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Minutes of the meeting held at the Todmorden Vintner Thursday 17th May 2012

Present :- Messrs. M D Birkett, D Blenkey, A Darwen S Brearley, J D Storah
Cllr M Holmstedt

Apologies :- Messrs. J H Gregory, S. Murray, L.P. Cockcroft. Cllrs. J. Battye, A James, Mrs G Connolly

1.00

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2012 were read and approved.
prop. SB Sec AD

2.00 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda items.

3.00 Finance and Projects.

a) Lever Street.

Concern was expressed that the anti skid beige surfacing had not been laid as agreed in the scheme. It was reported from CMBC that the final account had not yet been agreed and that the works would be carried out when this has occurred. The group resolved that we should write to Calderdale and express our concern and emphasise that the work should be carried out without delay.
Action JDS

JDS reported that additional planters had been ordered from Lever Street as agreed within the Community Spaces scheme and these were to be invoiced asap. The monies are to be paid by Todmorden Pride and monies are to be deposited from Community Spaces for the additional sustainability Grant in the sum of £3500.00. This was agreed by all and JDS instructed to pass invoices to the Treasurer for settlement.

b) Gateway site.

AD has attended meetings with the Environment Agency with regard to the treatment of the gabion baskets. It is suggested that EA provide planters and possibly materials for planting by amenity groups.
Action JDS to contact Tod in Bloom.

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c) Gauxholme

AH reported that Calderdale legal Department are working on the license to present to Network Rail. This is to allow works to proceed when finance is available.

d) Rochdale Canal

DB reported that works were ongoing and that the leader fund had an underspend which is proposed to spend on additional signage and information.

The Heritage Lottery bid is progressing again as reported at the last meeting.

There is to be a canal event on the last week of July and first week of August. It was noted that there is an allowance within the Community Spaces grant for some part funding towards this event.

Voluntary lengthmen are now in place with DB being the lengthman for Walsden to Warland.

e) Cornholme

SB reported that there is a mountain bike course which is being brought into a more legal framework following its success. they may need help either for information or finance.

It was agreed that this was a project for support if required and to discuss further when more information is available.

Other project within Cornholme are to be discussed with Ivor Dibble and Cornholme Councillors.

4.00 Correspondence

Two letters had been received:-

Todmorden Town Council Confirmation of members of the Board for the following year.

Todmorden Town Council via CMBC . Confirmation of funding towards Rose Street Landscaped area.

5.00 Todmorden Town Centre Renaissance Board

JDS reported that matters were moving to schedule with the landscaping of Rose Street site well in hand. There has been a delay due to inclement weather but trees are now planted and CMBC Parks have almost completed the remainder of the planting. IET are planting their designated area with volunteer help.

The contractor is returning on Monday next to complete the hard landscaping adjacent to Bramsche Square. The hoardings will be partially removed and but wire site fencing will be erected to protect the newly seeded areas which are not suitable for public access. the contractor is to erect the hoarding separating Volkens compound and works at present are on budget.

The larger scheme is on target with discussions ongoing within the board council, consultants and CMBC.

6.00 Supermarket Appeal.

As agreed the letter of objection has been prepared and submitted to the Inspectorate. A Rle 6 request has been granted on behalf of the Board and further discussions have been held by interested parties. All documentation has been submitted and we await the appeal on 24th July. The matter is to be further discussed on 28th June at the next meeting. Members of the board are asked to please note the date.

JDS to forward copies of the objection letter to Elected members following the recent elections.
Action JDS.

7.00 Cooperation with Todmorden Town Council.

There has been no response from GC in regard to this item. There has been an initial meeting of the Town Council but no active progress. Cllr MH stated that there is a proposal discuss future joint projects each year in October in order to include these in the Councils budget planning. It was agreed that this should be progressed into a framework which could be adopted by both parties and be ongoing to account for any changes in personnel.

To be placed on the agenda for next meeting. Action JDS/MDB

8.00 A.O.B.

a) Meeting Dates.

These are to be as agreed at the last meeting and be two days after the Renaissance Board. All meetings are to be at the Todmorden Vintner except the meeting in December as the hotel is fully booked. Venue to be advised.
Dates to be given to SM for circulation.

It was noted that this meeting was included on the last minutes which were fully circulated. It did however show the difficulties of a lack of administration support due to time and availability.

b) Annual Meeting.

the group require to hold an annual meeting in accordance with the constitution. It was agreed that this should be on a separate date to normal board meetings and be held in Committee Room C of the Town Hall. Date to be decided at the next meeting.

JDS to place on Agenda.

c) Canal Moorings.

DB passed on comment from the horse boat society that there is a difficulty of passage of a horse drawn boat due to towing path side mooring. he requested that members inspect the canal side and perhaps suggest site for "offside" mooring. SB suggested the area below Woodbottom Mill where the owner wants to encourage moorings. Other areas to be inspected by members.

9.00 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Thursday 28th June 2012 at 6.30p.m. at the Todmorden Vintner.

