

Todmorden Pride



Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 11th June 2009

Golden Lion, Todmorden

Present: James Gregory
Malcolm Birkett
David Storah
Doug Blenkey
Helena Cook
Chris Edwards
Shaun Murray
Anne Lee
Louise Castro
Simon Brearley
Lynne Midwinter

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

In attendance: Cllr Janet Battye
Cllr Amanda Byrne

Cllr Craig Whittaker

Cllr Ian Cooper

David Moore
Steph Booth
Mark Tryer
Mary Clear
Dominic Brown
Cllr Anne James
Louise Harrison
Anne Holdsworth
Peter Colley
Penny Bennett
Christine Potter

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Apologies: Alan Darwin
Cllr Margareta Holmstedt *Todmorden Town Council*
Cynthia Murray
Gillian Connolly
Peter Cockcroft
Alan Fiddling

Chair: James Gregory

Note Taker: Louise Castro

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Minute	Discussion	Action
178/06/09	Welcome	
179/06/09	Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes of the last meeting were approved, subject to amendment to read: Councillor Janet Battye Proposed: Janet Battye Seconded: Anne Lee	
180/06/09	Declare Items for Any Other Business Company Limited by Guarantee Dates of Next Meetings	
181/06/09	Financial Report & Cheque Signatories A copy of the Treasurer's Report was circulated. Todmorden Pride has recently experienced some difficulties in obtaining signatures for cheques as one signatory is on holiday and the other has retired and no longer works in Todmorden. It was therefore proposed that the cheque signatories be changed and the following named on the mandate: James Gregory Simon Brearley Shaun Murray David Storah Proposed: Janet Battye Seconded: Chris Edwards Two cheques have been written, one for Woodkirk Stone Ltd, for the Walsden Gateway Stone Ltd, £1,230.50 and one to Todmorden Together for administration support, £1,000.00.	

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182/06/09	Walsden Sub-Group Update <p>Work on the gateway at Copperashouse started two weeks ago and is making reasonable progress. The planting should start very soon and the stone from Woodkirks should be installed sometime between 15th and 17th of June when the base has been finished.</p> <p>The work was running slightly behind schedule firstly due to the weather and then because the sub base had not been broken up as contracted. This has meant rain water has been pooling on the surface, however holes have been drilled through to allow for drainage and plants selected that will tolerate slightly wetter conditions.</p> <p>St Peter's Gate - All electrical diversion work has been completed. A meeting with Calderdale MBC Highways Department has been arranged to look at necessary further works to be undertaken by them.</p> <p>Vulcan Street Car Park is now a priority project which can go on the shelf and wait for the next funding opportunity.</p> <p>Walsden sub-group, a smaller group who get on seeking to improve in a smaller focused area, works well. Although there is a huge interest in the major scheme of Bramsche Square we should try and concern ourselves with smaller manageable projects.</p>	
183/06/09	Penny Bennett & Anne Holdsworth <p>We have been looking at two priority areas and have drawn up some ideas that include the junction at Bacup Road and Gauxholme Arches. This is a very dark area underneath the arches where it would be impossible to get planting established. The best way would be to clear out the front of the viaducts and use creative lighting at night to light up the pilasters. A piece of public art perhaps linked to the railway would make a considerable impact.</p>	
184/06/09	Hazel Stobbs, Todmorden Town Council Development Officer <p>Hazel has a background in Rochdale Council's sustainability team. The remit for Todmorden Town Council is to work on Town Council approved projects and as such go round to different groups and take back their projects to the Council, if the Town Council ambitions and the groups are the same we can link with them. However, as it is a developing role things are changing and developing.</p>	

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185/06/09	Todmorden Town Centre Renaissance Board <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An opportunity has arisen for Todmorden Town Centre Renaissance Board to support Todmorden Pride with £50,000.00 to help fund small projects around the town and help towards providing a safer, greener environment. It is the ideal opportunity to look at projects that will draw in partners to help with the delivery to ensure success and maximise funding.• The Board have been working with Yorkshire Forward on progressing the idea of a managed work space building on Bramsche Square. Currently Yorkshire Forward have a short list of 16 potential sites, one of which is the Bramsche Square site, of which 10 will be chosen. It is significant that Yorkshire Forward have moved the emphasis slightly and although the regeneration of an area through Economy and Enterprise is still the driving force of any future developments they now also require that the Council within whose area the project falls owns the land.	
186/06/09	Canals in Calderdale <p>The paper work has been prepared with the next meeting set for the 24th June. There is a higher level of interest now with British Waterways and Calderdale MBC supporting 2 Leader bids, 1 from British Waterways for Canal Week and a 2nd bid by Waterways for the wider project currently being looked at, however at the presentation in April a request for a re-submission was made because it has considerable clear access points and at the meeting on 24th June it will be decided which are the access points and the signage directing people to and off the canal towpath and once the inventory is finished it can be costed and submitted for the project.</p> <p>There is scope for some quick wins and get more hands on help from the UCVR - if they can sort it out. From a Todmorden Pride perspective I would like to form a working group to look at facilities of the locks. There is also scope for volunteers to join in with initiatives such as adopt a tow path.</p>	
187/06/09	Any Other Business <p>North Lodge - a number of assets owned by Calderdale MBC are currently being looked at as either suitable for attention or suitable for release. North Lodge has not been lived in for a considerable amount of time and requires substantial investment. Currently North Lodge is under further consideration as a Friends of Centre Vale Park group is formed.</p> <p>The architects designs for Todmorden Town Hall are to be exhibited over the next couple of days. There has been an amazing response with 13 submissions and it is suggested that everyone should go and have a look. It gives these practices an opportunity to display their work and ideas and we are thrilled so much interest is being shown in the Town Hall</p>	

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	<p>Incredible Edible Todmorden are to pitch to the Council about rolling out Incredible Edible across the Borough.</p> <p>Calender are to film and in July Gardeners World are also filming. The website lists about 91 different countries as having visited the site.</p> <p>HDRA are writing their new diplomas in land management and came and visited Todmorden staying all day.</p> <p>The veg patch outside the college is being photographed.</p>	
188/06/09	Date and Time of Next Meeting: 16 July 2009 6:30 p.m. Golden Lion, Todmorden	