

**MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF TODMORDEN PRIDE**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014**

**Present:** Simon Brearley (Chair), Ivor Dibble, Cllr Ali Miles, Peter Cockcroft, David Storah, Cllr Janet Battye, Anne Holdsworth, Shaun Murray, Alison Greenwood (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Cynthia Murray, Doug Blenkey, Malcolm Birkett, Cllr Press, Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Holmstedt

**1.0 Minutes of last meeting (10<sup>th</sup> July 2014)**

Town Hall Group – Sentence 2 should read – Up to £50,000 **has been applied for.**

The minute was accepted as a true record. Proposed by Ivor Dibble, seconded by David Storah.

**2.0 Matters arising**

- No further news re Ferney Lee School. Cllr Battye to make enquiries. There was discussion of the planning permission which would be required

**3.0 Items for AOB**

- Todmorden Community (Calder) College
- Hope Street

**4.0 Chairs Report**

- Little visible progress on any site.
- ASDA have no longer working on the site but have intimated that they will complete by March 2015.
- The Chair has supported the Community Resource Centre at the Amenities Committee of Todmorden Council. They have been given a grant of £2,000.
- The Chair had a meeting with the Friends of Centre vale Park and offered the support of Todmorden Pride. It is hoped that Andrew Pitts will attend a future meeting of Todmorden Pride.
- Peter Cockcroft has been in discussion with Gary Burns re the development of the tennis courts in Centre Vale Park. Cllr Battye said that the problem seems to be that Todmorden Tennis Club is unable to sell their land and this is holding up any development.

**5.0 Treasurers Report**

- The funds are unchanged.

**6.0 Calder Valley Community Land Trust**

- At the latest meeting, the Council has indicated that some sites have been identified as 'goers'. There has also been a successful bid for grant money.
- There will be two public meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> September to disseminate information on the Trust and gain the support of the community. The meeting in Todmorden will be at the Fielden Centre and later in the day a meeting in Hebden Bridge Town Hall. There will be a presentation by a speaker from Keswick Community Land Trust followed by discussion. Three sites will be discussed at the meetings – Bridge Lanes, Harley Wood Playing Fields and the school fields in Walsden. If Calderdale Council says that the schemes can go ahead, funding is available however, more Trust Board members are needed. Discussions are also to take place with Pennine Housing.
- The next meeting of the Community Land Trust will take place following the public meetings.

**7.0 Schemes in Todmorden and progress reports**

- **ASDA**

The site is not secure. ASDA has been notified.

- **ROSE STREET**

There will be a meeting of the Development Board at the beginning of September. David Storah pointed out that the compound is a very safe space at the moment and children are using it as a play area which keeps them out of the car park however, the area is a mess. Simon Brearley agreed to speak to Neil Brearley to ask if something could be done

**.ACTION S Brearley**

- **HALIFAX ROAD**  
There is still no planning application. Ian Grey has indicated to Cllr Battye that he doesn't expect to take any action under section 215 if a planning application is submitted. It was highlighted that the retaining wall alongside the canal is getting progressively worse and flooding via this area is a possibility.
- **ST PETERS GATE**  
The grant has been received. Stone has been moved so that soil can be delivered. The parks department has agreed to supply some perennials in October for the Community Task Force
- **ASSET TRANSFER OF THE MARKET**  
Meetings are ongoing between the market traders and Council Officers. Progress is slow.
- **OXFORD STREET/LEVER STREET**  
Anne Holdsworth has done a photographic survey of railings in Todmorden. All are in poor condition. She has spoken to the Highways Department who are in agreement with any replacement which can be undertaken. It is suggested that the old panels can be retained with new uprights. Anne will continue to progress this but will leave those near the bus station/Stansfield Road until work is completed at ASDA. She will also speak to Traffic/Highways to ascertain whether any can be removed. David Storah suggested that this might be the time to approach Metro/Network Rail to find out whether the retaining bank next to the station entrance could be altered to create a better entrance to the station. There was some discussion re the lack of disabled access to one of the station platforms. David said that it would be easy to install a lift but that this would involve discussion with HS2 and Virgin Trains.
- **GOLDEN LION**  
The front is being painted and it is supposed to open on 23<sup>rd</sup> August however, the For Sale sign is still up!
- **CANALS AND RIVERS TRUST**  
Rochdale Canals Connection Scheme is a finalist in the Living Waterways Awards Art and Interpretation section. There will be a future press release. Simon Brearley asked if it would be possible to place an art work in Todmorden similar to the one in Hebden Bridge.
- **Advance notice**  
There will be a conference in Hebden Bridge Town Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> November to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Upper Calder Valley Renaissance.

## 8.0 AOB

- **Todmorden Community College**  
Peter Cockcroft raised the question of the future of the Community College following the proposal for a 6th Form College in Halifax. He felt that there could be an educational use for the college e.g. post school training, temporary use by Todmorden High School during the rebuilding work. The Development Board is still working on an asset review but no decision has been taken. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Head Teacher of the High School be invited to a future meeting. **ACTION**

## 9.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Todmorden Pride will be on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** at 6.30 in the Community Room, Lever Street, Todmorden.