled access.

### **NEXT MEETING OF TODMORDEN PRIDE**

**Will be on**

**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 6.30pm**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, LEVER STREET, TODMORDEN**