



Additional Ordinary meeting to discuss ongoing projects.

11-09 Attendees and Apologies

As the Annual General Meeting.

11-10 the John Fielden Statue.

This was discussed as there may be funding to move the present statue from the park, where it seems to be vulnerable, to a more prominent position in the town. there was general approval that it should be in a more prominent position ,perhaps by the Town Hall , County Bridge or Fielden Square. It position on County bridge may cause some structural difficulties but these are to be investigated when a more definite proposal is made. Contact with the park amenity group has been made and discussions are in hand.

11-11 The Environment Agency

The work is to go ahead in the near future and JG stated that there may be an opportunity to gain some advantage in respect of benefit works from the contract. Members of the group are in discussions with the Agency and their contractors. MB stated that it is an opportunity to maximise benefit to the town . IC stated that in conjunction with the works there should also be ongoing discussions and consultation with the Market Traders and CMB. This has started but presently at a rather slow pace. It was hoped that this would improve. Mb said that it was essential that all groups work together and have a co-ordinate approach . Ongoing discussions are to take place with the EA and other groups are to be involved as soon as possible.

11-12 Sainsburys

Cllr IC spoke regarding the present application which is being amended. The meeting needed to understand that the current Town Centre Renaissance Board brief will help to oppose the scheme by promoting the development of the town centre rather than the edge of the town. He asked for an endorsement of the TTCRB involvement in the planning process. At a recent meeting the board and Todmorden Prides opinions were appreciated by the wider council and we must now work to improve on this start.

The application changes, if known are to be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

11-13 Town Development Plan

Helen King, consultant to Todmorden Town Council, stated that she has been engaged to from a plan for the development of the town . She wants to work with groups such a Todmorden Pride to build up the plan from local knowledge and opinion. She was welcomed and assured that the group would comment when requested.

Ivor Dibble asked how this fitted in with the initiative for the next 20 years form Central Government. Replies to the LDF are required by 23rd March 2011.

MB agreed and said we nee to ensure that the Town Centre Board must also be aware and make their representation to CMBC to avoid any conflict of policy.

All the work needs to considered in terms of the Localism Bill and the Local Development Framework.

11-14 Lottery Funding and performance Reward Grant.

Cynthia Murray stated that the Heritage Lottery were now giving 90% grant in some cases due to the lack of match funding. MB thought that the centre ground funding is now being redesigned for other uses but there may be a case for some help from Netto/Asda in sourcing funding.

The performances Reward Grant is now in place with a 250K bid in place for works to the Canal. This is a Calderdale wide grant and Anne Holdsworth stated that it is not promising at the present. There are approx 142 applicants for £2.6M grant.

It was agreed that some lobbying take place and the Chair agreed to speak to Cllr Battye to find out the current position and try to move the project up the list if required.

GC explained Calderdale Forward to the group and its base on targets for the borough.

11-15 Projects.

DB stressed the need for a series of live projects which could be “taken off the shelf” should funding opportunities occur.

GC to place the projects at present on the next agenda and any additional ideas. Members to contact GC by e mail with ideas.

11-16 Your Square Mile.

Shaun Murray explained the basis of this initiative and that Todmorden has been included in the initial quota of towns as it is assessed as a "Troubled Area"

From recent meetings five projects have been selected

1. Greening Todmorden.
2. The Living Room Community Cafe
3. the Todmorden Hub Business centre.
4. The Information Centre to promote Todmorden.
5. A Cultural Carnival and Kids Fest

The projects have to be completed in six months for a maximum grant of £5000.00

11-17 Future Agenda Items

The following items were agreed to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in addition to those already in place and noted previously in the minutes.

1. Sainsburys Planning Application.
2. The Green Route proposal by IET and Todmorden in Bloom.
3. The Environment Agency Works.

11- 18 Date and Time of next meeting.

The next ordinary meeting of the Todmorden Pride Board will be on 14th April 2011 at 6.30 p.m. Venue The Golden Lion Fielden Square.