

Minutes of the Meeting

20th September 2012

Present: James Gregory
Doug Blenkey
Ivor Dibble
Shaun Murray
Simon Brearley
David Storah
Cllr Janet Battye
Cllr Steve Sweeney
Cllr Margaretta Holmsted
Cllr Anne James

Apologies: Malcolm Birkett

Chair: James Gregory **Note Taker :** Simon Brearley

1/9/12 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting

2/9/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Malcolm Birkett

3/9/12 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th August 2012 were proposed by Ivor Dibble and seconded by Anne James.

4/9/12 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda

None

5/9/12 Declaration of Any Other Business

None

6/9/12 Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported an amount of £8472.67 being held in account.

£2,000.00 is allocated to the work of the town artist.

7/9/12 Canals

The Globe has now been put in place on Lever Street.

Further funding is available for canal works and improvements, Anne Holdsworth is working on this on behalf of the Council.

Cash in hand needs to be spent ideally as match funding to get the maximum benefit.

The Canal and River Trust have now taken over formally from British Waterways.

8/9/12 Alliance Appeal

The Appeal was adjourned to the 9th October 2012 and will take 4 days and will be held at Todmorden Town Hall.

Calderdale Council have put together a strong case.

Issues were noted in relation to the ASDA case, in particular in relation to the levels of trade which currently occur in Todmorden and other retailers. Lidl have provided strong evidenced disputing the levels of trade as ASDA contend.

An application has been submitted although it has not yet been ratified for the Brown Site in Hebden Bridge for the development of a further supermarket and hotel.

9/9/12 Renaissance Partnership Board

Rose Street, hoardings have been removed and the landscaping is almost complete. The Marketing of the site is ongoing although it has been disrupted by with the ASDA planning enquiry. Volker Stevein will be on site for a further 6 months generating additional rental income as they use the site as a compound.

10/9/12 Town Hall

The Scaffolding is in the process of being removed.

A Heritage Lottery Fund Application (HLF Application) is to be submitted based upon a pared down scheme. A separate bid is to be made for a Heritage Centre within the building.

11/9/12 Ongoing Projects

Discussion was held in relation to potential ongoing projects, some of which have been considered for a considerable period.

Discussions were held in relation to Gauxholme Arches, additional works

at Lever Street and the potential relocation of the weir from its originally intended site in Shade.

12/9/12 Flooding Issues

A flood resilience group has been formed by Calderdale MBC. It is hoped that additional funding will be brought forward through this group.

13/9/12 Any Other Business

The principles of the formal agreement with Todmorden Town Council was provided by Margareta Holmsted. The meeting was happy with the document, subject to the agreement of the Town Council.

Works are to be carried out shortly in Water Street by the Environment Agency. This will involve the rebuilding of a number of the shop units which abut the river and gives the potential for a larger scheme to be looked at, improving the whole of the Water Street area.

The Cornholme Project has some issues in relation to volunteers and it is currently short of both a Chair and a Treasurer although schemes are being pursued.

Town Plan to be brought forward as an agenda item, also the local plan.

14/9/12 Date of Next Meeting

The next is 1st November 2012, 6.30 pm – Todmorden Vinter