

Todmorden Pride



Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 29th January 2009

Golden Lion, Todmorden

Present: James Gregory
David Storah
Malcolm Birkett
Simon Brearley
Shaun Murray
Chris Edwards
Cllr Olwen Jennings
Doug Blenkey
Cynthia Murray
Lynne Midwinter
Louise Castro
Cllr Ian Cooper
Peter Cockcroft
Gillian Connolly

Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council

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In attendance: Louise Harrison
Mary Clear
David Moore
Cllr Amanda Byrne

Upper Calder Valley Renaissance
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
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Apologies: Cllr Mararetta Homstedt
Alan Darwin
Alan Fiddling
Clare Townley
Anne Lee
Janet Battye
Cllr Hilary Myers

Todmorden Town Council

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Chair: James Gregory

Note Taker: Louise Castro

Minute	Discussion	Action
160/01/09	Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
161/01/09	Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes of the last meeting were approved subject to changing title to read "Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting": Proposed: Doug Blenkey Seconded: Malcolm Birkett	

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162/01/09	<p>Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere</p> <p>Nominations For Vice Chair</p> <p>The Board discussed the vacant position of Vice Chair.</p> <p>It was reported that Clare Townley held her role on the Board as one of two elected members nominated by Calderdale MBC and had been elected by the Todmorden Pride Board for the additional post of Vice Chair at the 2007 Annual General Meeting. However, after standing down at the last election the role of Vice Chair became vacant. Clare was voted in at the Annual General Meeting as a co-opted Board member but not with post of Vice Chair. Cllr Ian Cooper became the second Calderdale MBC elected member nominated by Calderdale MBC alongside Cllr Olwen Jennings.</p> <p>It was proposed therefore that nominations for Vice Chair be brought to the next meeting and that voting would take place as an agenda item.</p> <p>It was proposed that the Board consider an Elected Member to be Vice Chair, however the constitution should be checked to ensure this would conform. A copy of the constitution is available on the Todmorden Pride website.</p> <p>Regeneration Officer</p> <p>Mary informed the Board she had recently e-mailed Adrian Rose to offer free use of her office, including IT facilities, to the regeneration department for a Todmorden Regeneration Officer. A reply regarding this offer had, at the time of the Board meeting, not been received.</p>	All
163/01/09	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>A copy of the Treasurer's Report was circulated.</p> <p>It was proposed that some of the unrestricted funds be allocated for expenditure on drawings for possible landscaping opportunities at the side of Morrisons Supermarket. The work to be included in the Todmorden Brief.</p> <p>Proposed: Malcolm Birkett Seconded: Lynne Midwinter</p>	

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164/01/09	Todmorden Town Centre Renaissance Brief A copy of the brief was given to all those members of the Board who had been unable to attend the consultation. The document has a very wide brief and is not prescriptive but ideas arising from the community consultations currently being undertaken will be included in the brief. However, we should all note that whatever is written in the brief is not set in stone but is guidance for a developer as to the aspirations of the Community of Todmorden.	
165/01/09	Todmorden Town Centre Renaissance Project At this point in the meeting the Chair welcomed Cllr Olwen Jennings, Cllr Ian Cooper, Cllr Amanda Byrne Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, David Moore Head of Regeneration, David Storah and Simon Brearley. A brief summary of the Todmorden Town Centre Renaissance Board meeting was given to the Board. Up to 150 people attend the first 2 sessions of the consultation. Approximately 80% of respondents were supportive of the scheme and the Board are anxious to move onto the next stages of the consultation. The brief will give a fairly broad canvas for a development/ developer. Once a proposal/proposals are put forward further consultation will take place.	
166/01/09	Calderdale Initiatives The current economic climate has seen a growing need for economy and enterprise support, with this in mind the following proposals were given to the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● It is not easy for local groups/businesses to bid for tenders to Calderdale MBC, it is proposed therefore to create a database of businesses and work with them to build consortiums enabling new partnerships to participate in gaining contracts and commissions for work. By providing the support mechanisms to enable partnership consortia working and altering commissioning and tendering processes Calderdale MBC anticipate many local businesses currently excluded from commissioning opportunities will be enabled to participate in tendering for contracts.	

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Calderdale Initiatives Continued

- Funding has been allocated to encourage and support business growth across Calderdale. Enterprise initiatives will enable new businesses to develop with a programme including start up grants and pre-business start up information, advice and guidance. A Silver Entrepreneurs scheme, replicating a successful existing initiative, will be implemented.
- Money has been allocated for an Enterprise Manager.
- The brief does not exclude an Innovation/Managed workspace centre for Todmorden. Where an opportunity is seen to exist Calderdale MBC is keen to support a developer in the process. However, economy can not be built around one development and Calderdale MBC are conscious that to get a rounded picture the physical must take place alongside enterprise. The drive to support a balanced portfolio of initiatives must be implemented through a coordinated strategy throughout the Borough if needs are to be met.
- Calderdale MBC are waiting on the outcome of a substantial bid to Yorkshire Forward under the Geographic programme and European Regional Development Funding. This funding will enable the successful implementation of identified regeneration schemes that meet the programme's requirements.
- Representatives from Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council confirmed that in order to assist Todmorden Pride in delivering their outputs and successfully achieving both the Town Centre Renaissance Project and the Town Hall scheme additional officer support was necessary. The precise details of which are yet to be confirmed.

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167/01/09	Comment from the Chair <p>With the Burnley Curve due to be reopened and the BBC reportedly to shortly be moving to Manchester the physical appearance of the town, the quality of schools and the transport infrastructure of the town will have an impact on re-location decisions. If we are to encourage new residents into the town who want to work from home and shop locally leading to a sustainable economy for Todmorden current opportunities must be exploited to their fullest.</p> <p>It is with this in mind that Todmorden Pride positively welcome the above news and looks forward to 2009 with a sense of renewed enthusiasm.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Ian Cooper, Cllr Olwen Jennings, David Storah, Simon Brearley and Malcolm Birkett for all their hard work in bringing about such exciting developments, and acknowledged the positive contribution of Andy Edwards, David Moore and Cllr Amanda Byrne.</p>	
168/01/09	Date and Time of Next Meeting: <p>Thursday 05 March 2009, 6:30 p.m. Golden Lion, Todmorden</p>	